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OMNIVISION'S WAVEFRONT CODING™ TECHNOLOGY REACHES IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT MILESTONE

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — October 2, 2006 —OmniVision Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: OVTI), a leading independent supplier of CMOS CameraChip™ image sensors for high-volume applications, today announced that it has reached an important development milestone for its Wavefront Coding™ technology. The Company shipped its first sample incorporating the revolutionary technology that it has been developing since its acquisition of CDM Optics, a wholly owned subsidiary. This shipment of the first sample is a result of incorporating the overwhelmingly positive feedback that the Company has received from multiple handset customers for whom OmniVision has demonstrated the product. The Company plans to continue to work with selected customers to further refine the product performance before finalizing the precise specifications of the first product based on this new technology.

Wavefront Coding technology significantly increases the performance of an imaging system by substantially increasing the depth of field of the image and/or correcting optical aberrations within the image. Wavefront Coding technology eliminates the need for a conventional focusing system, and because the image is always in focus, a Wavefront Coding enabled camera also eliminates the time-delay inherent in conventional auto or manually focused camera systems. More information on Wavefront Coding may be found at the CDM Optics web-site, www.cdm-optics.com .

About OmniVision

OmniVision Technologies designs and markets high-performance semiconductor image sensors. Its OmniPixel and CameraChip products are highly integrated single-chip CMOS image sensors for mass-market consumer and commercial applications such as mobile phones, digital still cameras, security and surveillance systems, interactive video games, PCs and automotive imaging systems. Additional information is available at www.ovt.com.

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