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Aura Capital invests in IonPhasE to finance international growth of the semiconductive polymer company

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IonPhasE Oy, a company specialising in semiconductive polymer technology and based in Tampere, Finland, has completed funding of 1 million euros to accelerate international growth. Investor in the round is Aura Capital, a leading Finnish venture capital company belonging to the Auratum group.

The patented “IonPhasE[®] IPE[®]” technology developed by IonPhasE brings electric conductivity properties to a wide variety of commonly existing polymers. This opens up entirely new commercial applications for example in the electronics, chemical, packaging and automobile industries. Technologically the innovation is based on the combination of two different materials – ionomers and polymer polyelectrolytes and exploiting their best properties. Compared to competing solutions, IonPhasE[®] IPE[®] materials are superior in terms of electric and mechanical properties as well as versatility.

At the moment customers of IonPhasE are using IonPhasE[®] IPE[®] materials especially in prevention of damages caused by static electricity. For example, the company regularly supplies semiconductive film to a Chinese customer packaging electronic components with the film. Another important and growing application is packaging of chemical goods, where semiconductive film has a critical role in preventing damages caused by explosion.

“This investment enables IonPhasE to quickly expand and look for new, high-value commercial applications and simultaneously strengthen relations with existing customers. We believe that IonPhasE has the potential to become a globally leading developer of special plastic additives”, says **Jyri Nieminen**, founder and CEO of IonPhasE.

“Aura Capital seeks to invest in companies having the capacity to create a significant business globally. What makes IonPhasE exceptional is the strong technology combined with a very large market potential”, comments **Ari Siponmaa**, Managing Partner of Aura Capital.

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