

## LINOS AG: Qioptiq Group publishes takeover bid

**Göttingen, August 24, 2006.** Today the Executive Board of LINOS AG (ISIN DE0005256507) received the takeover bid announced by Optco Akquisitions GmbH (Optco) on July 14, 2006. The bid relates to the acquisition of bearer, no par value shares in LINOS AG in return for a cash payment of EUR 16 per share.

The bidder has informed the company that the bid document is available in the Internet at [www.optco-uebernahmeangebot.de](http://www.optco-uebernahmeangebot.de). It includes the individual conditions of the bid. You will find the press release by the Qioptiq Group with a summary of the most important information from the takeover bid on this website too.

In the next few days, the Executive Board and Supervisory Board of LINOS AG will be issuing a reasoned statement about the bid in accordance with § 27 of the German Security Acquisition and Takeover Act (WpÜG).

### **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. [www.linos.de](http://www.linos.de)*

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