



Press release

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Interim announcement as at December 31, 2007: 3rd quarter fiscal year 2007/2008

The Leica Camera Group (ISIN DE000A0EPU98) closed the third quarter with sales in the amount of € 38,181,000 (previous year: € 45,438,000). The higher sales in the comparable prior year quarter had been the effect of the Company's successful participation in the 2006 photokina trade fair. Cumulated sales for the fiscal year came to € 127,017,000 as at December 31, 2007 (previous year: € 97,324,000). This increase in sales primarily is the result of the strong sales of the M system and the digital compact cameras.

As a result of the sales decrease in comparison to the prior year period, EBIT (earnings before interest and tax) for the quarter under review were € 1,803,000 (previous year: € 3,605,000).

In the third quarter of the fiscal year the Company made development expenditure in the amount of € 3,798,000 (previous year: € 2,367,000).

Leica Camera Group's forecast for fiscal year 2007/2008 remains unchanged: the Company expects to achieve a slightly positive operating result. Total assets as at December 31, 2007 were 1.8 % higher than at March 31, 2007. Changes on the assets side of the balance sheet consisted of a 20.9 % increase in inventories, a 27.1 % decrease in receivables and a 29.5 % increase in liquid funds. On the equity and liabilities side there were no significant changes in the period under review. As a result of the positive earnings development in the fiscal year's first nine months, the equity ratio increased from 16.5 % as at March 31, 2007 to 23.1 % as at December 31, 2007.

The number of employees in the Group increased from 940 to 1,003 due to the expansion of business.

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