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**Scientific Digital Imaging plc Acquires Two Companies
*Strengthening its Scientific Imaging Technology Portfolio***

Cambridge, UK: Scientific Digital Imaging (SDI), a group of companies providing products and services for scientific imaging, today announced it has acquired Artemis, a UK designer of high quality cooled CCD cameras for astronomy and life sciences; and Perseu, the Portuguese manufacturing partner of Artemis. The addition of these companies to the group will enhance the ability of other SDI subsidiaries to develop high performance solutions for a range of complex scientific imaging applications.

Under the terms of the agreement Artemis and Perseu will become wholly owned companies within the SDI Group, yet will retain their own autonomy and identities. SDI's portfolio now consists of three life science imaging companies and forms a balanced group which will work collaboratively to share cutting edge technology and freely communicate innovative ideas across the companies.

Phil Atkin, CTO and acting CEO of SDI, commented: "We are delighted Artemis and Perseu are joining SDI because they are an excellent camera design and manufacturing team. Sensitive electronic cameras are key components of most of our products, and we will now be able to work even more closely with Artemis and Perseu to develop new and exciting camera designs, allowing group companies to deliver even better performance and value to customers through increased innovation.

Steve Chambers, Managing Director of Artemis added: "Artemis and Perseu have wanted to commercialise their scientific imaging technology but have lacked the framework to enable this. Our acquisition by SDI confirms we now have a very exciting future as we will have access to the SDI Group's established business and technical infrastructure, offering us the opportunity to continue supporting the astronomy market, while expanding more rapidly into the scientific imaging sector."

Atkin concluded: "The acquisition of Artemis and Perseu complements the purchase of the Synoptics group (Syngene, Synbiosis and Syncroscopy) and means SDI can

continue to realise its ambitions of delivering the best and most profitable technology for scientific imaging.”

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Note to Editors

About Scientific Digital Imaging plc

Scientific Digital Imaging plc (SDI), formed in 2007, is a company that focuses on providing products and services for digital life science imaging and incorporates the Synoptics Group.

Based in Cambridge, UK, SDI is funded by private equity and venture capital. The Group is backed by an expert management team, which is a balance of skilled engineers and experienced executives. The management team is complemented by non-executive directors with expertise in growing and directing groups of hi-tech companies.

About Artemis

Artemis designs and manufactures cooled CCD cameras for astronomy and scientific imaging. Based in Norwich, UK, Artemis was founded in 2006 by Steve Chambers, who is widely respected in the field of astronomy.

About Perseu

Perseu is the manufacturing partner of Artemis and supplies ready made cameras such as the ATK-16 for astronomy. The Company has been in business since 2002 and is based in Portugal.