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**SYNOVA SECURES FIRST ORDERS IN CHINA FROM MAJOR
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***Laser MicroJet Continues to Gain Traction Over Traditional Laser Process Technologies; Synova Strengthens
Foothold Within Its Core Markets in China***

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Oct. 15, 2007—Synova, the world pioneer and patent holder of water jet-guided laser technology, today announced that two major Chinese customers have placed orders for systems incorporating Synova's state-of-the-art Laser MicroJet® technology for semiconductor and micro-machining applications. The first customer will use Synova's Laser Dicing System, LDS 200M, for 150- and 200-mm wafer processing, and the second will use the company's versatile Laser Cutting System, LCS 300, for precise processing of small metal components. These are two new customers for Synova and represent major competitive wins, as well as a strengthened foothold in the Chinese market and throughout Asia.

In a project partially financed by the Chinese government to further develop the region's semiconductor industry, the Chinese customer will utilize Synova's LDS 200M to dice thin 150- and 200-mm silicon wafers for the manufacture of integrated circuits (ICs). Built upon Synova's Laser MicroJet technology, the LDS model is a process-validated tool that overcomes yield-reducing effects such as chipping, micro-cracking, thermal damage and contamination, which is characteristic of conventional dry lasers or diamond blade saws. Synova's system was also chosen as the preferred technology of choice for precision metal component applications based on these same advantages. The micro-machining company that is employing the LCS 300 systems selected Synova's Laser MicroJet technology for its highly precise and quality-cut results required for applications, such as the slotting of 3-mm thick aluminum (Al)-alloy plates, following unsuccessful trials with conventional lasers. The equipment will be used to manufacture components for the micro electrical motors and modules for a wide range of devices for the defense industry.

"China is a relatively new market for Synova, but it's a burgeoning one to truly take note of," explained Synova's Asia-Pacific sales manager, Frédéric Pasche. "We're excited to see adoption of the Laser MicroJet begin to gain traction here, as it not only reinforces our presence in China but also lays the foundation for Synova's footprint throughout Asia." He added, "The Chinese market is realizing the potential of our technology to heighten its role in the global technology realm, and Synova—through our local office and distribution partner—is committed to being a part of China's growth."

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Synova maintains a subsidiary, Synova-China, in Shanghai and a distribution partner—WKK Trading—in Hong Kong to support the region. The company serves five core industries: semiconductors, flat-panel displays, solar energy, medical instruments and automotive, and leverages its technology licensing arm—announced in February—to augment Laser MicroJet adoption in other industries.

About Synova

Founded in 1997, Synova is the world pioneer and patent holder of Laser MicroJet[®], a state-of-the-art water jet-guided laser technology that combines the advantages of a laser beam and water to address the exacting manufacturing specifications and low cost-of-ownership (CoO) requirements associated with volume production of semiconductors, flat-panel displays, photovoltaics, medical instrumentation and automotive devices. Thanks to this innovative technology, Synova is revolutionizing the engineering playing field and fast emerging as the ideal provider for high-precision laser applications in these core markets. Additionally, Synova is satisfying growing demand across diverse markets through strategic licensing partnerships with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), end users and R&D institutes. Headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, Synova is a privately held company with subsidiaries located in Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan and the United States. Additional information about the company is available on the Internet at www.synova.ch

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