

Carl Zeiss SMT acquires NaWoTec

Oberkochen, June 01, 2005. Carl Zeiss SMT and a group of investors led by Wellington Partners, CIPIO, Target Partners, and Intel Capital have signed an agreement under which Carl Zeiss SMT acquires 100% of the shares of NaWoTec GmbH, Rossdorf, Germany, for its Semiconductor Metrology Systems Division. This move will further strengthen Carl Zeiss SMT's technology base in the area of nanostructuring and mask repair technology and aims at further broadening the semiconductor equipment related business of Carl Zeiss SMT beyond lithography optics.

Dr. Hermann Gerlinger, President and CEO of Carl Zeiss SMT AG, explained: "With the acquisition of NaWoTec, Carl Zeiss SMT is adding to its technology portfolio excellent application know-how of mask repair processes, highly flexible application software allowing easy adaptation for further applications, and computer controlled gas injection hardware to precisely control chemical reactions."

Frank Averdung, CEO of NaWoTec, added: "Combined with the outstanding performance of the Carl Zeiss SMT E-Beam platform and Carl Zeiss SMT's worldwide sales and service network, the business is well poised for accelerated and sustained growth on a long-term basis."

In order to broaden the product portfolio, Carl Zeiss SMT has developed the E-Beam based mask repair system MeRiT™ MG in close

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cooperation with NaWoTec GmbH. For MeRiT™ NaWoTec won the Innovation Award of the German Industry in 2004.

Bart Markus, General Partner at Wellington, concluded: "We are very happy with the Carl Zeiss SMT / NaWoTec transaction. Carl Zeiss SMT has been an extremely professional partner of NaWoTec for the past 3 years, and we believe NaWoTec is a great contribution to further strengthen Carl Zeiss SMT's position as a leading European semiconductor equipment powerhouse."

NaWoTec's operations will be closely integrated with the Semiconductor Metrology Division of Carl Zeiss SMT, and the transaction is expected to close during the second quarter of 2005.

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About Carl Zeiss SMT AG

With a wide-ranging product portfolio, Carl Zeiss SMT AG meets the requirements of the key processes involved in microchip production, making it one of the leading direct and indirect suppliers to the semiconductor industry. As an innovation leader in the field of Lithography Optics and optical and electron beam-based inspection and measuring systems, Carl Zeiss SMT generates important momentum for further development in the chip industry. Together with its subsidiaries at locations in Germany, UK, USA and France, the international group of companies employs a total workforce of some 1,900 people. For the latest fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, the company recorded Net Sales of EUR 540 Million. The stock corporation emerged from the Semiconductor Technology business group of Carl Zeiss as a 100% subsidiary on October 1, 2001. **Visit <http://www.smt.zeiss.com> for additional information.**

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