



Press release

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Hermès International SCA sells its share interest in Leica Camera AG

Hermès International SCA, Paris, today informed Leica Camera AG, Solms (ISIN DE000A0EPU98), that it has sold to ACM Projektentwicklung GmbH its share interest in Leica Camera AG, as well as half of its holdings of the convertible bonds issued by Leica Camera AG in 2004. In the year 2004, Leica Camera AG had issued convertible bonds in an amount of € 15.0 million, maturing on March 3, 2014; to the knowledge of Leica Camera AG, until recently Hermès International SCA held approximately 96.5 % of the abovementioned convertible bonds.

According to information given by Hermès International SCA, the sale is under the proviso of approval by the competent cartel authorities. From the point of view of Hermès International SCA, as well as ACM Projektentwicklung GmbH such approval is to be expected in all probability.

The Hermès International SCA group of companies will remain connected with Leica Camera AG through the remaining holdings of the convertible bonds, as well as through its interest in the Japanese agency of Leica Camera AG, amounting to 49 % of all respective participating interests. The CEO of Hermès International SCA, Patrick Thomas, will keep his mandate in the Supervisory Board of Leica Camera AG.

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