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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Hamilton Thorne, Inc. and Thorlabs, Inc. Announce Collaboration to Develop and Market Revolutionary Confocal Imaging System**

BEVERLY, MA – January 20, 2009. Hamilton Thorne, Inc.(HT) and Thorlabs, Inc. announced today they have signed an OEM Supply Agreement, which provides HT with OEM and distribution rights for a new confocal imaging system currently under development at Thorlabs. The agreement grants HT the exclusive rights to sell the confocal product to the regenerative medical research market that Hamilton Thorne serves worldwide.

“The cost of current confocal imaging systems is prohibitive to many labs and discussions with leading scientists revealed a true need for a more cost-effective solution,” says Meg Spencer, CEO and co-founder of HT. “Thanks to this new product, laboratories previously unable to justify the expense now will be able to benefit from confocal imaging and expand the scope of their research.”

Current methods of confocal imaging require the purchase of a complete microscope system. The confocal imaging system being developed by this partnership will allow confocal imaging capability on standard inverted microscopes. More details on the product will be made available to the public during the beta-testing phase.

Alex Cable, President and founder of Thorlabs, stated, “We look forward to working closely with HT on finalizing the design of our confocal imaging system for the scientific and biological disciplines. Their input has been invaluable thus far and has allowed us to proceed with development at a rapid pace. We anticipate having beta units ready for testing by early 2009.”

#### **About Hamilton Thorne**

Hamilton Thorne, Inc. ([www.hamiltonthorne.com](http://www.hamiltonthorne.com)), located in Beverly, MA, is a leading provider of advanced laser systems and instruments for in-vitro cell applications in the regenerative medicine research, fertility clinic and animal production markets.

#### **About Thorlabs**

Thorlabs, Inc. ([www.thorlabs.com](http://www.thorlabs.com)), based in Newton, N.J., is a leading designer and manufacturer of equipment for the photonics industry. Founded in 1989, Thorlabs now operates internationally with over 500 employees and manufacturing and sales offices in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, and Japan.