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Leadership change at Carl Zeiss Vision

Arne Frank appointed interim CEO – Dr. Norbert Gorny leaves the company for personal reasons

Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH announced a change in its management board, effective 13 January 2009. Dr. Norbert Gorny, CEO of Carl Zeiss Vision, has decided to leave the company for personal reasons. Arne Frank, chairman of the advisory board of Carl Zeiss Vision, will act as interim CEO and lead the company with executive board members Klaus Leinmüller and Dr. Raymund Heinen until a permanent CEO has been appointed.

Arne Frank is chairman of the advisory board of Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH, and a senior industrial advisor of the private equity company EQT; one of the largest private equity companies in Europe. Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH is equally owned by EQT and Carl Zeiss AG.

Up until December 31st, 2008 Arne Frank was chairman and CEO of TAC and a member of the Schneider Electric Executive Committee. Arne Frank has led TAC, a former EQT company, since 1999 and oversaw its very profitable growth from 100 million EUR sales to nearly two billion EUR. Arne Frank is also chairman of the advisory board of Contex, a previous EQT portfolio company, as well as a non-executive board member of the publicly listed Swedish company Nibe AB. Since January 1, 2009, Frank has also been active as a senior advisor to Schneider Electric.

“The advisory board of Carl Zeiss Vision sincerely thanks Dr. Norbert Gorny for his leadership of the company during the past years. Dr. Gorny has built a very strong senior management team that has our complete confidence. He has also led the company through an important transition and formulated very clear strategies that will not change”, said Arne Frank. “As chairman of the advisory board and interim CEO I will focus 100% on Carl Zeiss Vision. One of my main tasks will be to appoint a new CEO as quickly as possible who will then lead the company in the long term.”

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Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH, headquartered in Aalen (Germany) has a strong presence in all important markets in Europe, the United States, Asia and Australia. The company is the world number two in the market for eyeglass lenses. Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH is equally owned by Carl Zeiss AG and the private equity company EQT through its fund EQT III. Carl Zeiss Vision generated revenues of €892m in the last fiscal year (2007/08) with approx. 12,000 employees spread over all continents.

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