

AD HOC ANNOUNCEMENT AS PER SECTION 15 WPHG**LPKF: Good start to 2009****Business performance**

The LPKF Group boosted turnover year-on-year by 19.2 % in the first quarter to € 10.1 million, and generated an EBIT margin of 12.0 %. Business has therefore performed better than forecast in the first three months of the year. The growth in turnover is attributable to the Laser segment, and particularly, laser systems for the production of molded interconnect devices (MID). The Rapid Prototyping segment suffered a decline in turnover against the background of the international economic situation. In addition to the growth in turnover with a modified product mix, there were also positive effects from the change in the US Dollar exchange rate.

Financial ratios at a glance for Q1 2009:

	31.03.2009	31.03.2008	Change
<i>in million EUR</i>			
Turnover	10.1	8.5	+ 19.2 %
Net margin (%)	5.5	- 4.4	
EBIT	1.2	- 0.3	
EBIT margin (%)	12.0	- 3.7	
Net income			
after minority interests	0.6	- 0.4	
ROCE (%)	2.8	- 0.8	
EPS (EUR)	0.05	- 0.03	
Cash and cash equivalents	5.6	1.9	+ 190.7 %
Capital ratio (%)	68.5	68.7	
Orders in hand	11.5	12.7	- 9.2 %
Orders received	11.2	11.8	- 5.2 %

Outlook 2009

Despite the good figures in the first quarter, the LPKF Group is still exposed to risks associated with the global economic crisis. All of LPKF's relevant markets are dependent on the global development in business activity. Forecasts are therefore associated with unusually high uncertainties. Nevertheless, LPKF considers itself to be well positioned thanks to its innovative products. The Board of Managing Directors is confident of the company's future performance and is sticking to its forecast for the 2009 financial year in the light of the current order situation. The forecast for 2009 is for the Group to generate a turnover similar to that achieved in 2008, and to improve profitability. The worst case scenario, presented alongside the forecast, of a decline in turnover of up to 25 %, but with a balanced result, is now considered to be less likely given the current business performance.

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