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LPKF Laser & Electronics Completes Expansion

Tualatin, OR, May 2013 — LPKF Laser & Electronics North America has completed the expansion of its Tualatin headquarters. The manufacturing specialist, which has seen steady growth over several years, increased office space by 40 percent.

“This expansion represents the steps we’ve taken as a company to extend our reach within the microelectronics industry,” explained Stephan Schmidt, president of LPKF North America. “We’ve grown not only in revenue but also in personnel.”

The updates include expanded working areas, an A/V studio, and an additional conference space where LPKF can welcome prospective clients.

Schmidt noted that the expansion “made sense as an investment in function as well as in human capital.”

LPKF manufactures milling machines and laser systems used in printed circuit board prototyping, microelectronics manufacturing, medical technology, and the automotive sector.

By promoting milling and laser ablation to fabricate circuit boards, Schmidt said LPKF is playing its part in reducing environmental waste.

“The status quo has been to use hazardous chemical etchants such as ferric chloride,” said Schmidt. “By using a mill or a laser beam to create circuitry, you eliminate the contamination issue that can occur when disposing waste.”

Coupled with its recent additions, LPKF is also taking steps to be more active in the community. Schmidt said LPKF financially supports charities its employees volunteer with.

“We’re doing our best to become more ingrained in the community. We all share this space, and LPKF wants to be a living, breathing member of the metro area.”

The company employs over 30 individuals, the majority of whom are Oregon natives.

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About LPKF

Established in 1976, LPKF Laser & Electronics manufactures milling machines and laser systems used in circuit board and microelectronics fabrication, medical technology, the automotive sector, and the production of solar cells. LPKF's worldwide headquarters is located in Hannover, Germany and its North American headquarters resides near Portland, Ore.