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**KOWA ANNOUNCES NEW DIGITAL SLIT LAMP IMAGING INTEGRATED SOFTWARE SOLUTION**

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**/24-7PressRelease/** - LOS ANGELES, CA, June 18, 2008 - Kowa, the forerunner in advanced ophthalmic diagnostic instrumentation, introduces its new VK Digital Slit Lamp imaging solution. The system adds image capture capability to all Marco, Zeiss, HS 900BQ, Topcon SL-2EF, SL-7EFT and SL-7E slit lamp systems. Kowa's revolutionary software features live video display and video capture replay, as well as still frame capture from both live and recorded video. This offers practitioners the ability to have frame-by-frame image comparison, and provides a historical record of digital images for diagnosis and legal documentation.

The VK system also integrates third party Slit Lamps with Kowa's VK-2 Digital Imaging System for a total technology integrated solution. Digital Images can enhance the detection of diseases of the eye, including: cataracts, conjunctivitis, cornea injury, Fuchs' dystrophy, Keratoconus, retinal detachment and retinal vein occlusion. Slit lamps are ideal to facilitate examinations of the anterior segment, or frontal structures of the eye.

Kowa VK Digital Slit (VK-AP26C) Imaging System highlights:

- Kowa 1-click selection, imaging software
- Ultra Super Mini-PC system hardware and OS
- One-touch foot pedal for image capture and storage
- Two-touch foot pedal for live video image capture
- High resolution Sony DFW-SX910 "firewire" digital camera
- CD/DVD drive for secure non-magnetic data backup
- Slit-lamp photography instruction manual
- Toll free telephone technical support

"Kowa is committed to the advancement of the integrated ophthalmic paperless technology practice environment", states Craig Ross, VP of Kowa Optimed. "Paperless offices use the latest technologies and software in order to manage their daily processes to store, locate and retrieve data. The healthcare industry, like other industries and businesses has realized the significance of paperless documentation and adopted the technology into their routine work. Paperless documentation ensures document security, is cost effective, and develops operational efficiency".

About Kowa Optimed, Inc: The Company was founded in 1980 to provide a direct presence to the North and South American markets for Kowa's Electronics and Optics products. Kowa Optimed is a part of Kowa Company Ltd., which was founded in 1894. Kowa is the largest privately owned company in Japan and is ranked as one of the largest trading company. For more information about KOWA diagnostic solutions and devices, please visit our website at [www.kowa-usa.com](http://www.kowa-usa.com) or contact KOWA OPTIMED, Inc. at (800) 966-5692.

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