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In the first quarter of 2001, LPKF Laser & Electronics AG generated a turnover of EURO 5.5 million, which compared to last years figures, corresponds to a reduction of 4.3 %.

The world-wide economic decline left its mark also at LPKF, as the first quarter 2001 had a weak start.

As at March 31st, the orders received increased to 13%, compared to last year. The current backlog of orders is EURO 2.75 million. Sales planned for several laser systems to the sold in the United States of America and Asia were postponed to the second half of 2001. The economic situation had a negative effect and caused turnover decline for the segment of laser systems.

In the Rapid Prototyping segment, turnover could be increased by 3.7% to 3.002 million Euro.

With a consolidated result of Euro 645 K the return on sales after tax is 11.7 %. This leads to earnings per share of 0.06, as compared to Euro 0.07 in the last year.

The Board of Directors is expecting a good result for the end of 2001, in spite of the slow start. Similar to 2000 there will be a making up of grounds, based especially on the high sales potential of the MicroLine Drill system.

At present, the further business development is characterised by follow-up orders of the new MicroLine Drill, ProtoLaser and ScanCheck. On the occasion of an analysts' meeting held at our cooperation partner Atotech GmbH, Vice President Reinhard Schneider signalled an encouraging potential of 40 MicroLine laser systems to be sold until the end of 2003. LPKF Laser & Electronics AG sees this as a confirmation of the product strategy that is pursued.

The complete press information about the result of the first quarter can be found in the Internet under www.lpkf.de