

LINOS AG: Executive Board confirms forecast for the current fiscal year

Revenue in the first nine months up 5.9 per cent at EUR 63.8 million. Total order intake 9.9 per cent higher. EBIT 5.3 per cent lower than in the previous year at EUR 6.8 million, EBT increased by 7.9 per cent to EUR 5.7 million. No change in the revenue and earnings forecast for 2006.

Göttingen, October 18, 2006. LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) generated revenue of EUR 20.3 million in the third quarter of 2006. This is an increase of 1.8 per cent over the same period the previous year (EUR 20.0 million). In the first nine months of the year, revenue grew by 5.9 per cent to EUR 63.8 million (previous year: EUR 60.3 million). The photonics company achieved the highest growth during this period in the USA (+ 33.7 per cent) and in the other countries (+ 47.0 per cent).

Order intake decreased by 13.3 per cent in the third quarter of 2006, from EUR 28.5 million in the previous year to EUR 24.7 million. Overall order intake in the first nine months of 2006 amounted to EUR 71.8 million. This was an increase of 9.9 per cent by comparison with the same period the previous year (EUR 65.3 million). The total orders on hand increased by 16.9 per cent, from EUR 67.6 million in the previous year to EUR 79.0 million.

The operating result (EBIT) in the first nine months of 2006 was 5.3 per cent lower than in the previous year (EUR 7.2 million) at EUR 6.8 million. Earnings before tax (EBT), on the other hand, increased by 7.9 per cent to EUR 5.7 million in the same period (previous year: EUR 5.3 million).

For the current fiscal year, the Executive Board of LINOS AG continues to expect revenue of EUR 85 to 88 million and an operating result (EBIT) between EUR 9.0 and 10.5 million.

The complete report on the first nine months of the year is being published on November 9, 2006.

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