

Media release

Fourth quarter 2005: Unaxis EBIT increases versus previous quarter by 155 percent to CHF 56 million – All business units recorded positive operating results on a 21 percent quarter-on-quarter rise in sales

Pfäffikon SZ, February 10, 2006 – In the fourth quarter of 2005, Unaxis more than doubled its operating earnings (EBIT) on a quarterly basis to CHF 56 million (Q3 2005: CHF 22 million) and enjoyed a 21 percent increase in sales to CHF 495 million (Q3 2005: CHF 409 million). Adjusted to reflect the closure of the company's Display Technology unit, orders received rose by 8.5 percent to CHF 394 million (Q3 2005: CHF 363 million). Excluding those adjustments, orders received eased slightly to CHF 368 million (Q3 2005: CHF 373 million).

While the Coating Services, Vacuum Solutions, Components and Special Systems and Semiconductor Equipment business units continued their growth trends in comparison to the previous quarter, the business volume at Data Storage Solutions declined modestly. All business units recorded positive operating results (EBIT) for the fourth quarter and sustainably returned to profitability.

Strategic orientation focused on profitability

For the 2006 financial year, Unaxis plans for sales to increase significantly more than 5 percent above the prior-year level, and expects to earn an EBIT margin in excess of 10 percent. Thomas Limberger, CEO of Unaxis, noted in this regard, "In all areas of our business activities, we want to be number one or at least number two in terms of profitability. Our fourth quarter results demonstrate the favorable trend in Unaxis' corporate development for the 2006 financial year."

Accordingly, Unaxis is expanding its business units by means of organic growth as well as through the acquisition of companies, portions of companies and technologies.

However, following an initial examination of a potential acquisition of A-Tec Industries, management has ruled out any acquisition or merger of that company.

Page 4 **Semiconductor Equipment: Sales double versus the previous quarter**

The Semiconductor Equipment business unit (excluding Display Technology) saw its sales more than double during the fourth quarter to a total of CHF 179 million (Q3 2005: CHF 88 million). Orders received rose by 14 percent to CHF 115 million (Q3 2005: CHF 101 million).

Wafer Processing enjoyed a marked increase both in sales and orders received during the fourth quarter of 2005. In comparison to the previous quarter, sales tripled to almost CHF 99 million (Q3 2005: CHF 35 million) and orders received rose by 8 percent to CHF 41 million (Q3 2005: CHF 38 million). Apart from the general recovery in the market, this was primarily attributable to the success of the new VERSALINE and CLUSTERLINE 200 II systems. As a result of its boost in sales and strict cost controls, Wafer Processing managed to return to profitability last quarter.

Assembly & Packaging benefited in the fourth quarter of 2005 from a much more vibrant course of business. In comparison to the previous quarter, sales rose to CHF 80 million (Q3 2005: CHF 53 million). In particular, the new Wire Bonder WB 3100 continues to meet with strong demand, and Assembly & Packaging pressed ahead with the related deliveries during the fourth quarter. Thanks to the combined effects of sales growth, restructuring and the increased ability to deliver, Assembly & Packaging has managed a successful turnaround and once again achieved a high level of profitability in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Attachment: Key figures tables

This media release is based on information currently available to management. The forward-looking statements contained herein could be substantially impacted by risks and influences that are not foreseeable at present, so that actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, expected, or projected.

Unaxis will provide comprehensive and detailed information on the company's annual financial results at its media and analysts conference scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the SWX Swiss Exchange in Zurich.

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Unaxis – a globally leading high-tech company

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.

Page 6 **Key figures Q4 2005: Consolidated Total**

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders received	1,455	368	373	284	330	1,778	313	375	510	580
Orders on hand	355	355	482	518	491	494	494	537	659	692
Sales	1,605	495	409	364	338	1,850	347	496	538	469

Key figures Q4 2005: Coating Services (Balzers)

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Sales	392	110	91	100	91	367	96	89	94	88

Key figures Q4 2005: Vacuum Solutions (Leybold Vacuum)

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders received	390	106	92	95	97	365	87	93	92	94
Orders on hand	45	45	41	44	40	36	36	38	52	55
Sales	383	102	95	91	94	379	88	107	94	91

Key figures Q4 2005: Data Storage Solutions

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders received	122	15	28	51	28	170	18	28	58	66
Orders on hand	11	11	24	31	21	12	12	25	33	52
Sales	124	28	35	42	19	208	30	36	76	66

Page 7 **Key figures Q4 2005: Components and Special Systems**

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders received										
Optics	114	29	31	27	27	207	16	36	85	70
Space Technology (Contraves Space)	95	19	19	20	37	102	18	31	11	43
Total	209	48	50	47	64	309	34	67	96	112

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders on hand										
Optics	28	28	29	27	28	35	35	73	103	80
Space Technology (Contraves Space)	151	151	167	173	173	149	149	171	172	177
Total	179	179	196	200	201	184	184	243	275	258

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Sales										
Optics	124	30	29	29	35	231	50	67	61	52
Space Technology (Contraves Space)	93	35	26	19	13	98	40	32	16	10
Total	217	65	55	48	48	328	91	99	77	62

Page 8 **Key figures Q4 2005: Semiconductor Equipment**

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders received										
Wafer Processing	173	41	38	45	50	203	29	67	58	49
Assembly & Packaging (ESEC)	206	75	62	37	32	234	27	28	91	88
Display Technology	-37	-26	10	10	-31	129	21	3	21	84
Total incl. Display Technology	342	89	111	91	50	567	78	98	171	220
Total excl. Display Technology	379	115	101	82	81	437	57	95	149	137

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Orders on hand										
Wafer Processing	63	63	122	118	93	71	71	99	79	82
Assembly & Packaging (ESEC)	29	29	35	25	18	14	14	19	53	54
Display Technology	28	28	64	99	119	176	176	112	167	191
Total incl. Display Technology	120	120	221	242	229	261	261	230	299	327
Total excl. Display Technology	92	92	157	144	111	85	85	118	132	136

in CHF million	2005					2004				
	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q1-Q4	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Sales										
Wafer Processing	186	99	35	22	30	195	54	47	59	36
Assembly & Packaging (ESEC)	192	80	53	30	28	267	32	62	92	82
Display Technology	111	10	45	30	27	105	-43	57	46	46
Total incl. Display Technology	489	189	133	82	85	568	42	166	196	163
Total excl. Display Technology	378	179	88	52	58	462	85	109	151	117