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## **LPKF raises turnover target for 2005 to € 33 million**

The Group generated the following results in the first nine months:

	<b>2005 (9 mon.)</b>	<b>2004 (9 mon.)</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Turnover TEUR</b>	25,168	17,179	+ 46.5%
<b>Profit TEUR</b>	2,282	111	+ 1,955.9%
<b>Net margin</b>	9.1%	0.6%	
<b>EBIT TEUR</b>	4,492	655	+ 585.8%
<b>EBIT margin</b>	17.8%	3.8%	
<b>EPS EUR</b>	0.21	0.01	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents TEUR</b>	8,159	6,124	+ 33.2%
<b>Capital ratio</b>	69.2%	72.5%	
<b>Orders in hand of AG as at 30.9. TEUR</b>	3,921	3,079	+ 27.3%
<b>Current orders AG on 21.11.</b>	5,749	3,671	+ 56.6%
<b>Orders received by AG on 30.9. TEUR</b>	20,408	15,209	+ 34.2%

### **Notes on the third quarter results:**

After the first nine months, LPKF Laser & Electronics AG boasts a strong growth in turnover of 46.5% and an even better rise in profits. This enabled the company to post the highest turnover in its almost 30 year history. The good development is attributable to the continuing sales successes in Asia. The engines of growth in the third quarter continue to be laser systems which show an impressive year-on-year growth of 51.2%. Turnover is developing positively in the Rapid PCB Prototyping segment, which also continues to have room for further growth generated by new products. The turnover of inspection systems (segment special systems) had the highest growth rate. Among other things these systems have opened up a new market for 3D-inspection systems for the chip-packaging industry with considerable growth potential for LPKF.

### **Outlook 2005:**

The results in the first nine months and the much higher level of orders in hand compared to the same period last year clearly highlight the sustainability of LPKF's growth. The Board of Managing Directors has therefore raised its turnover forecast for the ongoing financial year by 10% to € 33 million, and confirms the planning figures issued last year of € 50 million for 2007. The Board of Managing Directors forecasts a turnover of € 41 million in 2006.

The corporate strategy continues to be focussed on cutting and drilling lasers, and the inspection systems. Establishment of a subsidiary in Hong Kong, LPKF Laser & Electronics (ASIA), has now been successfully completed and will start operations at the beginning of 2006.

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