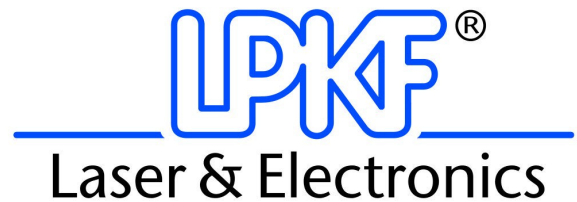


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LPKF Laser & Electronics Nominated for HERMES Award 2010

March 2009, Germany – An independent panel of judges has nominated **LPKF Laser & Electronics** as one of five companies, out of a total of some 50 applicants, for the final round of the HERMES AWARD 2010.

This award is one of the world's most famous technology prizes, and will be presented at the opening ceremony for HANNOVER MESSE 2010 on April 18th. The jury chairperson is Prof. Wolfgang Wahlster, Director and Chief Executive of the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI).

"The high quality of this year's entries demonstrates that the innovative power of enterprises remains unbroken. Especially in times of crisis, companies rely on the benefits of research and development. The five companies nominated for the HERMES AWARD demonstrate that innovation can also result from the novel combination of established technologies. The HERMES AWARD is comparable to an Olympic gold medal: It motivates researchers and developers to achieve their best performance and earns the recognition of colleagues and customers - and along with it, the desired business success," commented Wahlster.

The following five companies have been nominated for the award, sponsored by HANNOVER MESSE 2010 (in alphabetical order):

- attocube systems, Munich
- ebm-papst, Mulfingen
- **LPKF Laser & Electronics AG**, Hannover
- Proton Motor Fuel Cell, Puchheim
- Rittal GmbH & Co. KG, Herborn

The Fusion 3D laser system allows for the modification of extremely complex plastic components. A laser beam writes the electronic conducting patterns directly onto the three-dimensional component, allowing for the creation of high-grade circuit substrates from simple plastic components like a multifunction motorcycle handle or cell phone antennas. The laser system deploys four laser heads simultaneously for quicker and more precise processing.

About LPKF

LPKF Laser & Electronics AG manufactures machines and laser systems used in electronics fabrication, the automotive sector, and the production of solar cells. Around 20 percent of the workforce is engaged in research and development.