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## ZEISS VISION CARE ANNOUNCES THE RELOCATION OF US HEADQUARTERS, COMPLETION OF STATE-OF-THE-ART LABORATORY

Existing ZEISS Vision Care laboratory and distribution center in Kentucky becomes home to U.S. corporate headquarters and updated laboratory

**HEBRON**, **Ky**. **(May 25, 2021)** – <u>ZEISS Vision Care</u> announced today that it has moved its U.S. corporate headquarters from San Diego, Calif. to join the company's existing operations in Hebron, Ky. This move coincides with the unveiling of ZEISS' updated, paperless laboratory, which recently completed construction at the Hebron facility.

## New U.S. Headquarters

After over a decade of operating from San Diego, ZEISS Vision Care U.S. will end its lease at 12121 Scripps Summit Dr. and move its corporate headquarters and operations to 1030 Worldwide Blvd in Hebron, Ky., within the Cincinnati, Ohio metropolitan area. This move will centralize the company's operations with its main U.S. optical laboratory. San Diego-based employees will continue to work remotely.

ZEISS has operated the Kentucky facility since 2001, and currently employs close to 400 people at this location.

"We are looking forward to this exciting new chapter in our growth and further expanding our presence in the Hebron community," said Jens Boy, President of ZEISS Vision Care U.S. "We are proud of our excellent team and will continue to invest into our new HQ location."

## **Paperless Optical Laboratory**

ZEISS Vision Care U.S. has completed a multi-year construction project to update the company's state-of-the-art optical laboratory in Hebron. With an approximate investment of \$20 million, the modernized facility has implemented Industry4.0 manufacturing concepts, using automation, robotics and big-data machine learning that will enable the production of premium ZEISS lenses in the fastest time possible.

Using the latest and proprietary technology in the surfacing, hard-coating, AR-coating and edging/assembly of prescription lenses, the laboratory produces premium ZEISS products with the least amount to manual lens handling (improving lens quality), laser-engraved coding (increasing traceability, and accurate processing), fast robotized manufacturing control (quicker turn-time for customers), and the first truly paperless production (greener and wastereducing).

"The improvements we have made within our optical laboratory are based on our 175-year heritage as the precision leader in the optical industry," said Barry Lannon, Vice President of Operations at ZEISS Vision Care U.S. "In addition to delivering premium quality products via fast processing techniques, the paperless nature of our updated laboratory demonstrates our commitment to sustainable, responsible manufacturing."

For more information about ZEISS Vision Care US, visit https://www.zeiss.com/vision-care/us/home.html.

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Founded in 1846 in Jena, the company is headquartered in Oberkochen, Germany. Carl Zeiss AG is the strategic management holding company that manages the ZEISS Group. The company is wholly owned by the Carl Zeiss Stiftung (Carl Zeiss Foundation).

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