

## AD-HOC MESSAGE

### **LPKF Laser & Electronics AG: Electronics market still critical**

Due to the highly uncertain political development and its influence on the global electronics market it is presently not possible for LPKF Laser & Electronics AG to give a reliable forecast for the sales development of the current business year.

Following the incidents of September 11, many potential customers have temporarily stopped their investments.

In order to adapt the manufacturing capacity and to reduce the personnel cost, LPKF Laser & Electronics AG is preparing to meet the requirements for potential short-time working in Garbsen and in Suhl. Suitable measures have also been taken to reduce other expenses.

Very strong efforts are currently being made concerning the worldwide sales activities for LPKF products to avoid an operational loss this year.

The Board of Directors emphasized that the acceptance of the LPKF product range in the world market is still very high, which is proved by the industry's great interest in LPKF laser systems. Negotiations with existing and potential customers are very positive. It is presently impossible, however, to state the exact date of a contract.

During the Board meeting of September 26, 2001 the Supervisory Board has decided at a suggestion of the Board of Directors on a further production-oriented investment in new plastics technologies (3-D MID) where great strides have been made. Against this background there is a high medium and long-term growth potential for LPKF Laser & Electronics AG with a sufficient cash situation.