

LINOS: substantial increase in order intake

Order intake in the second quarter 66.1 per cent higher than in the previous quarter and 38.0 per cent higher than in the same quarter the previous year. No change in the revenue and earnings forecast for 2006.

Göttingen, July 7, 2006. LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) recorded order intake of EUR 29.4 million in the second quarter of 2006. This represents an increase of 66.1 per cent over the first quarter of 2006 (EUR 17.7 million) and of 38.0 per cent over the same quarter the previous year (EUR 21.3 million). LINOS increased order intake by 27.6 per cent in the first six months. It rose from EUR 36.9 million in the first half of 2005 to EUR 47.1 million in the first half of 2006.

Revenue in the second quarter amounted to EUR 21.6 million. Although this was slightly lower than in the previous quarter (EUR 21.9 million), it was 13.1 per cent up on the previous year (EUR 19.1 million). Compared with the first half of 2005, the photonics company therefore increased revenue by 7.9 per cent to EUR 43.5 million in the period under review.

As communicated in the report about the first quarter of 2006, the LINOS Executive Board is expecting revenue of EUR 85 to 88 million and an operating result (EBIT) between EUR 9.0 and 10.5 million for the current fiscal year.

The complete report about the first half of 2006 is being published on August 3, 2006.

A profile of LINOS AG

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