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Wednesday, 29 April 2020, 16:00 CEST
EPIC Online Technology Meeting on
Freeform Optics for AR/VR

WAVEOPTICS DESIGNS, MANUFACTURES (SEMI-FABLESS) WAVEGUIDES AND LIGHT ENGINES THE TWO KEY COMPONENTS OF EVERY AR HEADSET

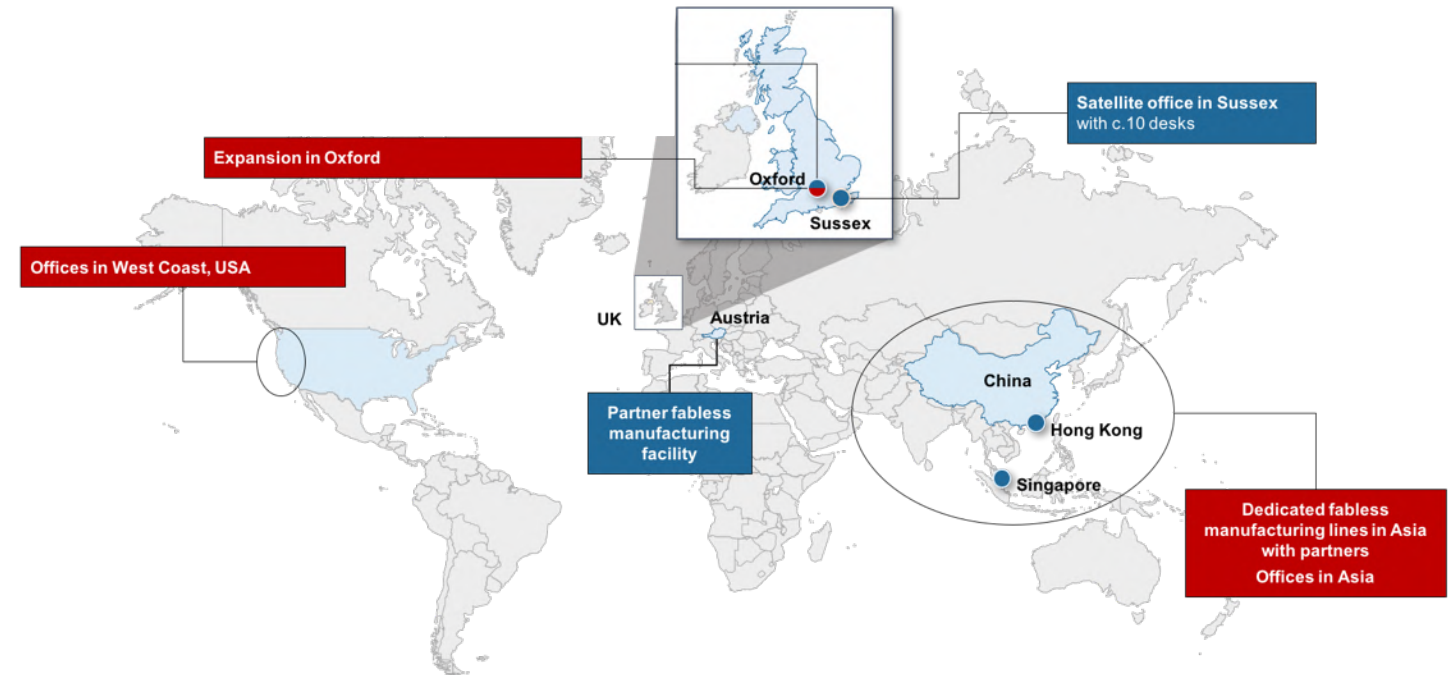
WAVEOPTICS AT A GLANCE

- ▶ Trading since 2014
- ▶ \cong \$60M raised to date
- ▶ 108 people (April 2020)
- ▶ Pioneers in waveguides and light engines technology
- ▶ Internal specialists in all field of nano and micro optics
 - Modelling (in-house developed tools)
 - Fabrication (all types of lithography)
 - Metrology (own tools and techniques)
 - Optical testing (on-site optical labs)
 - Prototyping (on-site NPI facilities)

MARKETS

- ▶ Enterprise – logistics, field service, retail, medical, etc.
- ▶ Consumer electronics, gaming industry, personal devices

LOCATION OVERVIEW



WAVEGUIDES PRODUCT LINE

BEST IN CLASS PERFORMANCE

FIELD OF VIEW OPTIONS

One-plate waveguides

KATANA samples will be available in Q1 2020 with 28° FOV.

Two-plate waveguides

VULCAN are available today with 28° & 40° FOV.

Three-plate waveguides

ODIN samples will be available in Q2 2020 with 40° and 55° FOV.



