



Press Announcement

SUSS MicroTec Establishes SUSS MicroOptics SA for Continued Micro-Optics Development

MUNICH— July 3, 2002— SUSS MicroTec today announced the foundation of SUSS MicroOptics SA in Neuchatel, Switzerland. Effective July 1, 2002, the new company took over all activities of the SUSS MicroTec subsidiary and those of the Neuchatel-based consulting company Weible OpTech. SUSS MicroTec holds the majority of SUSS MicroOptics SA.

Reinhard Völkel will serve as CEO of SUSS MicroOptics. Martin Eisner is in charge of technology and Ken Weible is in charge of operations. Reinhard Völkel has more than 15 years of experience in diffractive and refractive micro-optics, optical design and optical communication technology.

Reinhard Völkel worked at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and the Institute of Microtechnology (IMT) in Neuchatel before he joined the SUSS MicroTec in 1998, where he was in charge of the subsidiary in Neuchâtel.

SUSS MicroOptics in Neuchatel focuses on the development, manufacturing and marketing of high quality refractive optics and has profound knowledge in optical design, microfabrication, packaging and metrology. It is the only company worldwide to offer refractive microlenses arrays in 200 mm wafer technology. The company's products include micro-optical components and systems such as planar couplings, micro-optics for UV-illumination systems, objectives for micro-cameras and collimators for high power lasers. More information about the company is available at www.suss-microoptics.com.

About SUSS MicroTec

SUSS MicroTec is a leading supplier of production and process technology for the semi-conductor industry. SUSS MicroTec primarily services emerging markets, which are currently converting to new technologies thereby ensuring their continued ability to compete. SUSS maintains its leadership position with over 7,000 systems installed worldwide. SUSS products include coating developing systems, proximity lithography systems, substrate bonders, flip chip bonders and probe systems. Headquartered in Munich, Germany, SUSS has 1,000 employees worldwide and provides support from sales and service centres in North America, Europe, Asia and Japan. More information about SUSS MicroTec and its products is available from its web site at www.suss.com or www.suss.de.

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