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("Imperial Innovations")

Investment in Midaz Lasers Limited

Imperial Innovations Group plc (AIM: IVO), one of the leading technology transfer and commercialisation companies in the UK, today announces that it has formed and made a seed investment of £150,000 in spin-out Midaz Lasers Limited ("Midaz"), a company which develops lasers for industrial markets. The investment in Midaz by Imperial Innovations is part of a £300,000 funding round.

Midaz is developing a range of high power diode-pumped solid state laser products including one that is believed to be the world's smallest, most efficient and highest quality. It is proven to have high output power and high beam quality suitable for micromachining applications and has the potential to be used in many other applications including inspection, medical and sensing applications. The laser's low manufacturing cost would make it a suitable replacement for industrial inkjets used in coding and marking products, removing the need for ink.

The company will use the funds raised to develop pre-production prototypes and fulfil initial customer requests from system integrators.

The technology stems from the research conducted at Imperial College London by Professor Michael Damzen and his team in the Department of Physics. Professor Damzen, a leading world expert in the field of experimental laser physics will also become the Technology Director of Midaz. Dr Ara Minassian, also from the Department of Physics is co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer.

The Board of Midaz is strengthened further by the addition of Imperial Innovations's non-executive director, Dr Paul Atherton as Chairman. Dr Atherton is an experienced entrepreneur and has worked with a range of start-ups, including Queensgate Instruments, which he co-founded while working for his PhD at Imperial College, acting as Managing Director until its sale in March 2000. He is an active angel investor and has invested the balance of £150,000 in Midaz in this funding round.

Dennis Camilleri also joins the company as Business Development Director and brings to the company 25 years experience in laser

sales and marketing having previously worked at Melles Griot UK and Willett.

Commenting on the investment, Dr Paul Atherton, Chairman of Midaz, said,

"We are delighted to have completed our first seed-round financing and are grateful to Imperial Innovations for its continued support."

Susan Searle, CEO of Imperial Innovations, said,

"The technology behind Midaz is the result of many years research by Michael and his team. Having demonstrated commercial Proof of Concept, Midaz has been formed with a great management team. We look forward to supporting Midaz as it develops its pre-production prototypes."

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About Imperial Innovations

Imperial Innovations is one of the UK's leading technology transfer and commercialisation companies. The company was founded in 1986 and its ordinary shares admitted to trading on the AIM Market of London Stock Exchange plc in July 2006, raising £26 million. The company's integrated approach encompasses the identification of ideas, protection of intellectual property, development and licensing of technology and formation, incubation and investment in spin-out companies. A wide range of technologies are commercialised within the areas of bioscience and technology and engineering.

Based at Imperial College London, the company has established equity holdings in 58 spin-out companies and has completed 90

commercial agreements. Imperial Innovations also commercialises technologies originating from outside Imperial College through incubation contracts with the Carbon Trust and WRAP and has relationships with a number of multinational corporations.

Imperial Innovations has invested in a range of spin-out companies including The Acrobot Company Limited, Cardiak Limited, deltaDOT Limited, Future Waves PTE Limited, HeliSwirl Technologies Limited, InforSense Limited, Lontra Limited, Midaz Lasers Limited, NanoBiodesign Limited, Nexeon Limited, NovaThera Limited, Photobiotics Limited, Thiakis Limited and Veryan Medical Limited.

Imperial Innovations currently holds shares in three spin-out companies now listed on AIM; fuel cell company, Ceres Power plc, and ParOS plc, a provider of energy-saving advanced control solutions, as well as Nanoscience plc, a developer of low power integrated circuits and silicon chips, following its acquisition of spin-out company Toumaz Technology Limited.

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