

# Press Release

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## **Stil SA and Polytec GmbH sign co-operation agreement**

Stil SA in Aix-en-Provence/France and Polytec GmbH of Waldbronn have announced their intention to collaborate closely in the future. Both firms have signed a co-operation agreement allowing Polytec to access the chromatic confocal imaging and confocal spectral interferometry technology of Stil. The result is to expand considerably the product portfolio of Polytec for surface measurement by point sensors. Previously, Polytec had concentrated on the manufacture of two-dimensional measuring white light interferometers. The technology developed by Stil permits the rapid characterisation of surfaces and the determination of micro/nanotopography, optical surface roughness determinations and the thickness measurement of transparent samples. The measuring heads contain no movable parts and are therefore robust and maintenance-free. As a result of this co-operative link-up, according to the product manager responsible at Polytec, Dr. Wilfried Bauer, applications in the electronics and microelectronics, semiconductor, automotive and micromechanical and optical industry sectors can be serviced by Polytec specifically in relation to each application. Stil Sales Director, Jean-François Pichot, expects the market for this technology to be strengthened as a result of this co-operative link-up. Stil SA developed the technology of chromatic confocal imaging and is the world market leader in the area of confocal chromatic distance sensors. Polytec GmbH is a company of world stature with branches in Europe, North America and Asia. Among international experts Polytec enjoys an outstanding reputation for innovative products in the area of optical measurement technology and, in this connection - besides the area of vibration and length measurements - is active in surface measurement technology.

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