

Press Release

PADTEC S/A ACQUIRES CIVCOM: a pioneer in the development and manufacturing of optoelectronic components, modules, and sub-systems.

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Padtec S/A (Padtec), a Brazilian provider of optical network solutions announced today the acquisition of Civcom Ltd, a leading Israeli optoelectronic module manufacturer, with HQ and R&D center in Israel.

Civcom and Padtec are building a long term relationship whose focus is to have Civcom as a strong player in its market.

Today's Civcom portfolio includes a wide variety of high data rate (HDR) tunable transponders with integrated optical dispersion compensation technologies and manageable dispersion compensator modules (MDCM). Civcom's line of products provides worldwide solutions for applications such as Telecom, Military, Research, Avionics and Medical/Biotechnology.

The Civcom acquisition came about as a consequence of Padtec's international expansion strategy and follows the opening of new branch offices in Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico.

Jorge Salomão Pereira, CEO and Head of Technology Division at Padtec, says: "*The Civcom acquisition is much more than a typical company acquisition. It represents a great opportunity to offer competitive solutions to the high speed optical communication market.*"

Meron Raz, Civcom CEO, says: "*after Padtec's investment, Civcom will increase its worldwide market share and will add leading knowledge and more capability into our modules' features*".

Civcom is full committed with the best technology, products and supply conditions to any customer worldwide.

Notes to editors:

Read more about Padtec and Civcom at: www.padtec.com and www.civcom.com

About Padtec S/A

Padtec is based in Brazil and is the largest optical communications manufacturer in South America, besides providing commercial equipment and solutions in over 30 countries and in all continents.

Padtec is a company with strong focus on technological innovation and a leader in providing solutions for large telecommunication networks, including long haul, metropolitan, access, and storage applications. Padtec is partnered with important telecom operators and public and private utilities and communication companies.

Padtec is present in various countries with its headquarters located in Campinas - São Paulo, Brazil.

About Civcom Ltd.

Civcom Ltd. is a pioneer in the development and manufacturing of cost saving dynamic optical solutions for communications, test and measurement, and military applications.

Civcom's product lines include Free-X™, the industry's first ultra-fast solid-state optical switch using patented Solid Free Space (SFS™) technology, and Free-Light™, the world's first small size widely tunable 10 Gbps 300-pin MSA transponder, which the company added through its merger with XLight Photonics.

Civcom is a company with worldwide sales and support, and a manufacturing and R&D center in Petach-Tikva, Israel.

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