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Cancellation of the acquisition and transfer contract regarding 51 % of the shares in Sinar AG

The acquisition and transfer contract, as announced by the ad-hoc release of September 25, 2006, between Leica Camera AG and Jenoptik Laser, Optik, Systeme GmbH, Jena ("Jenoptik") regarding 51 % of the shares of Sinar AG, Feuerthalen, Switzerland, is cancelled. Both parties to the contract have made declarations on the matter and believe that the acquisition and transfer contract has definitely foundered. Leica Camera AG continues to pursue the goal to extend its business by internal as well as external growth. Both companies expect that the existing technical co-operation between Jenoptik and Leica Camera AG will be continued.

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