



## **CyberOptics Acquires Imagination Corporation and Strengthens its Investment in the Semiconductor Industry**

**October 25, 2000 – Minneapolis, MN** – CyberOptics Corporation (Nasdaq NMS: CYBE) today announced that it acquired privately-held Imagination Corporation, a leader in the design and manufacture of machine vision components and subsystems for semiconductor and industrial automation applications.

CyberOptics acquired Hama Sensors, Inc. in 1999, the recognized market leader in reflective laser wafer-mapping sensors for semiconductor fabrication, to establish an initial presence in the semiconductor capital equipment market. “The addition of Imagination signals our continued commitment and determination to invest in growing this important vertical market,” said Steven M. Quist, President and CEO of CyberOptics. “With this strategic acquisition, CyberOptics now has greater depth and breadth of technologies for the semiconductor industry. Imagination’s proprietary vision technology augments CyberOptics’ existing expertise in laser-based technology, and strengthens our ability to deliver compelling new solutions that match the needs of our OEM customers in the semiconductor market.”

Quist went on to say, “Last year we organized the Company around customer-focused product groups: SMT(OEM) Sensors, SMT(End-User) Systems and our new Semiconductor initiative, to create the foundation for higher growth rates. Imagination brings significant management and engineering expertise to help further this goal by extending our market reach and building critical mass in this important vertical market.”

“We are excited about this acquisition,” said George Fabel, President and CEO of Imagination. “We are very experienced in meeting the demands of the semiconductor industry. Imagination’s digital and analog image capture boards and VisionCell technology are a perfect fit for the high precision applications that we see in semiconductors. We also bring a new customer base in the semiconductor equipment sector to CyberOptics to complement CyberOptics’ already strong presence in the wafer-mapping niche of the semiconductor market.”

CyberOptics will maintain Imagination’s offices in Portland, Oregon. According to Quist, “This is a tremendous gain for CyberOptics to have a presence in the Northwest. Along with our Redwood City, CA facility we now have locations in both Silicon Valley and Silicon Forest, two hubs of the semiconductor market. The combined business will report to Michael D. Wetle, who was named Sr. Vice President of CyberOptics’ semiconductor product group. We believe this will allow us to better serve our semiconductor equipment OEMs.”

“We are very pleased to be able to offer Imagenation’s customers the benefits of being part of a larger, first-class organization like CyberOptics,” said George Fabel. “The Company is renowned for being customer focused and market-driven and all our customers will see the fruits of this approach in new products and solutions.”

### **About Imagenation**

Imagenation Corporation designs and manufactures image capture and vision solutions for industrial automation and semiconductor applications. Imagenation’s frame grabber product line includes monochrome, color and digital frame grabbers for ISA and PCI buses, and embedded form factors - PC/104, P/C104-*Plus* and *Compact*PCI. Imagenation’s VisionCells are stand-alone, integrated vision systems that perform image capture, processing and analysis, all on a single board. VisionCells are available as add-on vision modules for manufacturing process equipment. Visit the website at [www.imagenation.com](http://www.imagenation.com).

### **About CyberOptics**

CyberOptics Corporation (Nasdaq NMS: CYBE), a leader in optical technology, designs and manufactures a growing range of yield and through-put enhancement tools for the SMT electronic assembly equipment and semiconductor fabrication equipment markets. Visit the website at [www.cyberoptics.com](http://www.cyberoptics.com).

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