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Jim Meenan Appointed To The Board of Optimer Photonics, Inc.

COLUMBUS, OHIO – April 26, 2004 – [Optimer Photonics, Inc. \(OPI\)](http://www.optimerphotonics.com) a leading developer of functional optical materials and techniques for controlling light in optical waveguide structures, announced today the appointment of James (Jim) Meenan to the OPI Board of Directors.

From 1995 to 2000, Meenan served as CEO and President of AT&T Canada, successfully establishing the company's presence within the country. Prior to his tenure in Canada, Meenan's 30-year career with AT&T Corp. in the United States included various executive, financial and operating roles. Today, he continues to serve on the boards of several North American technology companies.

"During the past three years, OPI has met critical technical milestones in efforts to validate breakthrough Electro-optical (EO) materials and control technology that performs both passive and active light control functions at the chip level," said Robert Smith, Chairman of Optimer Photonics. "Jim Meenan will contribute the experience of a seasoned and respected telecommunications professional and broadens the reach of the company as we move through the final phase of product development and into deployment."

"Jim is an outstanding addition to the Board," added Philip Schofield, President and CEO of OPI. "His wealth of experience and energy will richly benefit our efforts in guiding the company through this very exciting time of its growth. We are very pleased to have Jim on the team."

"I look forward to further enhancing OPI's presence in the market and contributing to the development of its ongoing business strategy as it enables the industry with innovative on-chip solutions to achieve higher levels of integration in network control devices," concluded Jim Meenan.

[About Optimer Photonics, Inc.](http://www.optimerphotonics.com)

Optimer Photonics, Inc. (OPI) is bringing the communications equipment industry a new class of highly integrated control devices made possible by new and novel Electro-optic (EO) polymer materials and functional designs applied to optical waveguides. This proprietary technology platform cost effectively adds light control functionality, greatly increasing the addressable market of silica planar lightwave circuits (PLCs) and enabling them to achieve a leading position in serving the optical communications equipment market. OPI's EO technology is capable of answering the basic needs of this industry in pursuit of higher speed performance, reduced power consumption, and greater miniaturization. The communications industry has demonstrated a fundamental expectation that such performance improvements and cost efficiencies will be brought about through large-scale integration of formerly discrete control functions. Since its incorporation in August 2001, OPI has received investments by Battelle, Mitsubishi Corporation and Primaxis Technology Ventures, Inc.

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