



„Management-Buy-Out at U-L-M photonics GmbH

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U-L-M photonics GmbH / Ulm has been operated as Joint-Venture together with the internationally acting technology group SCHOTT AG / Mainz. U-L-M will continue its operations as a Management-Buy-Out independent from SCHOTT. Thus U-L-M has all opportunities to further develop its business outside of SCHOTT's strategic focus.

Products of U-L-M are special semiconductor lasers (so called VCSELs). U-L-M acts as technology leader in several markets like communication, sensing, and automotive. Since spring 2005 components for high volume consumer products (optical PC mouse) are shipped.

SCHOTT regards the Management-Buy-Out as important step towards long term success of U-L-M. Dr. Dieter Wiedenmann, General Manager of U-L-M, emphasizes the previous constructive cooperation with SCHOTT and appreciates the decision explicitly: "U-L-M has developed very well together with its partner SCHOTT during the past years – now it's getting time to get on our own feet. The company is stable and develops in challenging and prospective markets. U-L-M will continue to be a reliable supplier and development partner and will keep the technological lead in the area of VCSELs"

**U-L-M photonics GmbH
Management**