

Microsystems Division of Leister becomes Axetris AG

Kägiswil, 23.11.2011, Leister, based in Kaegiswil, Switzerland announced today that it will transfer its Microsystems Division Axetris into an independent company Axetris AG as part of a general restructuring. The former Leister Process Technologies will be transferred into a holding structure with independent limited companies. All group companies are in possession and under the overall direction of Christiane Leister.

“Since its founding in 1949, Leister Process Technologies has operated in the legal form of a sole proprietorship. With the growth and diversification over the last decades and the formation of companies in the United States, Germany, China and Japan, Leister has developed into a group of companies,” explains Christiane Leister, owner and CEO of the Leister group. “The continued success and growth of our Microsystems Division Axetris and the level of maturity of its business lead us naturally to this step to run Axetris as an independent business entity.”

“We will intensify our focus on our core competencies in micro technology, sensing and optics to provide our customers with innovative sub-systems and components to increase their instruments performance, reliability and cost effectiveness - or simply enable new applications” emphasizes Dr. Thomas Hessler, General Manager of Axetris. “The new company structure gives us the excellent combination of a high flexibility to adapt to the special needs of our OEM customers combined with the strong support and back-up of the Leister holding”.

Axetris AG (www.axetris.com), is serving OEM customers with micro technology based (MEMS) infrared light sources for gas sensing, ultra-compact and fast response mass-flow meter and controller modules, highly selective laser gas detector modules based on tunable diode laser spectrometry (TDLS) and refractive and diffractive micro-optical components. Axetris products are used in industrial, telecommunication, environmental, medical and automotive applications. Axetris is ISO 9001:2008 certified and ISO TS 16949 compliant and operates its own 6” to 8” wafer MEMS foundry for its own products and external customers.

Leister AG is the holding company of the Leister group.

Leister Technologies AG (www.leister.com) is the market leader for plastic welding with hot-air-, wedge- and diode laser based equipment as well as for process heat used in industrial applications.

Axetris and Leister's headquarters are located in Kaegiswil, Switzerland. Leister and Axetris are world-wide registered trademarks

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