



## Optiqua Appoints Melchior van Wijlen as CEO

**Singapore** – September 1, 2007 – Optiqua, a clean-tech company for the water industry, providing state-of-the-art optical biosensors for the detection of contaminants in water, has appointed Melchior van Wijlen as CEO.

Prior to joining Optiqua, Van Wijlen was co-founder of MarketXS, a financial market data technology company that was acquired by the international bank consortium Markit in 2006. As a shareholder in Optiqua's parent company Optisense, Van Wijlen has been actively involved at the inception of Optiqua in Singapore.

Commenting on Van Wijlen's appointment, Floris Alkemade, CEO at Optisense, said: "Melchior brings strong strategic and managerial skills to our team. His extensive experience in international and large scale business development programs combined with his track record for delivering successful partnerships will considerably help Optiqua's rapid expansion."

Melchior van Wijlen, CEO at Optiqua, said: "I am delighted to have joined such a dynamic business. From a business development perspective, the potential of the unique company's biosensor technology and partnerships is creating a wealth of opportunities and I look forward to help the firm capitalise on these."

Van Wijlen holds a MA in Business Economics from the VU University of Amsterdam.

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### **About Optiqua ([www.optiqua.com](http://www.optiqua.com))**

Optiqua is a clean-tech company for the water industry, providing state-of-the-art optical biosensors for the detection of contaminants in water. The company is based in Singapore, the international 'WaterHub' and gate to the fast growing Middle Eastern and Asian regions. Based on a unique combination of an optic chip, a biochemical layer, micro-fluidics and electronics, the patented technology guarantees high-end laboratory sensitivity while enabling real time and on-site detection of contaminants and biochemical substances in water. The 'Lab-on-Chip' sensor can be tailored for the detection of any specific (bio) chemical substance. Optiqua is a subsidiary of the Dutch based biotechnology company Optisense ([www.optisense.nl](http://www.optisense.nl)).