

Screen Receives Supplier Outstanding Award from Taiwan's UMC

On February 22, Semiconductor Equipment Company (President: Eiji Kakiuchi) of Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Kyoto, Japan) received an FY2008 Supplier Outstanding Award from United Microelectronics Corporation (Headquarters: Hsinchu, Taiwan; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer: Jackson Hu), one of the world's leading semiconductor foundries.*

In recent years, with the emergence of giant markets such as China and India, sales of digital consumer electronics have continued to experience solid growth right across Asia. This has also extended to the semiconductor industry. In addition to items such as personal computers and cellular phones, there has been a marked increase in the production of devices for application in consumer products such as flat-screen televisions and portable media players. To meet this demand, the scale of semiconductor production in Taiwan, a major global manufacturing center, has likewise expanded. Screen has taken a variety of steps to meet the stringent requirements of this market, including increasing local service personnel more than three-fold over the last four years, in order to strengthen its Taiwan sales and service system.

The Supplier Outstanding Award received by Semiconductor Equipment Company was presented to enterprises that made a significant contribution to UMC's business results in FY2007 and recognizes outstanding improvements in productivity and cost of ownership. The awards ceremony took place at UMC's 2008 Supply Chain Management Summit, which was staged for the first time this year. Semiconductor Equipment Company was one of only seven recipients of the award, selected from among the approximately 100 organizations that supply UMC in areas such as equipment, materials, parts, and distribution.

Semiconductor Equipment Company was chosen to receive this award following its supply of Screen's SS-3000 single wafer cleaning system. This system was instrumental in increasing the efficiency of UMC's semiconductor production line and was evaluated by the company as having made a major contribution to its business results.

* Foundry (contracted manufacturing)

An enterprise that receives design data from semiconductor manufacturers without their own production facilities and enters into exclusive contracts to manufacture semiconductor chips for these companies.

■ United Microelectronics Corporation (UMC)

Since its establishment in 1980, UMC has become Taiwan's best-known large-scale semiconductor foundry. It is involved in the production of cutting-edge chips that span all major sectors of semiconductor industry demand and currently boasts a number two share of the global contract production market. In addition to Taiwan, UMC maintains offices in Japan, Singapore, Europe, and the United States and currently employs approximately 12,000 staff.

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Presentation ceremony for Supplier Outstanding Awards

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