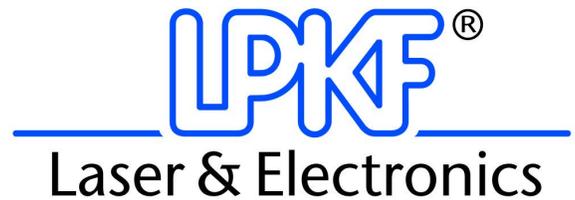


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**LPKF Laser & Electronics AG receives China Trader Award**

**November 18, 2008, Frankfurt, Germany** – LPKF Laser & Electronics AG has received the Cathay Pacific China Trader Award for Innovation & Technology. The award recognizes German corporations that demonstrate innovative technology and design as well as intercultural corporation of its German and Chinese employees. LPKF has been doing business in China, the world's fourth largest economy, for over 20 years and operates five successful offices with almost 60 employees. By selling laser systems for stencil production LPKF has reduced market share of chemical etching from 100% to less than 30%. The installation of several hundred PCB prototyping systems has also made a considerable contribution for the reduction of environmental pollution by providing an alternative to the use of chemicals.

The award has been presented by Tony Tyler, Chief Executive of Cathay Pacific Airways in Frankfurt, Germany. LPKF CEO, Bernd Hackmann stated, "The China Trader Award has now been awarded for the second time in Germany, and we are very proud to have been nominated for the award by such a high ranking jury. Our involvement in this expanding market not only opens up excellent opportunities for LPKF, but also involves an important element of social responsibility for all corporations." LPKF, headquartered in Garbsen, Germany is also a player in the worldwide expansion of the solar energy sector. The development of laser systems for the production of thin-film solar panels is the company's most recent successful venture into another growth segment.

**About LPKF**

LPKF Laser & Electronics is an ISO-9001 certified equipment manufacturer of equipment for the electronics industries; the worldwide headquarters is located in Garbsen, Germany with the North American headquarters located in Tualatin, Oregon. For more information about LPKF, visit <http://www.lpkfusa.com> or contact LPKF directly at 12555 SW Leveton Dr., Tualatin, OR 97062, Tel. 503-454-4200.



LPKF CEO Bernd Hackmann and two staff members with the China Trader Award

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