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CVI TECHNICAL OPTICS LTD. IS AWARDED THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE 2008, INTERNATIONAL TRADE CATEGORY

Only 2nd recipient from Isle of Man in the history of the awards

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Onchan, Isle of Man-based CVI Technical Optics Ltd., part of the global CVI Melles Griot Group, is pleased to announce that the company has been awarded the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2008 in the International Trade category.

The company manufactures and sells high energy laser optics and etalons under the CVI Melles Griot brand, with the customer base spread across the globe. The products are used in a wide range of applications: laser material processing (photolithography, annealing, bending, cutting, marking, welding, as examples), medical applications, aerospace, and research.

Dr. Helmut Kessler, General Manager, commented, "I am delighted that our company has received the Queen's Award. It is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a company in the British Isles and it shows that manufacturing is well and alive in the Isle of Man, able to compete successfully on an international level. Receiving this prestigious award is a recognition of the skills and abilities of our workforce who, through their hard and dedicated work, have enabled the company to more than triple exports within a timeframe of three years and to further continue the company's growth."

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About CVI Melles Griot Serving semiconductor, biotech, industrial, commercial, aerospace and research industries, CVI Melles Griot is a leading global supplier of photonics products including optical components and systems, lasers, motion-control systems, laser measurement instrumentation and opto-mechanical hardware. Headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, CVI Melles Griot operates manufacturing facilities in New Mexico, California, New York, the British Isles, Japan, and South Korea with sales representatives and distributors located worldwide.

About Queen's Awards, International Trade Category Business units must be able to demonstrate substantial growth in overseas earnings and commercial success, to levels that are outstanding for the goods or services concerned and for the size of the applicant's operations. Businesses may apply under the following criteria: 1) Outstanding achievement in international trade, sustained over not less than three years. 2) or Continuous achievement in international trade, sustained over not less than six years.
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