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PVA TePla AG Shareholders' Meeting: New CFO and smaller supervisory board

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Aslar, 18 June 2004: The Annual Shareholders' Meeting of PVA TePla AG, held yesterday in Wetzlar, accepted every resolution proposed on the agenda and, by a strong majority, gave formal approval to the actions of the Management Board and Supervisory Board in the 2003 financial year.

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Peter Abel, CEO, and Nina von Wersebe, CFO, provided details from the consolidated financial statements for 2003, and described the course of business so far in 2004 with reference to the various divisional activities and the strategic focus of the Group. "We expect a return to positive operating profits in the 2004 financial year", said Peter Abel, who considers PVA TePla to be well positioned on the market following implementation of numerous restructuring measures.

Shareholders gave unanimous approval to a resolution to reduce the number of Supervisory Board members from six to three. The management team expects the change to result in shorter decision pathways to match the structure of the medium-sized company, which has been listed on the stock exchange since 1999.

The Shareholders' Meeting elected the following persons as members of the newly constituted Supervisory Board: Alexander von Witzleben, CEO of JENOPTIK AG, Dr. Peter Friedemann, Spokesman of the Retail Shareholders' Association (SfK), and Prof. Dr. Günter Bräuer, Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Thin Films and Surface Engineering (IST) in Braunschweig and the Fraunhofer Institute for Electron Beam and Plasma Technology (FEP) in Dresden. The Supervisory Board subsequently elected Alexander von Witzleben as its Chairman. To make way for new

elections, all Supervisory Board members resigned from office at the end of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

Peter Abel thanked the former Supervisory Board members and Nina von Wersebe, who leaves PVA Tepla AG for family reasons at the end of the Shareholders' Meeting, for their dedication and commitment to the company. Arnd Bohle, the new Chief Financial Officer of PVA TePla AG, was also introduced to shareholders at the meeting.

About PVA TePla

For decades already, PVA TePla AG has been an established supplier of plant and systems for eco-friendly production and processing of high-quality industrial materials. As a vacuum specialist for high-temperature and plasma treatment, the company is a leading player on the world market for hard-metal sintering plant, crystal growing facilities and plant for surface activation using plasma. With its systems and services, PVA TePla supports key processes in industrial companies, particularly in the metal, ceramics, plastics, semiconductor, hard metals and electrical/electronics industries, as well as in research and development institutes centred on materials technologies. The company also supplies innovative components and solutions for purifying freshwater, wastewater and surfaces by means of UV-C radiation. Shares in the company have been traded on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 21 June 1999; the company has been listed in the Prime Standard segment (ISIN DE0007461006, Reuters TPEG) since 1 January 2003.

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