



## **IPG Photonics Welcomes Chris Pilcher as Canadian Sales Manager, Industrial High Power Lasers**

OXFORD, MA, January 18, 2011 -- [IPG Photonics Corporation](#), the world leader in high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers, has appointed Mr. Chris Pilcher, an industry veteran with over 25 years in the industrial laser industry, Sales Manager for Canada. Chris has vast experience selling industrial lasers and systems to OEM's, integrators, and end users most recently with Trumpf Canada, Inc.

"I am very excited to see Chris on-board to lead our efforts in Canada," states Mike Klos, General Manager of IPG Photonics - Midwest Operations in Novi, Michigan. "Chris is a seasoned laser professional who is well known and well liked in the laser industry. Chris is a perfect fit for our IPG team in Canada and will complement our efforts in the automotive and manufacturing sector in the Midwest."

"I am excited to be joining such a forward thinking organization as IPG," states Mr. Pilcher, "and I believe that our fiber lasers will continue to offer considerable benefits compared to older laser technologies. Fiber lasers have proven themselves in numerous applications in all industries and because of their reliability, high beam quality, high efficiency, small footprint, and lower total cost of ownership, they will continue to gain acceptance and increase market share. Fiber lasers have already become the tool of choice for many marking, welding, cutting, drilling, and cladding applications and as more companies become aware of their capabilities this will only increase."



Chris can be reached directly at (905) 379-6602 or [cpilcher@ipgphotonics.com](mailto:cpilcher@ipgphotonics.com). Chris will also be at IPG's tradeshow booth for upcoming tradeshow such as [MD&M West](#), Anaheim, CA, Booth #3069.

### **About IPG Photonics Corporation**

IPG Photonics Corporation is the world leader in high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers. Founded in 1990, IPG pioneered the development and commercialization of optical fiber-based lasers for use in a wide range of applications such as materials processing, advanced applications, telecommunications and medical applications. Fiber lasers have revolutionized the industry by delivering superior performance, reliability and usability at a lower total cost of ownership compared with conventional lasers, allowing end users to increase productivity and decrease operating costs. IPG has its headquarters in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has additional plants and offices throughout the world. For more

information, please visit [www.ipgphotonics.com](http://www.ipgphotonics.com).

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