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### IKONICS GRANTED EUROPEAN PATENT FOR DIGITAL TEXTURING TECHNOLOGY

DULUTH, MN - IKONICS Corporation (NASDAQ:IKNX), a Duluth based imaging technology company, announced today the European patent office has granted IKONICS Corporation a patent on its digital texturing technology (DTX). The technology is a fundamentally new process for creating textures on injection molded parts, widely used in the automotive and other industries where textured surfaces are needed. Similar patent applications are being processed by the U.S. and Japanese patent offices.

According to Bill Ulland, IKONICS CEO, this patent is a result of the company's unique ability to invent customized ultraviolet (UV) curable fluids and complementary substrates, coupled with our growing expertise in industrial digital printing.

DTX is currently in use in the U.S. automotive industry.

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding sales, gross profits, net earnings, and new products and businesses that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially as a result of domestic and global economic conditions, competitive market conditions, acceptance of new products, the ability to identify and make suitable acquisitions, the ability to control costs without impacting growth as well as the factors described in the Company's Form s 10-K, and 10-Q, and other reports on file with the SEC.

