

Press Release



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Leica Microsystems Enlarges Product Portfolio through Company Acquisition

Wetzlar, Germany / Vienna, Austria. On January 2, 2008, Leica Microsystems (Wetzlar) announced it had purchased the assets of Vienna-based Life Optics, a developer, producer and marketer of head-mounted optical systems. The acquisition also includes the worldwide intellectual property rights. Leica Microsystems will manage this product group out of its Heerbrugg, Switzerland facility.

These head-mounted optical systems are designed specifically for use in surgery and dentistry. "This new product, which the surgeon puts on like a large pair of spectacles, serves as a fast, flexible, and easily adjusted microscope and is an excellent addition to our current product portfolio," says Herbert Stüttler, Head of Leica Microsystems' Surgical Division in Heerbrugg.

Leica Microsystems is a leading global designer and producer of innovative, high-tech, precision optical systems for the analysis of microstructures. It is one of the market leaders in each of its business areas: Microscopy, Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy with corresponding Imaging Systems, Specimen Preparation, and Medical Equipment. The company manufactures a broad range of products for numerous applications requiring microscopic imaging, measurement, and analysis. It also offers system solutions for life science including biotechnology and medicine, research and development of raw materials, and industrial quality assurance. The company is represented in over 100 countries with 9 manufacturing facilities in 7 countries, sales and service organizations in 19 countries and an international network of dealers. The international management is headquartered in Wetzlar, Germany.