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Sincerely,
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Pfäffikon SZ, May 21, 2002 – The Umicore Group with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, acquires Unaxis Materials AG, in Balzers, Liechtenstein, along with Materials businesses in Nashua, New Hampshire (USA) and Taiwan. This transaction is subject to approval by the German Federal Cartel Office. Aggregate sales by these Business Units were CHF 53 million in 2001.

Unaxis is convinced that Umicore is the ideal purchaser for these companies, which will be integrated into Umicore's Advanced Materials Business Group. For Unaxis, this transaction concludes the sale of the Materials division and marks a further step towards concentrating on core activities.

Unaxis is a leading global provider of manufacturing systems, components and services for selected Information Technology, Surface Technology and Components and Special Systems markets.

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