



Press release

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SOCRATES Privatstiftung takes over majority of shares

SOCRATES Privatstiftung, Vienna, Austria, today informed Leica Camera AG that on February 10, 2006 its share of voting rights of Leica Camera AG has exceeded the 50 % threshold. The share of voting rights held by SOCRATES Privatstiftung now amounts to approximately 50.04 %, approximately 50.04 % of which are attributable to SOCRATES Privatstiftung according to section 22 (1) sentence 1 no. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (*Wertpapierhandels-gesetz*). SOCRATES Privatstiftung holds 100 % of the interest in ACM Projektentwicklung GmbH, Salzburg, Austria, which company in turn holds approximately 50.04 % of Leica Camera AG.

Concurrently, ACM Projektentwicklung GmbH, Salzburg, Austria, today informed Leica Camera AG that on February 10, 2006 its share of voting rights has exceeded the 50 % threshold. The share of voting rights held by ACM Projektentwicklung GmbH now amounts to approximately 50.04 %.

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