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

Leica Camera AG (ISIN DE000A0EPU98/ISIN DE000A0EPU72), Solms, and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd., Osaka/Japan, have signed a memorandum of understanding on the continuation of their cooperation in the field of optical technology for digital still cameras on 24 February 2006. Both partners add their respective know-how and create real synergies in producing cutting edge digital products. The major objectives include a further prolongation of their cooperation based on the successful fruits proven so far on the course of cooperation in past years. Mutual shareholdings or further business integration are not intended.

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