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Know-how and licence agreement with Bayer AG in the field of 3D-MID circuits

Additional material availability secured

LPKF has succeeded in closing another know-how and licence agreement in the field of 3D-MID technology. The latest partner is Bayer AG. The agreement covers the acquisition by Bayer of LPKF's know-how on the production of modified granulates such as standard PBT and PET. The objective behind the agreement is the worldwide marketing of these products.

These special granulates are the basis for the laser technology developed by LPKF for the production of three dimensional housings with integrated circuits for applications like e.g. mobile telephone aerials. The major technical potential and the rationalisation possibilities are an intelligent addition of conventional circuit boards.

The materials produced by Bayer from now on are based on standard types for which the company already boasts a major share of the global market. The markets targeted by both companies in the 3D-MID sector include automobile electronics, telecommunications, domestic appliances and medical technology.

This additional material availability on the world market will considerably increase LPKF's opportunities for marketing its laser systems in the 3D-MID sector.

The income from the licence agreement has an additional positive effect, although there will be no rapid impact on the overall financial results. The primary aim is to boost the sale of 3D-MID laser systems by improving the availability of the materials and thus have a positive influence on turnover in the 2004 financial year.