

## AD HOC ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER SECTION 15 WPHG

### **LPKF results strengthened further**

The Group achieved the following results in the first six months:

	2005 (6 mon.)	2004 (6 mon.)	Change
<b>Turnover K €</b>	15,787	11,159	+41.5%
<b>Profit K €</b>	1,435	-46	
<b>Net margin</b>	9.1%	-0.4%	
<b>EBIT K €</b>	2,762	219	+1,161.2%
<b>EBIT margin</b>	17.5%	2.0%	
<b>EPS EUR</b>	0.13	0.00	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents K €</b>	6,987	6,262	+11.6%
<b>Capital ratio</b>	69.4%	72.7%	
<b>Orders in hand of AG as at 30.6. K €</b>	3,667	2,452	+49.6%
<b>Current orders AG on 11.8. K €</b>	4,076	3,168	+28.7%
<b>Orders received by AG on 31.3. K €</b>	12,600	10,170	+23.9%

### **Notes on the half year results:**

In the first 6 months of the 2005 financial year, LPKF achieved an increase in turnover by 41.5%, thereby exceeding its own targets for growth for the second quarter. The rise in costs was disproportionately low compared to growth in turnover, enabling the EBIT margin to rise considerably from 2.0% to 17.5%. The booming business in Asia with Cutting and Drilling Laser Systems is again the platform for the successful development in LPKF's business. The successful marketing of high end StencilLaser systems is particularly interesting. In addition, growth was also boosted by the inspection systems developed by the subsidiary LPKF Motion & Control GmbH. The previously loss-making Laser Plastic Welding segment generated a profit for the first time, and met its targets earlier than planned. The investment in this business sector is now beginning to pay off. The performance of the Rapid PCB Prototyping segment was slowed down in the first months of the financial year by a delay in delivery of a new Protomat model, but is now catching up on the shortfall with a rising sales.

### **Outlook 2005:**

A continuation of the strong growth is indicated by the excellent performance of the group in the first half of 2005, the substantial number of orders in hand and the renewed increase in orders received by LPKF AG. The Board of Managing Directors is optimistic to reach the targeted turnover of €30 million by the end of the year and expects the EBIT margin to be around 14 %.

LPKF Laser & Electronics AG shares are quoted in the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ISIN 0006450000).