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APPLIED OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES PLC
("AOT" or "the Company")

Board Changes and Directors' Dealings

Applied Optical Technologies plc announced today that Rick Salomone has today left the Board of Directors. Mr Salomone will continue with the Company in his role as President of the Company's American operations.

The continuing Board members are David A Mahony (Chairman), Richard T Povey (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director), Mark Turnage (Chief Executive) and Michael W Angus (Finance Director).

Directors' Shareholdings

The Company was notified yesterday that the following purchases of ordinary shares of 5p each in the Company were made yesterday at 20.5p per share:

Mr David A Mahony, the Chairman acquired 45,000 shares. Mr Mahony is now interested in a total of 252,527 shares representing 0.47% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Mr Michael W Angus, the Finance Director acquired 30,000 shares. Mr Angus is now interested in a total of 139,000 shares representing 0.26% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Mr Richard T Povey, a Non-Executive Director, acquired 25,000 shares. Mr Povey is now interested in a total of 74,000 shares representing 0.14% of the issued share capital of the Company.

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