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## Media Release

### **Vacuum Solutions (Leybold Vacuum) takes measures to drive up profitability – 220 positions to be cut back by the end of 2006**

**Pfäffikon SZ, May 4, 2005** – Extensive restructuring has been decided upon at the Vacuum Solutions segment (Leybold Vacuum). Its aim is to bring about marked improvements in profitability, as well as sustained strengthening of the company's competitive position. The package of measures to be implemented before the close of 2006 is expected to bring Vacuum Solutions an operating margin of at least 10 percent from 2007 onwards, delivered on the basis of leadership in process and application know-how, a good customer base, and an attractive portfolio of products and services.

The restructuring measures themselves include worldwide process standardization, greater administrative efficiency, a uniform IT infrastructure, better use of synergies, optimization of production costs, and leaner development processes. All this will inevitably have consequences for human resources: among the 1,483 employees at present, there will be reductions totaling some 220 positions worldwide by the end of 2006. Although staffing cutbacks will be made in the most socially acceptable manner possible, layoffs will be inevitable.

Unaxis expects this extensive restructuring at Vacuum Solutions to incur one-time costs of around CHF 40 million up to the end of 2006.

Management at Unaxis and Vacuum Solutions is convinced that restructuring will establish the foundation for sustained, profitable development by Vacuum Solutions as part of Unaxis' Thin Film and Vacuum Technology business segment.

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Divisions				Optics	Space Technology
Brands	Balzers	Leybold Vacuum	Unaxis	Unaxis	Contraves Space

Semiconductor technology		
Semiconductor Equipment		
Wafer Processing	Assembly & Packaging	Display Technology
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Unaxis (SWX: UNAX) is a globally leading provider of production systems, components, and services for high-technology products based on core competencies in thin film and vacuum technology. Unaxis' commercial activities center on high-growth sectors such as protective coatings for precision tools and components (Coating Services), systems for producing vacuum and conveying process gases (Vacuum Solutions), production systems for data storage devices (Data Storage Solutions), optical components (Optics), and aerospace technology (Space Technology). Unaxis also deploys its core competencies as a major provider of semiconductor technology (Semiconductor Equipment). Unaxis currently employs approximately 6,800 individuals and, in its 2004 financial year, achieved sales of CHF 1,850 million. The company, headquartered in Pfäffikon SZ, Switzerland, has a globe-spanning infrastructure that encompasses centers of competency for research, development, and production in Europe, Asia, and the USA, as well as approximately 80 subsidiaries in 24 countries.

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