

Highlights of 2002

January

The optical technology training centre (AoT), where the precision optics apprentices spend the first year of their training, starts operation.

March

About 30 analysts and representatives of the press come to the financial press and analysts' conference in Frankfurt.

April

The Supervisory Board appoints Volker Brockmeyer to be the new Chief Financial Officer of LINOS AG.

LINOS exhibits at Semicon in Munich as well as at the Hanover Fair.

May

The Annual Shareholders' Meeting of LINOS AG is held in Göttingen for the first time. More than 150 shareholders attend the meeting and support the strategy presented by the Executive Board.

June

DermaGenius, the diagnostics system for the early detection of skin cancer developed by LINOS, wins an award as one of the runners-up in the 2002 Bavarian Innovation Prize.

LINOS receives two major orders with a volume of about EUR 3.5 million in the media technology segment.

The LINOS Group presents its product range at OPTATEC 2002 in Frankfurt.

July

LINOS concludes a co-operation agreement with Munich Polytechnic. The aim of this co-operation is to develop innovative optic concepts.

August

The LINOS Group presents its reorganisation concept to the public and creates the basis for improving earnings and cash flow in doing so.

18 apprentices start their careers within the Group. LINOS has a total of 69 apprentices.

September

LINOS receives general orders with a total volume of EUR 4.6 million in the Health Care & Life Sciences business division.

LINOS exhibits at Photokina in Cologne.

October

Rodenstock Präzisionsoptik GmbH & Co. KG and LINOS Photonics GmbH are combined to form a single company - LINOS Photonics GmbH & Co. KG.

In order to encourage up-and-coming young scientists, LINOS for the first time offers three grants worth a total of EUR 108,000 for the degree course in precision manufacturing engineering.

November

LINOS is represented at the international trade fair Medica in Düsseldorf, exhibits at Vision 2002 in Stuttgart and participates in the European Academy of Dermatology & Venerology in Prague.

December

EADS, the leading European aerospace and defense group, places an order for EUR 6 million with LINOS. LINOS is developing and producing optical systems for defense applications on behalf of EADS.