

APPLIED OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES PLC
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SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT REDUCTION

Applied Optical Technologies plc announces that, further to the announcement made on 25 October 2005 and subsequent EGM resolution passed on 17 November 2005, the Company has now received confirmation from the High Court that its share premium account has been reduced by £23,851,000. The reserve created by this reduction will be used to eliminate the deficit on the Company's profit and loss account so that, subject to the protection of the Company's creditors, the Directors will be able to consider the purchase of its own shares or the payment of dividends from profits generated in the future by the Company.

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