

LINOS AG: Squeeze-out request of Optco Akquisitions GmbH

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Today, the management board of LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) received a formal request of Optco Akquisitions GmbH, whose registered office is in Göttingen, for the adoption of a resolution by the shareholders' meeting of LINOS AG on the transfer of the shares of the minority shareholders of LINOS AG to Optco Akquisitions GmbH as principal shareholder in return for an appropriate cash compensation. Optco Akquisitions GmbH holds approximately 95,32 per cent of the shares in LINOS AG and is therefore the principal shareholder pursuant to Section 327a Para. 1 Sentence 1 German Stock Corporation Act.

A profile of LINOS AG

LINOS AG is a manufacturer of state-of-the-art optical systems operating all over the world. In line with the corporate principle "Photonics for Innovation", LINOS is a development partner and supplier for customers in growth markets such as lasers, optical metrology, medicine, biotechnology and semiconductors. The company is listed in the General Standard index at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and joined the Qioptiq Group, which is an international leader in the design and production of high-precision optical components and modules for military and commercial applications, in June 2007. LINOS has about 800 highly qualified employees at the locations in Göttingen, Munich, Regen and Warsaw and reached a turnover of EUR 94 million in 2007. www.linos.de.

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