

LINOS AG opens new production centre in Regen

LINOS celebrates the opening of the new plant in Regen with senior representatives of the town, state and national authorities as well as 400 guests. Large investments are the basis for competitive operation at the location.

Göttingen/Regen, September 15, 2006. LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) opened its new building at the Regen location officially on September 15, 2006. At the ceremony, which was attended by about 400 guests, the Parliamentary Secretary of State at the German Ministry of Economics and Technology, Dagmar Wöhrl, emphasised the importance of optical technologies for the German business community in her speech. "The use of light – optical technologies – is a German success story. The German government has launched the 'high-tech strategy for Germany'. The optical technologies play an important role here as a major enabling technology", Wöhrl said. Ernst Hinsken (MP), the Regen Mayor Walter Fritz and the District Administrator Heinz Wölfl also spoke at the ceremony.

LINOS has invested about EUR 5.3 million in the new production centre. The Lower Bavarian government helped to fund the project by granting subsidies. Volker Brockmeyer, Chief Financial Officer of LINOS AG: "We intend to make Regen a Group location that stays competitive in the long term. We have not just constructed a new building; we have also been investing in production technologies and staff training programmes for years now." In the current fiscal year alone, LINOS is spending EUR 1.2 million on a new production line in Regen, with which highly complex optical systems are to be manufactured from the beginning of 2007 onwards.

The new building has a production area of 7,200 m². The Executive Board is expecting the move into the building to lead to a considerable improvement in the infrastructure and thus to more efficient operations. Production costs are to be reduced and the competitive position improved as a result. Better working conditions have been created for the employees too. About 250 LINOS staff are deployed at the Regen location at the present time. They produce high-quality lenses and glasses for complex optical systems that are developed in Göttingen and Munich.

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The LINOS logo consists of the word "LINOS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A small red dot is positioned above the letter "I".

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new building on the Metten-West industrial estate was held on August 12, 2005. The move from the old premises on the Rodenstock site to the new production centre was carried out gradually from April to June 2006, without deliveries having to be interrupted.

At an open day on September 16, 2006, visitors have an opportunity to take a look at the new plant and to watch the staff at work. Guests will find out more about the products supplied by LINOS AG at information stands. There will also be an exhibition with works by the glass artist Ditmar Freitag.

Photos of the new building in Regen can be downloaded from the Internet: www.linos.de / Press forum / Picture gallery.

About LINOS

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 was established as a management buy-out in 1996, has acquired and integrated various photonics companies – most recently Rodenstock Präzisionsoptik in Munich – since then and is listed in the Prime Standard index at Frankfurt Stock Exchange. LINOS AG focusses on the three business divisions Information Technology & Communications, Health Care & Life Sciences and Industrial Manufacturing. 750 highly qualified staff are employed in the Group, which produces at three locations in Germany as well as at a plant in Poland. LINOS has sales companies of its own in the USA, Great Britain and France, which are important export countries. On August 24, 2006, the Qioptiq Group made a takeover bid for all the LINOS shares via its investment company Optco Akquisitions GmbH; the offer period ends on October 6, 2006.

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