



New Chief Technical Officer Jean-Christophe Robert strengthens management team at Varioptic SA

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PR9.NET December 22, 2005 - Lyons, France -- Varioptic SA (www.varioptic.com) today announces that it has appointed Jean-Christophe Robert its new CTO.

He brings to Varioptic over twenty years' experience in the imaging business.

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On graduating as an engineer from the Paris Higher School of Physics and Industrial Chemistry (ESPCI), Jean-Christophe joined the Kodak group in 1983 as head of video R&D. He then led research programmes into new optical materials, before being appointed to the Eastman Kodak Company's research unit in the USA. He went on to head the Photographic Research Laboratory, prior to becoming Director of Research and Development.

"We're delighted that Jean-Christophe Robert is joining Varioptic," says Varioptic CEO Etienne Paillard. "His experience and expertise will help us to go on developing our liquid lenses with the aim of marketing products whose quality and performance levels meet the standards expected by customers and set by Varioptic."

"I'm enthusiastic about joining the Varioptic team," states Jean-Christophe. "The company has achieved remarkable distinction through an innovative technology that most of the major players in the optics business have already adopted. I'm glad to be able to contribute to its growth."

At Varioptic Jean-Christophe will head up the full development cycle from strategy definition through to the finished product.

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