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Universal Laser Systems and MakerSpace launch cooperation in Garching near Munich, Germany, with ULS MultiWave Hybrid™ technology.

August 25, 2016, Vienna, Austria – Universal Laser Systems, Inc. (ULS) the world's leader in equipment for laser material processing, has installed an XLS10MWH laser system with the patented MultiWave Hybrid™ technology at MakerSpace's facilities in Garching near Munich, Germany. This advanced laser system represents top-of-the-line laser material processing technology and will greatly expand the high-end capabilities of the growing MakerSpace community.

As part of UnternehmerTUM, which is the Center for Innovation and Business Creation at the Technical University of Munich, MakerSpace provides its user community access to a broad range of machines, tools and software at its 1500 sq. meter facility in Garching. MakerSpace users have already enjoyed access to three VLS systems from Universal Laser Systems in MakerSpace's extensive fleet, and the new class XLS system with Multiwave Hybrid technology will open up new frontiers in laser material processing.

The greater Munich area is a key technology center for Germany and has proven to be a hot-bed for innovative start-ups. With its offering, MakerSpace is actively supporting the entrepreneurial community and helping new ideas in the areas of technology and design take shape. Phill Handy, General Manager at MakerSpace, is excited about the strengthened cooperation with Universal Laser Systems. "The new XLS system is cutting edge and has capabilities that will further spur the creativity of our user community and open up possibilities for students at the Technical University of Munich to undertake sophisticated research projects."

Joe Hillman, Materials Science Engineer and Strategic Development Manager for Universal Laser Systems states that "The XLS system will enable MakerSpace members to process a myriad of materials including plastic films, industrial films, engineering plastics, laminating adhesives, composite materials as well as many others."

The industry-first MultiWave Hybrid laser system combines beams from multiple lasers into a single, hybrid laser beam. Users can leverage this technology to combine a number of different laser power levels and wavelengths. For example, 1.06 μm, 9.3 μm and 10.6 μm laser beams can be combined in any proportion to create a number of desired effects on various materials. Additionally, users can independently control each laser.

Universal Laser Systems' Business Development Manager for EMEA, Gerardo Iglar, sees great potential for the cooperation with MakerSpace. "The combination of research, innovation and industry found in the MakerSpace community is truly unique, and Universal Laser Systems is excited about placing its flagship platform into such a vibrant and creative environment."

About Universal Laser Systems

Universal Laser Systems, Inc. (ULS) is a global manufacturer of laser material processing solutions, founded in 1988 and headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, with subsidiaries in Vienna, Austria and Yokohama, Japan. The company's commitment to innovation, advancing the application of modern CO₂ and fiber laser technology and customer service has established a market-leading position with tens of thousands of customers in various industries across the globe.

From the development of laser sources, productivity enhancement technologies, advanced software and beam delivery systems to an extensive investment in the research of laser materials processing science and applications, ULS is committed to providing its customers with the most innovative, cost effective, flexible and scalable laser material processing solutions for today and future needs. For more information visit www.ulsinc.com.

About MakerSpace

MakerSpace is a publicly accessible high-tech workshop in Garching near Munich with 1 500 sq. meters of space for members to use machines, tools and software as part of a creative community. With its extensive offering as part of UnternehmerTUM, which is the Center for Innovation and Business Creation at the Technical University of Munich, MakerSpace is aiming to support ambitious start-ups and creative, do-it-yourself individuals. The workshop plays a large role in strengthening Munich as a high-tech center and broadens the ties between local universities, start-ups, industry and the city's creative scene. For more information visit www.maker-space.de.

About UnternehmerTUM: Center for Innovation and Business Creation at TU München

UnternehmerTUM offers founders and startups a complete service from the initial idea to IPO. A team of experienced entrepreneurs, scientists, managers and investors supports founders with the development of their products, services and business models. The experts accompany them actively with building up their companies, market entry and financing – also via the UnternehmerTUM Fund. UnternehmerTUM was founded in 2002 by the entrepreneur Susanne Klatten. With more than 50 high-growth technology start-ups each year and its unique offering, it is the leading center for business creation in Germany. www.unternehmertum.de.

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