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## **Aculight Corporation Names Robert Afzal Director of Technology Development**

**Bothell, Wash., April 5, 2006** – Aculight Corporation, a leading developer of innovative laser technologies, today announced Dr. Robert Afzal has joined the company as Director of Technology Development.

“We’re pleased to welcome Rob Afzal to Aculight,” said Don Rich, Aculight president and CEO. “Rob not only has an excellent international reputation as a researcher, but has taken aerospace products from the lab through qualification and into the field, including deployment in space. As Aculight continues to grow from an R&D company into an aerospace/defense and medical product company, we are bringing in individuals from the outside whose skill sets complement our existing team. Rob’s many years of aerospace and commercial technology development experience make him a great addition.”

Afzal joins Aculight from Spectra Systems Corporation, where he was vice president of research and development. Previously, Afzal held several positions within NASA. He was a scientist at the Goddard Space Flight Center, director of the Space Lidar Technology Center (SLTC), chief scientist for Geoscience Laser Altimeter System (GLAS) laser transmitters, and lead engineer for the Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter-II (MOLA-II) laser transmitter. Afzal has also been a scientist for Candela Laser Corporation and research associate for the Naval Research Laboratory.

Afzal has won several NASA awards, including the Inventor of the Year award, Group Achievement Award and a Performance Award. He has been awarded/filed patents on



seven optical technologies and methods. He has been published in over 20 peer-reviewed journals and presented at over 25 conferences. Afzal holds a Ph.D. in physics from Brown University and a bachelor's in physics from Trinity College.

### **About Aculight**

Founded in 1993, Aculight is focused on being the leader in providing quality, innovative and cost-effective laser system solutions for our customers' needs in national defense, aerospace and medical applications. For more information about Aculight, please contact Andrew Brown, director of business development, at (425) 482-1100 or visit [www.aculight.com](http://www.aculight.com).

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