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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS MADE BY CRAIG A. CREATURO, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER OF II-VI INCORPORATED, AT THE 12TH ANNUAL NEEDHAM & COMPANY, LLC GROWTH CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 14, 2010.

CRAIG A. CREATURO: Thank you for inviting II-VI Incorporated to the 12th Annual Needham Growth Conference. We are excited to be presenting today. For those of you who follow us, you know that we have been busy on the M&A front and I will be able to address certain aspects of our recently-consummated Photop Technologies transaction in today's presentation and in the Q&A session that follows this presentation.

With respect to II-VI's interest in Zygo Corporation, I am not going to be able to discuss that potential transaction during this presentation or answer any questions in the Q&A session, and I will be limiting my remarks regarding Zygo to the following:

As you may know, we made a proposal to acquire Zygo for \$10.00 per share, payable in cash or up to 50% of the consideration in II-VI common stock. We disclosed this proposal on January 7, 2010. Zygo shareholders would have an election regarding the consideration, subject to the stock limitation. If all Zygo shareholders elect to receive consideration in cash, we are prepared to support this election.

We believe that the combined companies offer compelling benefits to the shareholders, customers and employees of both companies. The customers, shareholders and employees of both companies share significant common interests. We strongly believe this combination will benefit all of the stakeholders of both companies and we are prepared to proceed expeditiously to complete this transaction. Our hope is that Zygo's Board of Directors will recognize both the immediate and future value of a business combination and our strong preference is to proceed in a cooperative manner.

We have great respect for what Zygo has accomplished and are eager to build upon its strengths. We believe, as we have demonstrated with other acquisitions, that we have the ability to assist Zygo in realizing future business opportunities in markets where the competitive landscape is rapidly changing. We feel that we will be able to integrate our teams rapidly and foster a high degree of collaboration and interaction from the very start.

For these reasons, among others we have previously discussed in our announcement, we are pursuing this transaction very aggressively. As I mentioned, I must limit my remarks on Zygo to these comments and thank you in advance for your understanding.

With that, let me turn to our presentation.

About II-VI Incorporated

II-VI Incorporated, a worldwide leader in engineered materials and components, is a vertically-integrated manufacturing company that creates and markets products for a diversified customer base including industrial manufacturing, military and aerospace, high-power

electronics and telecommunications, and thermoelectric applications. Headquartered in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, with manufacturing, sales, and distribution facilities worldwide, the Company produces numerous crystalline compounds including zinc selenide for infrared laser optics, silicon carbide for high-power electronic and microwave applications, and bismuth telluride for thermoelectric coolers. In the Company's infrared optics business, II-VI Infrared manufactures optical and opto-electronic components for industrial laser and thermal imaging systems, and HIGHYAG Lasertechnologie GmbH (HIGHYAG) manufactures fiber-delivered beam transmission systems and processing tools for industrial lasers. In the Company's near-infrared optics business, VLOC manufactures near-infrared and visible light products for industrial, scientific, military and medical instruments and laser gain materials and products for solid-state YAG and YLF lasers. Photop Technologies, Inc. (Photop) manufactures crystal materials, optics, microchip lasers and optoelectronic modules for use in optical communication networks and other diverse consumer and commercial applications. In the Company's military & materials business, Exotic Electro-Optics (EEO) manufactures infrared products for military applications, and Pacific Rare Specialty Metals & Chemicals (PRM) produces and refines selenium and tellurium materials. In the Company's Compound Semiconductor Group, the Wide Bandgap Materials (WBG) group manufactures and markets single crystal silicon carbide substrates for use in the solid-state lighting, wireless infrastructure, RF electronics and power switching industries; the Marlow Industries, Inc. subsidiary designs and manufactures thermoelectric cooling and power generation solutions for use in defense, space, photonics, telecommunications, medical, consumer and industrial markets; and, the Worldwide Materials Group (WMG) provides expertise in materials development, process development, and manufacturing scale up.

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