

News from ExceLight Communications

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Industry Veteran John Wyatt Appointed COO of ExceLight Communications

Durham, NC—John Wyatt is the new COO of ExceLight Communications Inc., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Electric Industries (SEI). Mr. Wyatt is joining ExceLight as the company looks to strengthen and expand its leadership position within the optical components and module industry. He brings thirty years of combined senior-level managerial, marketing, operations and engineering experience in the optical communications field.

Before joining ExceLight, Mr. Wyatt was CEO of Kodeos Communications, a provider of extended-reach 10G optical transponders, where he recently concluded a successful merger transaction with Finisar Corp. Prior to this, Mr. Wyatt was President of JDSU's Transmission Subsystem Group, where he managed four business operating units, providing optical modules and subsystems for various segments of the optical networking industry.

Mr. Wyatt has also worked previously with SEI, serving as Senior Vice President of Electro Optic Products, responsible for business management and market expansion. Earlier he held other executive positions including VP Marketing at TranSwitch Corp., VP Product Marketing at BT&D Technologies (acquired by Agilent/HP), and Director PLM at Siemens/Stromberg-Carlson.

Dr. Mike Nishiguchi, ExceLight's President and CEO says. "I am very pleased that John is joining our team. He brings a lot of industry experience as we strategically move ExceLight to its next stages of business expansion. Furthermore, John will be a key contributor at the corporate level, as we set the course for SEI's other global communications businesses."

"I am very happy to be working with the ExceLight team," says Mr. Wyatt. "This is particularly exciting for me because I am working with a leading provider of high-reliability, high-performance optical devices and because I am re-uniting with a solid, professional team that I helped build several years ago. Also, I am looking forward to helping the broader SEI organization in strategic business development."

Mr. Wyatt has a BSEE, MBA and MS in Systems Management.

About ExceLight Communications

ExceLight Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Electric Industries, is a leading provider of optical components and modules to the telecom, CATV, broadband, and data communications markets. ExceLight offers a comprehensive array of transceivers, transmitters, receivers, lasers, photodiodes, and passive components. Sumitomo's world-class research and manufacturing capabilities in optical technology continue to expand and strengthen the product portfolio while maintaining industry-leading levels of reliability. The well-established global presence of Sumitomo allows us to provide integrated support to customer facilities throughout the world.

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Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. (TSE: 5802) designs, manufactures and sells optical fiber, cable and components, advanced electronic devices, and automotive parts. Through a successful strategy of research and diversification, SEI has become one of the world's leading companies at the forefront of the revolution in information and communications. The company has operations around the world in more than 25 countries and employs over 131,000 people. SEI reported group net sales of 20.2 billion US dollars for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. www.sei.co.jp