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**Ellex Medical Lasers Limited (ASX:ELX)**, a world leading designer and manufacturer of laser systems for the ophthalmic industry, announced today that it has appointed Herbert Pummer PhD, an accomplished laser industry veteran, as its Vice President of Operations to replace Robert Potter who is retiring. In his new role, Dr. Pummer is responsible for quality, manufacturing engineering, production and supply chain management at Ellex.

Prior to his appointment at Ellex, Dr. Pummer spent two years as the CEO of Exitech Inc., the US subsidiary of Exitech Ltd., a UK laser micromachining company, and more than 15 years in various senior management roles at laser-industry leader Coherent Inc. of California. At Coherent, Dr. Pummer was responsible at different times for engineering at Coherent Medical Group and Lumenis, Asia Pacific operations, customer service, quality and process engineering at Coherent Laser Group, and general management of Coherent's US excimer laser business. Dr. Pummer has taught physics at the University of Illinois at Chicago and managed research teams working in the fields of laser development and applications, nonlinear optics, and gas and liquid phase kinetics and has approximately 65 scientific publications, largely in peer reviewed journals. Dr. Pummer holds a PhD in chemical physics from Ludwig Maximilians Universitaet, Munich and has worked as a scientist at the Max Plank Institute, Germany and at Stanford Research Institute (SRI) International in the US.

"Dr. Pummer brings to Ellex a wealth of knowledge and a valuable resource network from his years as part of the executive management team at laser-industry leader Coherent and other companies," said Mr. Peter Falzon, Ellex CEO. "Ellex is experiencing rapid growth as a result of recent investments in product development and distribution. Dr. Pummer has already made major improvements to our operating processes as a consultant to the company over the past year and we are pleased to have his full time commitment to manage the growth of our operations to world-class standards. We are also grateful to Mr. Potter for his contributions and wish him and his wife Barbara a happy and adventurous retirement."

Dr. Pummer is in the process of relocating to Adelaide, where Ellex is based. Mr. Potter will support the transition until he retires August 31.

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## ABOUT ELLEX

Ellex Medical Lasers Limited (ASX:ELX) designs, manufactures and markets a complete line of lasers used by ophthalmologists to preserve vision and treat eye diseases. With more than 10,000 systems delivered to the market, Ellex has evolved since 1985 from a manufacturing company of primarily OEM products, to direct marketing of its own branded products through subsidiaries in the United States, and



Japan, and a network of distribution partners in more than 50 countries. Ellex maintains a strong emphasis on intellectual property and research into new and better treatments to manage and treat the leading causes of blindness.

For additional information about Ellex and its products, please visit [www.ellex.com](http://www.ellex.com)

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