

LINOS AG: earnings in 2007 considerably lower than expected at about EUR 10 million

Göttingen, January 16, 2008. LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) generated total revenue of EUR 93.8 million in the 2007 fiscal year. This represents growth of 7.4 per cent over the previous year. The increase in the basic business, i.e. excluding the major order from the Turkish technology company, amounts to 6.2 per cent.

In spite of the higher revenue, the operating profit (EBIT) did not develop as anticipated. Up to now, the Executive Board has been working on the assumption of an adjusted operating profit of about EUR 12 million for the 2007 fiscal year. It is now expecting about EUR 10 million. This figure does not include extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with the takeover by Optco Akquisitionen GmbH.

Earnings have been depressed by write-downs of about EUR 1.1 million that were found to be necessary with respect to a number of major development projects when the periodic impairment test was made. The orders on hand changed the product mix too, which led to an unfavourable cost situation in the fourth quarter. Higher costs were incurred as well, particularly in the development field.

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A profile of LINOS AG

LINOS AG is a manufacturer of sophisticated optical systems that operates all over the world. In line with the corporate principle "Photonics for Innovation", LINOS is a development partner and supplier for customers in such growth markets as lasers, optical metrology, medicine, biotechnology and semiconductors. The company is listed in the General Standard index at 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. About 800 highly qualified staff work at the locations in Göttingen, Munich, Regen and Warsaw as well as at the sales companies in Great

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Britain, France and the USA. LINOS generated revenue of EUR 87 million in 2006. www.linos.de.

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