

LINOS agrees transfer of the DermoGenius[®] video systems

Göttingen, July 15, 2005. The LINOS Group and the medical technology company BIOCAM from Regensburg in Germany have signed an agreement about the transfer of the DermoGenius[®] video systems. The “DermoGenius plus” and “DermoGenius ultra” video systems as well as the non-exclusive sales rights to the DermoGenius basic hand magnifying glass are the object of the agreement. This means that the computer-based DermoGenius[®] system for the early detection of skin cancer will not be marketed by LINOS in future. BIOCAM is assuming and fulfilling all the service and warranty commitments as a result. The contract will probably be taking effect in September this year.

DermoGenius[®] was developed by LINOS in co-operation with an interdisciplinary group of scientists, universities and research institutes, in order to increase the reliability of skin cancer diagnoses. With the help of the systems, experienced dermatologists can decide with more than 90 per cent accuracy whether the changes in the skin that are being tested are malignant. Central elements of the systems are a high-resolution CCD camera and a patented process for standardised detection, which guarantees faithful reproduction of lightness and colour irrespective of the equipment used. On the basis of numerous reference cases, the computer calculates a number of points that the doctor can include in his diagnosis as an objective assessment criterion.

Professor Dr Gerd Litfin, Chief Executive Officer of LINOS AG: “Our DermoGenius[®] systems have aroused great interest since they were launched on the market in 2000. It has, however, become clear that it is a very laborious process for us to maintain direct market access to dermatological practices for DermoGenius[®] alone. Our business model does not involve any direct selling to end-users otherwise“. The contract with BIOCAM enables LINOS to continue contributing its core skills in the production of sophisticated optical systems to the project.

BIOCAM is a leading supplier of medical technology for the fluorescence-based early detection of cancer and other inflammatory skin disorders. The

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company therefore has a sound basis for continuing to market the DermoGenius® product group successfully.

A profile of LINOS AG

LINOS AG is a manufacturer of sophisticated optical systems that operates all over the world. In line with the corporate principle "Photonics for Innovation", LINOS is a development partner and supplier for customers in such growth markets as lasers, optical metrology, medicine, biotechnology and semiconductors. The company was established in a management buy-out in 1996, has acquired and integrated various photonics companies – most recently Rodenstock Präzisionsoptik in Munich – since then and is listed in the Prime Standard index at Frankfurt Stock Exchange. LINOS AG focusses on the three strategic business divisions Information Technology & Communications, Health Care & Life Sciences and Industrial Manufacturing. Almost 800 highly qualified staff are employed in the Group, which has three production locations in Germany as well as a plant in Poland. LINOS has sales companies of its own in the USA, Great Britain and France, which are important export countries. <http://www.linos.de>

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