



QIOPTIQ VIPIR-2 THERMAL WEAPON SIGHT FOR AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES

St. Asaph, North Wales, February 5, 2007: Qioptiq Ltd has secured a significant contract to supply the Australian Defence Forces with its VIPIR-2 Thermal Weapon Sight.

The contract, which supports the LAND125 Soldier Enhancement Programme and covers VIPIR-2 Thermal Weapon Sights, spares and support, was placed by Thales Australia who will act as Prime Contractor to the Australian Defence Forces

The purpose of the Programme is to develop and acquire enhanced capabilities for the Australian combat soldier. VIPIR-2 will be deployed mounted to a light assault rifle and used for surveillance and target engagement purposes. VIPIR-2, incorporating the latest uncooled thermal imaging technology, displays a clear image of the thermal scene, allowing the user to quickly detect heat sources or potential threats. Rugged, weighing only 1kg and designed to run on 4x AA batteries, VIPIR-2 will enable the combat soldier to engage targets 24 hours a day, even in the most adverse battlefield conditions. It is presently in Service with the British Army.

David Marks, Managing Director of Qioptiq Ltd commented: "This order proves that the VIPIR-2 sight offers the required specifications, such as the latest in low powered uncooled technology for the end user. It is crucial that our customers have reliable equipment to enable them to fulfill their operational tasks successfully."

"Our St Asaph site has the technical expertise which offers over 40 years experience in the design and manufacture of complex optical systems used by all branches of the armed forces around the world. We are therefore confident that our growing family of VIPIR thermal sights will continue to be relied upon to deliver handling and performance advantages in the field to new as well as existing customers."



Notes to Editors:

- A range of product images are available as jpegs which can be sent electronically or on disk. Please contact Alan Jensen.
- Qioptiq Ltd. designs, develops and manufactures complex optical modules and components for the defence, aerospace, commercial and space markets worldwide. The company employs over 470 people and had a turnover of £45M in 2006.
- The Qioptiq Group is an international leader in the design and manufacture of high-precision optical components and modules for military and commercial applications. It operates from seven facilities located in Europe, Asia and the USA and employs around 1,450 staff. Its turnover is in the region of \$190M.

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