



QIOPTIQ VIPIR-2 LIGHTWEIGHT THERMAL IMAGERS FOR UK MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

St. Asaph, North Wales, January 14, 2007: Qioptiq Ltd has secured a significant contract to supply the UK Ministry of Defence with its VIPIR-2 Lightweight Thermal Imager.

Qioptiq will supply, over 450 VIPIR-2's, direct support of the equipment and provision of spares to the UK Ministry of Defence. Comprehensive support services for VIPIR-2 will allow the equipment to be supported effectively in the United Kingdom. Initial deliveries of VIPIR-2 are to be completed by the 1st quarter of 2007.

The VIPIR-2 Lightweight Thermal Imagers will be mounted to a light assault rifle and used by the combat soldier 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. VIPIR is presently in Service with the British Army.

David Marks, Managing Director of Qioptiq Ltd commented: "This order, once again proves that it is crucial for the end user to have reliable equipment to enable them to fulfil their tasks successfully. VIPIR-2 gives them that capability."

"St Asaph site has the technical expertise, which offers over 40 years of 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 give the British soldier performance advantages in the field.



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 2005.
- 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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