	KATANA	VULCAN	VULCAN	ODIN
Field of View (degrees)	28°	28°	40°	55°
Input pupil diameter (mm)	4	4	4	3 x 2.5
Nominal eye relief (mm)	24	20	25	18
Eye-box (mm)	12 x 11	15 x 11	19 x 15	12 x 7
Efficiency (Nits/lumens)	160	400	175	50
MTF (Cycles/degree)	18	18	18	18
Transmittance	85+	80+	80+	70+
Contrast	40:1	40:1	40:1	40:1



LIGHT ENGINES PRODUCT LINE

PARING WITH OUR WAVEGUIDES

FIELD OF VIEW OPTIONS



40° projector (SATURN)
is available today.



28° projector (MARS)
available in Q1 2020



55° projector (PLUTO)
Built initially to support our
Ultra-High Field of View demos

TECH SPECS

	NEPTUNE	MARS	SATURN	PLUTO
Field of View (degrees)	28°	28°	40°	55°
Projector technology	DLP	LCOS	DLP	LCOS
Image orientation	Portrait	Square	Landscape	Landscape
Aspect ratio	9:16	1:1	16:9	16:9
Display resolution (px)	480x584	720x720	1280x720	1980x1080
MTF (Cycles/degree)	18	18	18	18
Flux at exit pupil (Lumens/Watts)	>6	>6	>10	>6
Projection type	Colour sequential	Colour sequential	Colour sequential	Colour sequential



WAVEGUIDES MANUFACTURING

WE PARTNER WITH THE BEST R&D LABS AND NANO-FABS AROUND THE WORLD

NIL

Mass production of waveguides on wafers

1

LASER CUTTING

Individual waveguides are cut from their fabrication wafers

3

EDGE BLACKENING

Tinted to enhance augmented reality images

5

OPTICAL COATING

Wafers are coated and cured

2

ASSEMBLY

Individual waveguides (red & blue) brought together

4

CHARACTERISATION

All waveguide assemblies are tested for accuracy and optical performance

6



LIGHT ENGINES MANUFACTURING

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NPI facility

We have recently introduced our UK based New Product Integration facility. Our NPI facility has an assembly line, that includes waveguide stacking, edge blackening & testing.

There is a dedicated space for module and projector assembly where we are able to test out designs and prototypes - this helps speed up the product design process for WaveOptics standard products, as well as customer projects.



WHAT CAN WE OFFER TO OUR PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS?

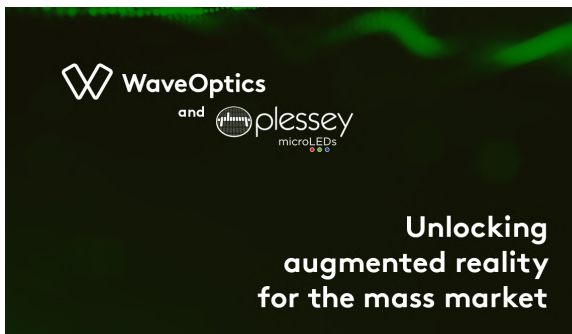
CUTTING-EDGE R&D OF NANO- AND MICRO- OPTICS

CO-DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Bring up of NIL processes for new RESINS and GLASS



- ✓ R&D of cutting-edge optical components for LIGHT ENGINES



ADVANCED METROLOGY

- ✓ SEM / FIB / TEM of non-conductive imprints
- ✓ High-resolution AFM using ultra-sharp tips
- ✓ Automated extraction of Critical Dimensions (CD) from SEM and AFM images with 10nm accuracy
- ✓ FTIR / Raman / EDX for chemical component analysis
- ✓ Advanced Ellipsometry and Spectrophotometry measurements for accurate extraction of n and k at nanoscale.
- ✓ Advanced optical metrology with nm and pm precision: pitch, CDs, OPD, etc.

OUR PRODUCTS

- ✓ Waveguides



- ✓ Light Engines



WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR (WISH LIST)?



- ? **NIL resins with confirmed (measured) uniformity of n and k at the nano-meter scale.**
- ? **High RI NIL resins and glass with $n > 1.9$. (and low k).**
- ? **Solvent-free, low viscosity resins with $n > 1.7$ (and low k).**
- ? **Curved glass and NIL replication on curved surfaces.**
- ? **Fabrication of NIL masters on 8/12 inch wafers with resolution $< 50\text{nm}$ and high density of nanostructures.**
- ? **Advanced optical components for light engines – smaller size, more lumens, less power consumption.**

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing dark, wrap-around smart glasses. The background is a dark blue gradient.

*Our aim is to be the
key optical component
for customers creating
AR Wearables and
Smartglasses*



INSIDE

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