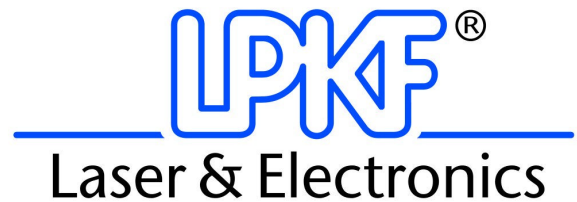


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## LPKF Exceeds Forecasts with Record Earnings

**March 2009, Garbsen, Germany** – The LPKF Group closed the 2009 financial year with earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) of € 7.0 million (previous year: € 3.1 million). Consolidated sales rose by 12% to € 50.7 million (previous year: € 45.4 million). Incoming orders at € 56.0 million were well up on the previous year's level of € 48.1 million. Orders in hand rose to € 14.7 million (previous year: € 10.3 million). The performance was positively influenced by the changed product mix and cost reductions.

Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) climbed from 7.4% to 15.7%. Profit per share rose to € 0.43 (previous year: € 0.17). Compared to the same quarter the previous year, turnover in the fourth quarter 2009 climbed by 16% to € 16.0 million, and EBIT rose from € 1.2 million to € 2.0 million. Growth was attributable to the Cutting & Structuring Laser Segment, and especially the unbroken demand for Laser Direct Structuring systems (LDS) for the production of Molded Interconnect Devices (MIDs).

### Outlook for 2010 and 2011

LPKF currently considers there to be growth potential in almost all of its divisions. The prospects for further growth are particularly good in the LDS business. Tangible signs of recovery in the markets have also been seen in other segments since the end of 2009. The macroeconomic development is very difficult to predict at the moment. Nevertheless, LPKF is expecting to do increase business in the 2010 financial year, and forecasts growth in sales to exceed 10%; and its EBIT margin to stay in double figures. If the global economy stabilizes during the course of the year, the Board of Managing Directors expects sales and profits to grow further in the 2011 financial year.

At the Supervisory Board meeting on March 26, 2010, the Supervisory Board adopted a resolution to appoint CEO Dr. Ingo Bretthauer also to the position of Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, effective immediately. Because of the positive development in business in 2009, the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board will pose a resolution at the annual general meeting on June 10, 2010 to pay a dividend of 20 cents per share. LPKF Laser & Electronics AG shares are listed on the Prime Standard at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ISIN 0006450000).

### About LPKF

LPKF Laser & Electronics is the world leading manufacturer of both mechanical and laser systems for the production of PCB prototypes, enjoying over 80% market share in the business segment. LPKF's worldwide headquarters is located in Garbsen, Germany and maintains North American headquarters in Tualatin, OR. More information is available at LPKF's web site: [www.lpkfusa.com](http://www.lpkfusa.com)

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