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**SYNOVA FORTIFIES U.S. EFFORTS BY APPOINTING INDUSTRY VETERAN
NOTKER KLING GENERAL MANAGER OF NORTH AMERICA**

Drive to Continue Laser MicroJet® Adoption via U.S. Micromachining Center (MMC)

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan. 23, 2007—Synova, the world pioneer in water jet-guided laser technology, today announced the appointment of Notker Kling as general manager of Synova's North American operations. In this role, Kling is chartered with overseeing operations of Synova's two U.S. micromachining centers (MMCs) in Boston and Silicon Valley, and continuing to leverage these demonstration and support facilities to better serve the company's customers in the area. His responsibilities are directly aligned with Synova's strategic growth efforts to build worldwide adoption of the company's proprietary Laser MicroJet® (LMJ) technology in its key markets.

"We see tremendous market potential for Synova and our Laser MicroJet technology in North America. Synova is taking deep strides in meeting with new customers in the U.S. and exploring new markets for our technology, and Notker's role is critical for continuing our efforts in this region," said Synova's chief executive officer, Bernold Richerzhagen. "We are very excited to welcome Notker to our management team. His extensive capital equipment experience, both strategic and technical in nature, brings aboard a vital asset to Synova's North America operations."

In his role, Kling will oversee Synova's Silicon Valley and Boston MMCs, which are slated to become fully operational at the end of the first quarter this year. Located in Fremont, Calif. and Boston, Mass., the MMCs will serve as competence centers for demonstration, sample testing and applications development. Reinforcing Synova's commitment to providing its existing customers with localized support, the MMCs will also provide new customers with easy access to application labs technology demonstrations.

Kling brings over 20 years of experience in the capital equipment sector to his role. His experience with leading-edge equipment companies, such as Oerlikon (formerly Unaxis) and Singulus, spans engineering, sales

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and management positions. While at Unaxis, he served as general manager and vice president. In this role, he developed and actively implemented various sales and product strategies to introduce its technologies to emerging markets, and handled full P&L responsibility over several strategic business units. He also oversaw sales, marketing, product management, engineering, R&D and strategic business development while with Unaxis. Kling's experience also includes successful negotiations of several multi-million dollar contracts. He holds a master's degree in electrical engineering and Information Technology from the University of Giessen-Friedberg (Germany).

Synova's proprietary Laser MicroJet technology is a breakthrough approach providing more extreme cutting precision compared to traditional cutting technologies. With applications in the semiconductor, flat-panel, medical instruments and tooling industries, Synova has more than 50 full-production machines at customer sites worldwide, 12 of which are currently operating in the U.S.

About Synova

Founded in 1997, Synova is a leading supplier of state-of-the-art laser solutions for the semiconductor, electronics, flat panel display (FPD) and industrial micro-machining industries, among others. As the inventor of laser dicing technology, Synova—through its proprietary Laser MicroJet® (water jet-guided laser) technology—is fast emerging as the ideal provider for addressing the exacting manufacturing specifications and low cost-of-ownership (CoO) requirements associated with the volume production of today's advanced electronic devices. 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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