



## Press Release

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### Elliptec with a new branch office in the USA and under a new leadership

*Dortmund, May 2006:* Elliptec met another milestone and marked an essential success in January 2006 when it opened a US branch office in Berkeley, California. The new location expands and strengthens Elliptec's R&D and application engineering capabilities. By improving accessibility, Elliptec will be able to serve more quickly and more directly to the needs of its growing customer base.

As of April 1st, 2006 Dirk van Vinckenroye has been named Chairman of the Executive Board of Elliptec Resonant Actuator AG. As an electrical engineering graduate of Leuven University, Belgium, Dirk van Vinckenroye has many years of experience in the electronic industry: He started his career in 1992 at Hitachi Semiconductor and was in charge of product marketing for discrete components and high-performance semiconductors. In 1996, Mr. van Vinckenroye moved to Harris Semiconductor and managed the Automotive Business Development. As of the beginning of 2001 the power division was bought by Fairchild Semiconductor where he was executive manager for sales to corporate customers in Europe. He has been a member of the Elliptec Resonant Actuator Board since July 1st, 2004 and has headed Elliptec's marketing and sales department since then. He replaces former Chairman Dr. Björn Magnussen.

Elliptec AG was founded in 2001 by a developer team of Siemens AG. Today Elliptec AG manufactures its low-cost piezoelectric motors and actuators in Dortmund. Elliptec AG also offers engineering and system integration services e. g. for customer goods and industrial electronics, but also for automotive applications and medical technologies. Elliptec AG carries the DIN EN ISO 9001:2000 Certification (issued in December 2004) for standard of quality and quality control.

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