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SDC Technologies Deepens Strategic Partnership with flō Optics Through Expanded Investment and Board Representation

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[SDC Technologies](#), a global leader in the development and manufacturing of high-performance specialty coatings and [flō Optics](#), a pioneer in digital lens coating and surface treatment technologies, today announced a significant follow-on investment by SDC Technologies, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., as part of flō Optics recently completed SAFE (Simple Agreement for Future Equity) financing round.

As a lead strategic investor in the round, SDC has significantly expanded its investment, reinforcing its commitment to flō Optics and its innovative digital coating platform. As part of the investment, SDC will appoint a representative to flō Optics' Board of Directors, further strengthening the strategic collaboration between the two companies.

Building on the partnership established through flō Optics' Series A financing in July 2025, this investment further aligns the long-term strategic interests of both companies and reflects SDC's growing confidence in flō Optics' technology, commercial progress, and future growth potential. With this latest investment, SDC has strengthened its position as a key strategic partner and investor in flō Optics, alongside other strategic stakeholders supporting the company's continued growth and innovation.

"This investment is a strong vote of confidence in both our technology and our execution," said Jonathan Jaglom, Chief Executive Officer of flō Optics. "SDC has been an outstanding strategic partner, and their decision to significantly expand their investment and join our Board reflects a shared belief in the scale of the opportunity ahead. As we transition from development into early commercialization, we look forward to deepening our collaboration and leveraging the extensive materials science expertise, industrial capabilities, and global reach of SDC and the broader Mitsui Chemicals Group."

"We are excited to expand our partnership with flō Optics through this investment and Board participation," said Richard Chang, President and CEO of SDC Technologies. "The company has made impressive progress in advancing a transformative approach to ophthalmic lens coating. We believe flō Optics is well-positioned to drive meaningful innovation in the industry, and we look forward to supporting the team as they scale commercialization and accelerate market adoption."

In addition to SDC's participation, all eligible existing shareholders exercised their pro-rata participation rights in the financing round, demonstrating continued support from both

strategic and financial investors and reinforcing broad confidence in flō Optics' technology, execution, and commercial potential.

Proceeds from the financing will support continued commercialization activities, expanded customer deployments, and ongoing development of flō Optics' next-generation digital coating platforms. Together, SDC Technologies and flō Optics are advancing the future of ophthalmic lens manufacturing through innovative coating technologies designed to improve precision, efficiency, and sustainability.

About flō Optics

flō Optics is redefining the ophthalmic industry with its proprietary digital coating platform, enabling ultra-precise, scalable, and sustainable lens processing. Founded by veterans of digital manufacturing and 3D printing, flō applies decades of technological expertise to transform how optical lenses are coated and finished. Visit www.flo-optics.com.

SDC Technologies, Inc.

SDC Technologies is a recognized global leader in the development and manufacturing of high-performance, specialty coating systems for a wide range of materials including plastics and glass. Founded in 1986, and headquartered in Irvine, California, SDC serves the ophthalmic, automotive, aerospace, and electronics industries worldwide. As part of the Mitsui Chemicals Group since 2008, SDC leverages a global network of materials science expertise and manufacturing resources to deliver innovative coating solutions. SDC is ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 certified. Visit www.sdctech.com.