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The board has appointed Sven Löfquist as new president and CEO for Micronic

Täby, Sweden, December 21, 2000 — Micronic Laser Systems AB (OM Stockholm Exchange: MICR) is a company at the forefront of semiconductor and display laser pattern generators for the production of photomasks to the worldwide electronic industry.

Micronic's board of directors has today appointed Sven Löfquist as new president and CEO for Micronic Laser Systems AB effective from March 13, 2001. Bert Jeppsson, the present president and CEO, will be suggested as new executive chairman of the board at the Annual General Meeting on March 13, 2001.

“Sven Löfquist is Executive Vice President at the company since 1999 and is also one of the founders of Micronic. With his broad and deep knowledge of both the technology and market, Sven has the right experience to bring Micronic further in the important expansion phase”, says Christer Zetterberg, Chairman of the Board. “Bert Jeppsson as executive chairman of the board will ensure that the continuity will be kept”, continues Christer Zetterberg.

About Micronic Laser Systems

Micronic Laser Systems is a Swedish high-tech company engaged in the development, manufacture and marketing of a series of extremely accurate laser pattern generators for the production of photomasks. The technology involved is known as microlithography. Micronic's systems are used by the world's leading electronics companies in the manufacture of television and computer displays, semiconductor circuits and semiconductor packaging components. Micronic is located in Täby, north of Stockholm and has subsidiaries in the United States, Japan and Taiwan. Micronic is projecting to almost triple its net sales from MSEK 213 in 1999 to exceed MSEK 600 for year 2000. Micronic also announced a projected strong improvement of the operating margin for the full year. Micronic has around 260 employess worldwide. Micronic maintains a web-site at: www.micronic.se