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Polatis Appoints Manufacturing and Quality Executive Steve Whigham to Lead Strategic Realization and Quality

Cambridge, UK and Bedford, MA – October 30, 2014 – Polatis, the performance leader in all-optical switching, has named Steven Whigham to its executive team as Senior Vice President, Strategic Realization and Quality. In the new role, Steve is driving the company's strategic product and process initiatives, which include the delivery of new products and features based on evolving customer requirements. In addition, he will accelerate plans for scaling capacity and reducing cost to meet growing customer demand whilst maintaining Polatis' quality standard and world-class customer experience.

"We are at an exciting point of time at Polatis as we enter our next growth phase and Steve is an important part of that strategy," said Gerald Wesel, president and CEO at Polatis. "His proven expertise within leading edge high technology businesses, including scaling and evolving organizations in alignment with changing market and technology demands, is already adding tremendous value to our company. We are very pleased to have Steve on the team."

Steve Whigham has a proven record of success in bringing transformational change and improvement to global operations at both large and small companies. Before joining Polatis, Steve was Group Operations and Quality Director at e2v, a global provider of technology solutions for high performance systems. Before that, he was SVP, Global Operations and Quality at JDSU. Steve also spent almost ten years at Celestica where he was VP of Global Commodity Management.

"Polatis is the gold standard in all-optical switching; when performance cannot be compromised, our switches are the obvious choice and the best solution," said Steve Whigham. "As network and data center networks continue to have an insatiable appetite for bandwidth, the demand for our products also increases. I am excited to be part of Polatis' next growth stage."

About Polatis
Polatis delivers the world's lowest loss all-optical switching solutions for remote fiber-layer provisioning, protection, monitoring, reconfiguration and test. Dependable, field-proven DirectLight™ optical matrix switch technology scales from 4x4 to 192x192 ports, applying class-leading performance to provide dynamic optical networking for telecommunications, data centre, government, test and video markets. For more information, please visit www.polatis.com.

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