

News Release

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ILX LIGHTWAVE DONATES LASER DIODE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS WORTH \$10,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

ILX Lightwave's most recent equipment is part of ILX Lightwave's current \$100,000 donation commitment to colleges and universities.

BOZEMAN, MT, 18 April, 2008 – ILX Lightwave announced today the donation of \$10,000 worth of laser diode instrumentation to the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Seth Bank Assistant Professors with University of Texas will use the laser diode controllers for research on new mid-infrared laser diodes for spectroscopy and gas sensing. Additionally the equipment will allow hands-on opportunities for the undergraduate and graduate students who take the optoelectronics courses in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

According to Dr. Seth Bank, "We are very appreciative of ILX Lightwave's generous donation. It gives our students open access to state-of-the-art test and measurement equipment, facilitating ground breaking laser research." Patrick Gale, ILX Lightwave's Product Marketing Engineer for Laser Diode Test Systems adds, "Our goal with the university donation program is to provide cutting edge equipment to the nation's college and universities who are educating the future generation of photonics industry researchers and engineers. ILX Lightwave is excited to be working with the University of Texas at Austin on their photonic research laboratories and to help continue their mission to becoming a premier electrical and computer engineering department in the US."

ILX Lightwave plans to donate \$100,000 worth of equipment to North American Universities over the next five years.

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ILX Lightwave is a market and technology leader in laser diode instrumentation and test systems for research, development, and manufacturing. ILX Lightwave customers include Fortune 500 corporations, national research laboratories, government, and educational institutions. ILX Lightwave is headquartered in Bozeman, MT. As an industry leader for more than 20 years, ILX products offer customers the highest levels of performance and reliability. ILX Lightwave products are backed by over 60 application and technical notes and an extensive on-line knowledge base. For more information about ILX Lightwave, visit its website at www.ilxlightwave.com.

About University of Texas at Austin:

"The mission of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is to produce graduates who will help make Texas the foremost electrical/electronics/computer

industrial center in the world, to create significant individual and industrial growth opportunities, and to be—and to be recognized as—one of the premier electrical and computer engineering departments in the US.”

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