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## **IKONICS Corporation Hires Director of Chemical Research**

DULUTH, MN - IKONICS Corporation, a Duluth-based imaging technology company, announced the hire of Troy Bergstedt as Director of Chemical Research. In his role at IKONICS, Bergstedt will lead the company's chemical research and development activity and manage that department's staff of scientists and researchers.

Prior to his hire at IKONICS, Bergstedt conducted contract work for St. Paul-based, Ecolab® and worked six years as Senior Scientist at Santa-Fe-based QTL Biosystems. Previous, post-doctoral work in photochemistry and photolithography, along with experience in polymer design and synthesis at the University of Rochester and the University of California, Santa Barbara are expected to be particularly applicable at IKONICS.

Bergstedt holds a Ph.D in organic chemistry from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree in Chemistry/Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, Superior.

As a direct report to IKONICS President and CEO, Bill Ulland, Bergstedt looks forward to bringing an immediate impact to the organization. "I'm very excited to be at IKONICS and look forward to contributing my bench experience to the R&D team."

Ulland expressed similar confidence in Bergstedt's ability to contribute quickly. "Troy was chosen from a competitive field of candidates; and one of his greatest assets is his ability to translate his considerable experience in an immediate, hands-on way."

Bergstedt started at IKONICS on May 12, 2008.

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