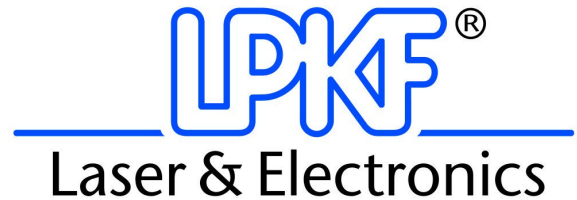


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### LPKF Expands Presence in United States

**July 2009, Erlangen, Germany** – LPKF Laser & Electronics AG is bucking the trend and continuing to grow with systems which open up new means of production and make existing production methods more economical. The Plastic Welding Division of the specialist laser company is expanding its workforce, office space and equipment pool at its US location in Detroit, MI.

“The expansion in Detroit enables us to serve the needs of our clients and potential customers even better. This establishes the platform for more growth in North America,” explains Frank Brunnecker, LPKF Plastic Welding Division Manager.

LPKF specializes in laser technology, and generated better figures in the first months of 2009 than in the same period the previous year. Laser Plastic Welding made an important contribution to this performance with highly productive systems that help its clients solve even complicated joining tasks efficiently and with high quality results.

LPKF is looking forward to the second half of 2009 with a fair degree of optimism. The company is strengthening its activities in the USA and expanding its distribution office in Detroit: more space for larger showrooms, additional on-site development and production equipment, and new employees. The direct presence of highly productive laser welding machines enables potential customers to see the equipment in action – undertaking various tasks including sample production and process optimization in cooperation with the Application Center in Erlangen.

Oliver Brandmayer is the new Technical Manager at LPKF Laser & Electronics North America in Detroit, MI USA and will be responsible for engineering and application development of the growing Laser Plastics Welding business in North America.

Brandmayer is working alongside Sales and Marketing manager, Chris Korson. Brandmayer will assist the LPKF US team with his many years of experience in the laser plastic welding field with LPKF AG performing system design, project management, and new product development for the latest laser systems.



Figure 1: Oliver Brandmayer is assisting the LPKF US Sales Office in Detroit.



**Figure 2: The LQ-Vario, installed in LPKF's Detroit location, can be customized to each production requirement.**

### **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.

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