

## AD HOC ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO Section 15 WPHG

### **LPKF: Good growth in sales continues**

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

	2006 (9 months)	2005 (9 months)	Change
<b>Turnover TEUR</b>	27,417	25,168	+ 8.9%
<b>Profit TEUR</b>	2,245	2,282	- 1.6%
<b>Net margin</b>	8.2%	9.1%	
<b>EBIT TEUR</b>	4,210	4,492	- 6.3%
<b>EBIT margin</b>	15.4%	17.8%	
<b>EPS EUR</b>	0,21	0.21	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents TEUR</b>	4,494	8,159	- 44.9%
<b>Capital ratio</b>	67.0%	69.2%	
<b>Orders in hand of group 30.9. TEUR</b>	7,555	5,786	+ 30.6%
<b>Orders received by group 30.9. TEUR</b>	27,519	26,844	+ 2.5%

#### **Notes on the quarterly results:**

LPKF Laser & Electronics AG boasts an increase in turnover of 9% in the first nine months. Significantly, above average growth was posted by the Laser Systems segment where turnover expanded by 20% to EUR 16.4 million. The Laser Plastic-Welding business and the sale of 3D MID systems in particular have developed very positively within this segment. In the StencilLaser segment, customers ordered fewer of the older models in the run up to the launch of the new high performance standard systems. The many orders received for the new system will significantly boost turnover in the fourth quarter in this pivotal product segment. The sales of inspection systems at EUR 2.0 million are below target. LPKF has begun to expand the marketing and customer base for this segment to broaden the base of the business. Good performance was achieved in the Rapid PCB Prototyping segment with an almost completely renewed product line. Turnover grew by 16% to EUR 8.0 million. EBIT was influenced by special effects which have already been published. Adjusted for these special effects, EBIT would have risen by around 3.5%. The refund of interest on tax payments in Q3 2006 boosted the financial performance by EUR 0.2 million.

#### **Outlook**

Orders received of TEUR 7.555 create a good platform for a strong fourth quarter. A consolidated turnover of EUR 41 million is therefore forecast for the whole of the 2006 financial year.

The Board of Managing Directors expects the main boost in growth in 2007 to come from the 3D MID, the Laser Plastic-Welding segment and from the Rapid PCB Prototyping. However, the growth rate for 2007 is expected to be in the area of 10% rather than 20%, which would correspond to a turnover forecast of EUR 45 million.

The management is currently engaged in negotiations with a number of important clients for 3D MID systems. The outcome of these negotiations could lead to a significant increase of the above-mentioned forecast for the year 2007.

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