



## Enabling Open Tolerant Networks

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### Rich Cowper joins technical advisory board of CoreOptics Inc.

**Nuremberg, Germany, Manchester, New Hampshire USA, April 27, 2004: CoreOptics Inc., a leading designer and manufacturer of 40Gb/s and 10Gb/s optical networking subsystems, today announced that Nortel Networks optical veteran, Rich Cowper has joined the company as the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Board.**

Most recently, Mr. Cowper was Nortel Networks' Vice President, Product development with the Optical Networks group headquartered in Ottawa, Canada where he was in charge of the development of Nortel's leading Optical Transport product lines. During his 25-year career with Nortel Networks, Mr. Cowper created and grew Nortel's very successful 2.5 Gb/s, 10 Gb/s and Optical Amplifier product lines. His responsibilities included product definition and market launch of next generation products as well as technical evolution and support of the revenue generating installed base. Prior to his tenure at Nortel Networks, Mr. Cowper was with Decca Radar and Harris/Farion responsible for the design of microwave hardware and the first generation of terrestrial digital microwave radio systems.

"Rich brings CoreOptics a tremendous experience in introducing innovative and market defining products to the optical industry" said Hamid Arabzadeh, CoreOptics President and CEO. "We are delighted to have him join our team, as his experience will be invaluable to support CoreOptics' continued success with tier-1 system providers".

"CoreOptics has a unique combination of technology innovation, market insight, management expertise and financial backing to deliver defining subsystems for the next generation tolerant optical networks" said Mr. Rich Cowper. "I look forward to being part of their successful journey."

Mr. Cowper has received a number of awards including Nortel Networks President's award for Customer Service and Excellence in Technology. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto and conducted post-graduate research in Electrical Engineering at Ottawa University, Carleton University and Concordia University in Montreal, Canada.

#### About CoreOptics

CoreOptics develops and manufactures modules and subsystems for ultra high-speed optical networking solutions for the telecommunications and the information technology industry. CoreOptics current portfolio includes advanced transponders for Metropolitan and Long Haul optical systems at 40Gb/s and 10 Gbit/s using DWDM, SONET/SDH, ATM and IP protocols. CoreOptics Inc. was founded in January 2001 and has operations in Nuremberg Germany and Manchester, New Hampshire USA. Over 50 highly skilled engineers in RF and Digital ASIC with extensive experience in optical systems, applications and networks represent the foundation of CoreOptics capability in optical and electronic signal processing and transport.

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