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### **Proaut Technology GmbH joins Photonics Systems Group**

Proaut Technology GmbH (“Proaut”) is an innovative provider of process automation solutions in the fields of microelectronics and semiconductor technology. The Berlin-based company was founded about 30 years ago by Mr Helmut Muchow and will now become part of Photonics Systems Group in the context of his succession. As part of the Group, Proaut’s growth will accelerate over the coming years and enable the exploitation of synergies in the area of sales, services and technology.

Helmut Muchow steered the company for a long time but he has not been operationally involved in recent years. The current Proaut management team led by managing director Thilo Wicht has been in charge of the company for many years and will remain responsible for Proaut following the acquisition.

The acquisition brings many advantages both for Proaut and the entire Group. One key aspect is the complementary expansion of the companies’ product and services portfolio. Current clients will thus be able to benefit from additional products and an even better service offering. The Proaut products will be offered to a broader client base through the Group’s current, global sales channels. The innovative capacity of the enlarged Group will be promoted further through cross-disciplinary exchange in research and development as well as complementary competencies.

The owners of Photonics Systems Group target above-average growth rates for the entire Group over the coming years. The growth will be organic and the result of further acquisitions and will involve all the Group locations.

### **About Proaut Technology GmbH**

Proaut is a solution provider for semiconductor machinery based in Berlin. The company was founded in 1990 and has gained a reputation among customers as a client-oriented, reliable and innovative partner over the past few decades. Besides the key product group of precision measurement machines for electronic components on wafers and panels, the product portfolio also includes microphone testers, pressure sensor testing, tape and reel systems (tapers) and laser markers. The company has over 35 employees in Berlin and Singapore.

### **About Photonics Systems Group**

Photonics Systems Group is the market leader for laser micromaterial processing. The Group comprising companies InnoLas Solutions and L-TRIS develops, produces and sells high-precision system and process solutions for client-specific laser applications in the photovoltaic, electronic and semiconductor industry. The systems are used by renowned, globally operational clients in the core markets of Europe, the US and Asia. The Group employs over 120 people at its head office in Krailing, in the US and at various locations in Asia.