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## **20/10 PERFECT VISION Closes EUR 4.0 Million Financing Round with INNOVEN PARTENAIREs**

*Laser vision care specialist finances expansion of FEMTEC femtosecond laser placements*

**HEIDELBERG, Germany July, 19<sup>th</sup> 2006** - 20/10 PERFECT VISION® Optische Geräte GmbH has successfully closed a EUR 4 million round of financing (US\$ 5 million) with Paris-based Innoven Partenaires. The funds will be used to support installed-base expansion of the company's FEMTEC® laser product internationally. The FEMTEC® is a revolutionary femtosecond laser for corneal surgery featuring the broadest variety of innovative laser procedures, including refractive laser surgery applications. The fully automated FEMTEC® laser uses a unique curved patient-machine interface that greatly improves safety and patient comfort compared to competing equipment on the market. During 2005, the company initiated commercialization of the FEMTEC®, which is currently gaining significant traction in the market.

Innoven Partenaires increases the international reach of the company's existing investor base, which includes German-based funds BW-Venture, GZ-Paul, DIH and Triangle, the Netherlands-based Dutch Entrepreneurs fund, and the French 123Venture Fund.

"We are delighted to welcome Innoven Partenaires, a prominent and value-adding European venture capital firm, as a new investor" commented Reinhard Mueller-Spaeth, CEO of 20/10 PERFECT VISION. "This financing round places 20/10 PERFECT VISION in an excellent position to successfully roll out its 40 KHz FEMTEC, thereby serving the world's ophthalmic surgeons with the most versatile high-speed femtosecond laser on the market", Mr. Muller-Spaeth continued.

"We were attracted to this investment by the excellence of the company's scientific approach and the highly-pragmatic technological innovations which have made the FEMTEC® such a versatile solution for eye surgeons. We are very impressed with the experienced and complementary management team which combines strong R&D capabilities and proven, highly relevant marketing skills", commented Paul Toon, Managing Partner of Innoven Partenaires, who joins the board of directors. "In the corneal flap market, femtosecond laser technology currently represents only 10% of procedures

globally and is rapidly displacing manual surgical techniques. We expect significant growth for 20/10 PERFECT VISION in this highly attractive market.”, Paul Toon added.

20/10 PERFECT VISION was supported by BioConnect AG (Frankfurt) as financial advisor and GREENFORT (Frankfurt) as legal advisor.

About 20/10 PERFECT VISION:

20/10 PERFECT VISION of Heidelberg, Germany, develops, manufactures and markets innovative technologies for raising refractive surgery well beyond current expectations.

The company's FEMTEC femtosecond laser workstation is set to revolutionize the ophthalmic surgery market, while keeping ease-of-use and patient safety as primary objectives.

The ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 13485 certified company is further pioneering the field of adaptive optics in ophthalmology. 20/10 PERFECT VISION also developed WaveScan™, the award-winning wavefront diagnostic device for refractive surgery, acquired by VISX™ (now AMO™, Inc.).

For more information on 20/10 PERFECT VISION and its proprietary femtosecond laser, please visit: [www.2010pv.com](http://www.2010pv.com).

About Innoven Partenaires

Innoven Partenaires is one of the largest independent technology venture capital funds in France. We have built up in-depth knowledge of the life sciences, wireless and information technology fields. We have an international focus, with investments in France, the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and North America. We generally act as lead - or co-lead - investor, taking a board seat, and investing between 1M€ to 5M€ per round, accompanying the business right through to exit. Founded in 1997, Innoven Partenaires manages over 160M€ and 23 portfolio companies. [www.innoven-partners.com](http://www.innoven-partners.com)

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