

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Global Lighting Association and International Ultraviolet Association to co-operate on UV disinfection technology**

The Global Lighting Association (GLA) and the International Ultraviolet Association (IUVA) have signed a memorandum of understanding to co-operate on ultraviolet disinfection technology – also known as ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, or UVGI.

UVGI air disinfection technology is an established method for reducing infection risks caused by a wide range of contagious airborne diseases such as measles, influenza and tuberculosis. Increasingly it is also recognised as a key tool in reducing the level of indoor air contamination posed by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

The memorandum of understanding provides the mechanism for the GLA and IUVA to co-operate in a number of key areas, including:

- joint submissions and other approaches to organisations responsible for establishing ultraviolet disinfection standards and protocols
- joint activities to promote credible information on the application and benefits of UV-C for disinfection of airborne pathogens
- sharing expertise on safety, performance and effectiveness of ultraviolet disinfection technologies
- consultation on health and well-being matters for people in buildings.

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#### *About the Global Lighting Association*

*The Global Lighting Association is the voice of the lighting industry on a global basis. GLA shares information on political, scientific, social and environmental issues of relevance to the lighting industry and advocates its position to relevant stakeholders in the international sphere. See [www.globallightingassociation.org](http://www.globallightingassociation.org)*

#### *About the International Ultraviolet Association*

*The mission of the International Ultraviolet Association is to advance the science, engineering & application of ultraviolet technologies to enhance public health, the quality of human life & to protect the environment--through education, research, collaboration and advocacy. IUVA has over 500 members in more than 40 countries. See [www.iuva.org](http://www.iuva.org).*