



*Please visit Proximion at Booth 1036 at OFC*

**For Immediate Release**

## **Proximion Doubles Production Capacity to Meet Record Demand**

*Supports trajectory of 5 consecutive years of exponential sales growth*

**Kista, Sweden, March 2, 2011** - [Proximion Fiber Systems AB](#), a leader in Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG)-based [Dispersion Compensation](#) Modules (DCMs), today announced it opened new production facilities in Kista, Sweden. Having already achieved a 50 percent capacity increase in Q4 2010, the company continues to build momentum with another 50 percent increase expected during the first half of 2011. The new facilities enable Proximion to reduce production costs and more efficiently use labor resources. Proximion can now schedule delivery times more precisely, thereby decreasing lead times by nearly 75 percent.

The new facilities were added to support the record demand for its DCM products as evidenced by five years of doubling sales year-over-year. “Last year brought tremendous growth for Proximion as we served a customer list that included eight of the top 10 telecom system vendors in the world, compared with four the previous year,” said Stefan Ekman, CEO of Proximion.

Instead of running at full capacity, which taxes the machines, Proximion plans to operate at 80 percent capacity by Q2, 2011. “When the new machines are fully installed we will deliver products with decreased lead times and increased efficiency,” said Tobias Persson, vice president marketing & sales for Proximion. “We are already seeing the effects of the first production lines.”

As networks continue to push the limits of bandwidth, customers are facing new obstacles when it comes to dispersion. By staying a step ahead of these advancements, Proximion is adapting and evolving its product line to provide state-of-the-art dispersion handling products. “In the coming years, we expect to expand our product lines even further to meet strong customer demand. These new facilities will aid in this expansion,” concluded Mr. Ekman.

Since 2003, Proximion has shipped dispersion compensation products that are based on Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBGs) technology. These DCMs offer low loss, reduced latency, and no non-linear effects as compared with alternate technology, while simultaneously reducing cost. The company is the only manufacturer of FBG-based continuous band (CB) devices, which provide full undisrupted compensation throughout the C band, thus providing total channel plan and modulation format independence. Proximion also develops and sells channelized DCMs, patch-cord DCMs, high dispersion products, Residual Dispersion Slope Compensators, and optical layer monitoring products.

### **About Proximion Fiber Systems AB**

Proximion Fiber Systems AB is a world-class provider of optical modules and sub-systems based on Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) technology. By combining these unique optical devices

with the truly innovative skills of our team, Proximion contributes to our customers' and partners' success in a variety of markets.

As an example Proximion today holds the markets widest FBG based portfolio of Dispersion Compensation Modules (DCM). The portfolio ranges from single channel modules to complex continuous band modules which are used to eliminate the residual dispersion in Sub Marine Networks or to enable powerful and cost effective dispersion compensation in coherent systems.

Proximion has pioneered design, manufacturing, and application of advanced FBGs. Proximion's unique and patented method enables manufacturing of FBGs with virtually any filter characteristics. Proximion is a privately held company headquartered in Kista, Sweden.

###

**Media Contacts:**

Lynda Starr, Vantage Communications for Proximion

Phone: 973 386 5949

Email: [LStarr@pr-vantage.com](mailto:LStarr@pr-vantage.com)

Stefan Ekman, CEO, Proximion

Phone: +46 70 319 75 35

E-mail: [Stefan.Ekman@proximion.com](mailto:Stefan.Ekman@proximion.com)

Tobias Persson, VP Marketing & Sales, Proximion

Phone: +46 70 887 44 01

E-mail: [Tobias.Persson@proximion.com](mailto:Tobias.Persson@proximion.com)