

Press Release

Record dividend pleases Pfeiffer Vacuum shareholders.

Top management shares outlook for the full 2007 fiscal year.

Changes in the Management Board.

Asslar, Germany, June 1, 2007

This year's Annual Shareholders Meeting of Pfeiffer Vacuum Technology AG, a leading manufacturer of high-quality vacuum pumps, vacuum gauges and complete vacuum systems, was held on May 31, 2007, at the Stadthalle in Wetzlar.

The presence level of 58 percent at the Annual Shareholders Meeting was up strongly by comparison with the year before. Chairman of the Supervisory Board Dr. Michael Oltmanns was pleased to welcome over 400 shareholders, as well as representatives from shareholder associations and banks. Chief Executive Officer Wolfgang Dondorf and Chief Financial Officer Manfred Bender reviewed the record-setting 2006 fiscal year and offered up an outlook for the year 2007, which has gotten off to a highly successful start. Sales of € 195 to € 200 million were cited as the target for the full fiscal year, with an EBIT margin of at least 25 percent.

All questions from shareholder representatives and individual shareholders relating to individual numbers in the financial statements, markets and the competitive situation, the company's listing on the New York Stock Exchange, the stock buyback program, dividend policy and the planned expansion of the manufacturing facility at the Asslar location were answered in detail within the framework of the question and answer session.



In the subsequent voting, the actions of the Management and Supervisory Boards were ratified by more than 99 percent of the votes cast.

Shareholders had every reason to be very satisfied about the significantly higher distribution: A dividend in the amount of €2.50 per dividend-entitled share of stock will be paid to shareholders from retained earnings. This means that nearly 75 percent of the company's net profit is being distributed to its shareholders, representing an increase of 85 percent over the year before.

Agenda Item 7 – Amendment of the company's articles of association and bylaws relating to resolutions requiring a three-quarters majority – did not achieve the required majority. All further resolutions on the agenda passed with sweeping majorities. They included amendments to the company's articles of association and bylaws, the authorization of a further stock buyback program and the reelection of Ernst & Young as the company's independent auditor.

Wolfgang Dondorf, who has served as the company's chief executive officer since it went public in 1996, announced that he would be stepping down from this post at the age of 63 effective June 30, 2007, and passing on the baton to younger leadership. This change is taking place within the framework of long-term succession planning. Supervisory Board Chairman Dr. Michael Oltmanns paid tribute to the remarkable contribution that Wolfgang Dondorf has made to the Pfeiffer Vacuum Technology AG success story, and thanked him for his vigor, enthusiasm and commitment.

Wolfgang Dondorf had this to say about his retirement: "I am proud that the company is in such good shape and that the Supervisory Board has followed my recommendation to appoint Manfred Bender as the new chief executive officer. Manfred Bender has been with Pfeiffer Vacuum for nine years and has served as chief financial officer for the past three years. Together with Dr. Matthias Wiemer, who has been with Pfeiffer Vacuum since October 2005 and was appointed to the Management Board effective April 1, 2007, as chief operating officer, he will continue to expand the company and keep it on its success track – to the benefit of its customers, its employees and its shareholders."



The presentations by the members of the Management Board as well as detailed information relating to the results of the voting are available on the company's Internet site at www.pfeiffer-vacuum.de/shareholders meeting.

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