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IRVINE SENSORS APPOINTS NEW OPTEX GENERAL MANAGER

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA – January 8, 2008 -- Irvine Sensors Corporation (Nasdaq: IRSN) announced today that Danny Schoening, an experienced manufacturing executive, has been appointed General Manager of Optex Systems, Inc., Irvine Sensors' wholly-owned subsidiary located in Richardson, Texas. Mr. Schoening joins Optex after nearly two decades with Honeywell International, Inc. and Finisar Corporation, a Honeywell spin-off with annual revenues in excess of $400 million. As Vice President of Operations for the Advanced Optical Components Division of Finisar, he was responsible for an electro-optical manufacturing unit with international operations producing millions of units. At Optex, Mr. Schoening will be responsible for all operations and will report to Pete Kenefick, Irvine Sensors' Vice President for Electro-Optic and Electronic Products, who has been acting General Manager of Optex since September. Mr. Schoening holds a Bachelor of Manufacturing Engineering Technology degree from the University of Nebraska and an MBA from Southern Methodist University.

John Carson, Chief Executive Officer and President of Irvine Sensors, said, "Mr. Schoening's background in manufacturing operations and supply chain management is particularly well suited to the needs at Optex today, as well as the future when we plan to transition Irvine Sensors' high technology electro-optics products from our Costa Mesa development operations to high volume manufacturing in Richardson, Texas."

Irvine Sensors Corporation (www.irvine-sensors.com), headquartered in Costa Mesa, California, is a vision systems company engaged in the development and sale of miniaturized infrared and electro-optical cameras, image processors and stacked chip assemblies, the manufacture and sale of optical systems and equipment for military applications through its Optex subsidiary and research and development related to high density electronics, miniaturized sensors, optical interconnection technology, high speed network security, image processing and low-power analog and mixed-signal integrated circuits for diverse systems applications.

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