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## **NIKKOIA SAS AWARDED BY FRENCH MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

**NikkoIA SAS is award winner at the 13<sup>th</sup> national contest for support of innovative technologies startup creation.**

*Moirans/Grenoble (France) – 05<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – As a national award winner, NikkoIA SAS demonstrates its technological and industrial potential and benefits from significant funding for its development plan.*

A national award of the 13<sup>th</sup> national contest for support of innovative technologies startup creation, organized by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, has been handed over to Alain Jutant, President and CEO of NikkoIA SAS, on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2011, in the presence of Valérie Péresse, French Minister of Higher Education and Research.

Created in 1999 by the Ministry of Research, the contest aims at detecting, generating and raising startup creation projects based on innovative technologies, and by supporting the most promising ones through financial grant and custom support.

The contest is highly prized by innovative ideas or projects owners, and provides significant funding to many projects in the creation phase. NikkoIA SAS will receive an important grant to fund its innovation program through this operation.

« Being awarded at the national contest for support of innovative technology companies creation is not only receiving a financial grant, not only benefitting from a technical, administrative or legal support, it is first and foremost an acknowledgment as a promise of economic success », declared the Minister Valérie Péresse.



*A. Jutant and the Minister V. Péresse.*

« We are very proud and happy about our selection among several hundreds of high-quality innovative projects », said Alain Jutant, President and CEO of NikkoIA SAS.

« This national recognition by a jury of experts confirms the potential of our technology and our industrial project. NikkoIA will use the funding prize to accelerate the development of its new products », he added.



The National Jury is chaired by Jacques Lewiner, director of General Electricity Laboratory ESCPI (Higher Institute of Physics and Industrial Chemistry of Paris) and composed by about thirty prominent figures from the industrial, research and finance communities in France, chosen for their expertise and experience in innovative startup creation. It awarded 67 projects nationwide in the « Creation – Development » category, among several hundreds of nominees.



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## **NikkoIA SAS**

NikkoIA SAS is an industrial company designing, manufacturing and selling selective or broadband visible and near-infrared image sensors. NikkoIA's technology relies on photosensitive materials made of a combination of organic and inorganic components, which are deposited with thin-film manufacturing processes onto standard reading substrates. NikkoIA's technology demonstrates similar performances as current InGaAs sensors for a lower cost, and enables the design of very large dimension sensors with pixels from very few to several hundred microns. It enables new applications in the medical, security and interactive user interfaces areas.

NikkoIA SAS can be found on the world wide web at [www.nikkoia.com](http://www.nikkoia.com)

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