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for and on behalf of  
Unaxis Holding, Inc.

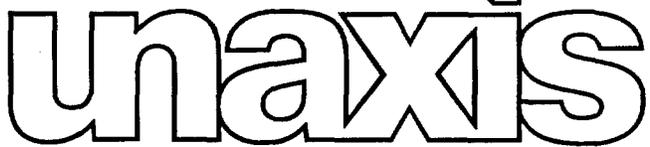


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Enclosure

- **October 17, 2003, Preliminary injunction against commercial-register entry of ESEC's merger with Unaxis**

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## Media release

### **Preliminary injunction against commercial-register entry of ESEC's merger with Unaxis**

**Pfäffikon, October 17, 2003** – The presiding judge of the Zug Cantonal Court has temporarily prolonged the ban secured by Classic Fund Management AG, Vaduz (CFM), against entry of the merger of ESEC Holding SA with Unaxis Holding SA into the commercial register. By means of a preliminary injunction, the commercial registrars of the cantons of Zug and Schwyz have been instructed not to record the merger until further notice. As already announced at the October 7, 2003, extraordinary general meeting of ESEC shareholders, completion of the merger will be delayed.

The Cantonal Court judge ordered that the status quo be maintained until both parties have been fully heard. Classic Fund Management AG was given a period of 20 days to state its position on ESEC's response to the petition. Furthermore, Classic Fund Management AG must furnish security to cover court costs and potential damages.

The injunction pronounced today has no prejudicing effect whatsoever on the ultimate outcome of the related proceedings. A final ruling by the Cantonal Court of Zug with regard to the precautionary prohibition of entry of the merger into the commercial register is to be expected in approximately two months' time.

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