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## Media release

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### Unaxis sells its Mekanovis manufacturing business

**Pfäffikon SZ, October 1, 2004** – In a further move to focus core businesses in thin film and vacuum technology, Unaxis sold its Mekanovis AG manufacturing operation to Liechtenstein-based Büchel Holding AG on September 30, 2004.

Mekanovis comprises the former manufacturing activities of Balzers AG, and employs around 200 people producing mechanical components and subassemblies. The move to join forces with another Büchel Group company, CNC Mechanik AG in Ruggell, will establish a major parts supplier in the Rhine Valley/Liechtenstein region. The new ownership structure assures a sustainable development path for Mekanovis; operations at the company's Trübbach location will continue as before.

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