

## AD-HOC MESSAGE

### **LPKF presents a positive half-year result in a very difficult market situation**

In spite of the global economic downturn on the electronics market, LPKF managed to increase the group turnover year-on-year by 7.6% to € 11.8 million. The group result was K€ 873 (K€ 1178), which corresponds to a sales return after tax of 7.4% (10.7%).

	Turnover	EBIT		Return on sales after tax	
	K€	K€	%	K€	%
Q2 2001	6296	410	6.5	228	3.6
Q2 2000	5221	1037	19.9	480	9.2
H1 2001	11796	1761	14.9	873	7.4
H1 2000	10967	2343	21.4	1178	10.7

The earnings per share is € 0.08 (€ 0.11).

Inventories within the group have increased by K€ 3,019 to K€ 10,557. This increase mainly results from the new system generation of the segments Rapid PCB Prototyping, StencilLaser and MicroLine Drill. Future customer orders can therefore be carried out within a very short delivery time.

Measures to reduce inventories till the end of the year have been taken, e. g. reducing production and replenishment disposition, but also intensifying the sales activities. Numerous contract negotiations currently taking place with potential customers show the great interest in LPKF's product innovations like ProtoLaser, MicroLine Drill and StencilLaser. This potential again highlights the attractiveness of LPKF's product range.

The current orders in hand of the LPKF AG are € 2.22 million.

The future-oriented R&D activities, mainly in the fields of MicroLine Laser and 3-D MID, will continue to be actively progressed to extend the technological leadership. This segment will show a high potential in demand in 2002/2003.

LPKF Laser & Electronics AG will give a more detailed outlook on the forecast for 2001 in September.

### **LPKF and Mania agreed to stop their cooperation.**

Companies LPKF Laser & Electronics AG and Mania Technologie AG announce that they have stopped their cooperation of marketing and sales of a system for cutting flexible PCBs. The reason for ending the cooperation is that expected turnover could not be reached. In future, LPKF will offer the system on the market via its own distribution organisation.