

## **SCREEN wins “Supplier Excellence Award” for the 2nd consecutive year from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)**

On November 2, Semiconductor Equipment Company (President: Eiji Kakiuchi) of Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Kyoto, Japan) won the “Supplier Excellence Award” for fiscal 2006 from TSMC (Headquarters: Hsinchu, Taiwan; President & CEO: Rick Tsai), the largest semiconductor manufacturing foundry\* in the world.

The digital consumer-electronics market in Asia continues to grow steadily related to the special procurement accompanying the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Besides supplying components for PCs and cellular phones, the semiconductor industry has also been stepping up production of devices for application in consumer products such as flat-screen TVs and portable media players. Against the rapid movement in these industries, the scale of semiconductor production in Taiwan, a major global production center, is expanding year by year. We have therefore strengthened our sales and service system in Taiwan by taking measures such as increasing the number of service personnel three times or more over the past four years to meet the increasing demand for advanced technology and improved service.

The “Supplier Excellence Award” won here by SCREEN is given to the supplier considered to have most contributed to TSMC’s rapid progress in the supplier chain management forum. TSMC began this forum in 2001 and has been holding it every year. Each quarter this forum evaluates quality, technology, development capability, cost, productivity, and after-sales service. SCREEN has contributed greatly to the development of TSMC, which holds delivery records for many semiconductor cleaning devices and boasts industry-leading, cutting-edge wafer process technology and excellent production efficiency. The “Supplier Excellence Award” was given to SCREEN for the second consecutive year after comprehensive evaluation of our technological capabilities, performance, quality, productivity, and service system.

In the future, SCREEN endeavors to build even more robust relationships with its customers as a key enterprise supporting growth in the semiconductor industry, and seeks to further increase its semiconductor share through positive deployment of sales and services on a global scale, including the Taiwan market.

\* Foundry (contracted manufacturing)

An enterprise that receives design data from a semiconductor manufacturer that has no manufacturing facility and exclusively contracts for semiconductor chip manufacturing.

### ■ **TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.)**

Established in 1987, TSMC (Headquarters: Hsinchu, Taiwan) is the world’s largest dedicated semiconductor foundry. The company’s 2006 wafer production exceeded 7 million (8-inch equivalent) wafers, achieving about 50% of the sales volume in the global dedicated foundry market. The supplier chain management forum is an assembly where TSMC gathers together leading suppliers, makes annual business reports, and explains its future policy. In this forum, an awards ceremony is held for excellent suppliers.

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