



Press release

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Continuation of the cooperation with Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd.

Leica Camera AG (ISIN DE000A0EPU98), Solms, and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd., Osaka/Japan, have signed contracts on the continuation of their cooperation in the field of optical technology on September 25, 2006. The contracts follow a Memorandum of Understanding on this topic, which was signed on February 24, 2006 and which was announced by Leica Camera AG in a release on the same day.

The cooperation concerns the exchange of technical know-how on optical solutions and components of digital cameras. Leica Camera AG is assured to receive digital camera components from Matsushita. The Leica compact cameras business accounted for Euro 16.9 million turnover in the fiscal year 2005/2006 (March 31) and represented a share of 15.8% of the group's turnover. Digital cameras created in cooperation with Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd. are the main part of this growing product group.

Further the cooperation includes license agreements, which enable Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd. to use the Leica trademark and lens trademarks for certain jointly developed and jointly manufactured lenses.

The strategic cooperation is seen as a win-win-model for both companies, which both companies intend to continue with a long-term perspective.

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