

AD HOC ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO § 15 WPHG

LPKF raises forecast for 2009

Company performance

The LPKF Group has increased its earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) to € 5.0 million (previous year: € 1.9 million) in the first nine months of 2009. Consolidated turnover rose around 10 % to € 34.7 million (previous year: € 31.6 million). Incoming orders at € 44.1 million was much higher than the previous year's level of € 32.6 million, and orders in hand rose to € 19.8 million (previous year: € 8.0 million).

Following on from a good first half, the LPKF Group boosted earnings even further in the third quarter. Compared to the same period the previous year, turnover in the third quarter rose by 2 % to € 12.2 million, and EBIT rose from € 1.4 million to € 2.2 million. Performance was positively influenced by the changed product mix and cost savings.

Business overall in the first nine months was better than forecast. Growth came from the Cutting & Structuring Lasers segment, where the structuring lasers for the production of molded interconnect devices (MIDs) using the patented LPKF LDS method were particularly in demand. Turnovers in other segments were either down or unchanged because of the current economic situation. The Rapid Prototyping and Joining Technologies segments though enjoyed an upswing in incoming orders again in the third quarter.

Outlook for 2009 and 2010

In the light of the extraordinarily good development in business in the first nine months, the Board of Managing Directors has raised the target for the whole of 2009, and now expects an annual turnover of at least € 47 million, with a double-figure EBIT margin.

For the year 2010 the Board of Managing Directors expects turnover to grow by a double figure percentage, and again expects to generate a double-figure EBIT margin. However, forecasting the development in 2010 is subject to the further development of the economy.

The LPKF Group Q3 report will be published on 10 November 2009.

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