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Coherent Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Santa Clara, Calif., February 4, 2016 – This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of Coherent, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA) (Nasdaq: COHR), which has grown from a Palo Alto laundry room startup to become a world leader in laser technology. Attendees at the upcoming Photonics West Exhibition are invited to celebrate this milestone with us at a champagne reception to be held on Tuesday, February 16, from 4pm to 5pm, at the Coherent Booth (#1101).

“Over our company’s 50 year history, we’ve seen the laser mature from a ‘solution in search of a problem’ to a widely used tool, employed in areas as diverse as microelectronics fabrication, biomedicine, scientific research, and heavy industry,” notes Coherent CEO John Ambroseo. “Across all these disciplines, there is a common drive to increase productivity and the quality of results, while simultaneously enabling even more technological advances.”

“I attribute a large part of Coherent’s success to our ability to deliver a broad array of laser technologies in highly optimized, applications-specific formats. By optimized, I’m referring to the performance, reliability and cost of ownership characteristics necessary to make them practical, cost effective tools for use in both production and research environments. This focus on delivering superior performance and reliability has made us a technology leader, and kept us at the forefront of our markets. It’s a remarkable achievement and a lasting testament to the creativity and dedication of our employees, as well as the loyalty of our valued customers across the globe. That said, I am certain that our best years are still ahead of us.”

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