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Berliner Glas acquires majority interest in Prinz Optics GmbH

Berlin/Stromberg 2005 - Berliner Glas KGaA Herbert Kubatz GmbH & Co.'s acquired majority interest in Prinz Optics GmbH, Stromberg, provides Berliner Glas with an additional optical coating service for its technical glass division. The transaction is to be completed by the end of June and becomes effective from the 1st July 2005.

The takeover has led to a further increase in the number of Berliner Glas's in-house manufacturing processes necessary to produce technical glass. Berliner Glas's locations in Berlin, Schwäbisch Hall and Syrgenstein are currently producing high-grade, refined technical glass, focusing primarily on the areas of data processing, display technologies, sensors, and medical engineering.

Prinz Optics GmbH is one of Europe's leading providers of optical coatings manufactured using the sol-gel immersion method. The innovative company with its 30-headstrong team of employees is active in the market segments: display, projection, lighting, architecture, and industrial glass.

Prinz Optics GmbH will continue to operate under the same name at its location in Stromberg. Graduate physicist Peter Röhlen will remain the company's managing director. Division Vice President Technical Glass at Berliner Glas is Jörg Bannicke, based in Berlin.

Berliner Glas sees their acquisition of Prinz Optics GmbH as a solid investment for the future.

Dr. Herbert Kubatz, managing director and owner of Berliner Glas KGaA: „The acquisition of Prinz Optics GmbH secures our access to coating technologies and increases the options we have in future markets.”

Jörg Bannicke, Division Vice President Technical Glass: “Integrating such a market leading specialist for immersion coating methods into the Berliner Glas Group enables us to further develop and refine our professional skills, and improve our flexibility towards our customers“.

Peter Röhlen, managing director of Prinz Optics: „Our technology rounds off Berliner Glas's portfolio perfectly. This is great news for our clients. Together with our newly found strong partner Berliner Glas we will be able to increase our product range, without sacrificing any of the crucial advantages of a medium-sized company.“



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