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Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd. RECEIVES INTEL'S PRESTIGIOUS SUPPLIER CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Kyoto, Japan, March 21, 2006 -- Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was named a recipient of Intel Corporation's prestigious 2005 Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award, Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, for outstanding commitment to quality and performance by suppliers that provide products and services deemed essential to Intel's success. The company was given the award for its efforts in supplying Intel with semiconductor cleaning process equipment. Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and 11 additional SCQI award winners will be honored at a celebration in Burlingame, California on March 21.

"DNS is extremely honored to receive the prestigious Intel SCQI Award, we recognize the level of commitment and performance required to achieve this recognition. During our relatively short business relationship with Intel we are proud to have reached a level of quality and customer satisfaction leading to our second consecutive SCQI Award. The processes and philosophies developed in DNS resulting in this level of performance have positioned us as an industry leader and will continue to benefit our employees, Intel, and other customers," said Takashige Suetake, Vice Chairman, Member of the Board Directors and President of Semiconductor Equipment Company.

"Congratulations to DNS for winning the Intel SCQI award for the second consecutive year. DNS displayed exceptional supplier performance in 2005 supporting Intel's growing manufacturing requirements while maintaining operational excellence," said Jack Uppal, Director of Intel's Fab Capital Equipment Development.

The SCQI awards are part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement process, which encourages Intel's key suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for SCQI status, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, delivery, technology and responsiveness goals. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality/>.

Intel also will recognize SCQI award winners on March 21, 2006, with an advertisement in the U.S., Europe and Asian editions of the Wall Street Journal.

■ About Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd was established in 1943 and is a top 10 supplier of semiconductor fabrication equipment. The company specializes in coat-develop track equipment, wafer cleaning systems, and next generation flash lamp anneal tools. All of the company's production sites are certified for ISO9001 as well as for ISO14001 Environmental Management System. Dainippon Screen is a public company quoted on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Home page: <http://www.screen.co.jp/>.

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