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Abstract:Some of the mergers and acquisitions in the year 2011 in the photonics industry are discussed. Canada-based laser beam measurement products maker Gentec Electro-Optics Inc. acquired laser and terahertz measurement manufacturer Spectrum Detector Inc. of Oregon for an undisclosed amount. With the acquisition, Gentec could offer measurement products for the new and rapidly expanding terahertz market, ultrasensitive optical joulemeters, instruments for pulse to pulse energy measurements and optical TRAP detectors that act as primary calibration standards. Optical test equipment maker Trioptics GmbH of Germany, acquired the uPhase product line of interferometers from Switzerland-based Fisba Optik AG, along with Fisba's Berlin-based business, Fisba Optik GmbH. The Boeing Co. of Seattle acquired Argon ST for \$775 million in an all-cash deal. Eyecare company Alcon Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, bought privately held LenSx Lasers Inc., developer of a femtosecond laser used in cataract surgery for \$361.5 million.

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