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Local Company SilcoTek to host Nobel Prize Laureate

Bellefonte, PA (March 4, 2020) –SilcoTek, a global coatings company based in Bellefonte, PA, will host Dr. Rai Weiss, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, at their headquarters on March 12th. Weiss won the prestigious award in 2017 for his achievements related to detecting gravitational waves.

Weiss intends to utilize SilcoTek's innovative coating technology to improve the efficiency and feasibility of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO). According to the LIGO website, the project was designed "to open the field of gravitational-wave astrophysics through the direct detection of gravitational waves predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity."

David Smith, research and development manager at SilcoTek, said "We are honored to partner with Dr. Weiss on this landmark project and are proud of this recognition of our game-changing coating technology. We're even more proud that major initiatives like LIGO may evolve thanks to innovation that's happening right here in Centre County."

SilcoTek will play host to key industry and academic contacts throughout the region for Weiss' visit on March 12th. Dr. Weiss will be giving a presentation at SilcoTek's facility about how the company's coating technology could play a key role in further advancement of LIGO. A live stream of the presentation will be broadcast at 12:30pm on March 12 at https://www.silcotek.com/rai_weiss.

About SilcoTek
SilcoTek is a world-leading provider of coatings applied by chemical vapor deposition, or CVD. Located in the Benner Commerce Park in Bellefonte, PA, the company receives parts to coat from leading technology organizations across the globe. Their customers range from public Fortune 500 companies to academic research laboratories.

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