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PI (Physik Instrumente) acquires a majority of shares in miCos GmbH

A big player in the world of the very small

The Karlsruhe-based company PI has recently become co-owner of miCos GmbH in Eschbach, Germany. This allows PI to supplement its extensive micro- and nanopositioning portfolio with a specialist in the field of vacuum applications and system integration. PI thereby expands its range of fast, high-precision system solutions, especially in the area of micropositioning, with air bearing technology and linear motors, for example.

In the future, PI-miCos will function as a subsidiary of PI GmbH & Co. KG. Lucius Amelung will remain Managing Director.

Dr. Karl Spanner, Managing Director of PI, is pleased with the success of the negotiations: "We expect a lot from the synergy effects of this integration and are looking forward to the related challenges and a successful cooperation. Our use of common resources – such as technical know-how, many years of experience, highly qualified employees and extensive industry knowledge – opens up new potentials."

Lucius Amelung, Managing Director of miCos GmbH, sees only advantages for customers and the company as a result of the merger with PI: "We have found a strong, experienced partner in PI.

Cooperation with the technological leader in nan positioning technology and piezoelectric drives opens up new possibilities for us to develop high-quality, innovative products. We are acquiring a new global presence while maintaining our product portfolio, the Eschenbach location and the contacts for our customers."

The integration process of the two successful companies will be quickly implemented in the coming months.

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Figure 1: Managing Directors: Dr. Karl Spanner (PI) and Lucius Amelung (miCos)

Figure 2: The product worlds come together: parallel-kinematics positioning systems miCos SpaceFAB (right) and PI Hexapod

About PI

Over the last four decades, the Karlsruhe-based company has become the leading manufacturer of nan positioning technology. PI is a private company with healthy growth, more than 600 employees world-wide and a flexible, vertically integrated organization which enables PI to fulfill almost any request in the field of innovative precision positioning technology. All key technologies are developed in-house. This means that every phase from the design right down to the shipment can be controlled: The precision mechanics and the electronics as well as the position sensors and the piezo ceramics or actuators. The latter are produced by the subsidiary company PI Ceramic. PI has its own sales and service offices at eight important business locations. Moreover, the company maintains testing devices for nanometrology on three continents. PI Shanghai and PI USA have additional development and manufacturing resources which allow rapid local reaction to custom-engineered specifications.

or in brief:

Well-known for the high quality of its products, PI is one of the leading players in the global market for precision positioning technology for many years. PI has been developing and manufacturing standard and OEM products with piezo or motor drives for 40 years now. In addition to its three German factories, PI has eight subsidiaries and a total of over 600 employees worldwide.

About miCos GmbH

miCos Mechanische Instrumente und optische Systeme GmbH is a leading technology company which was founded in 1990 and now employs more than 50 people in Eschbach, Germany.

miCos develops, manufactures and sells innovative systems and components in the fields of ultra-precise positioning technology and educational laser kits all over the world. miCos is the technology leader for positioning tasks to be performed under vacuum conditions. Combined with a wide application-related know-how, miCos is able to meet all demands arising in the field of micro- and nanotechnology and with regard to customer-specific systems. Highly qualified specialists develop products which meet the highest demands in design and quality.