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Dainippon Screen Captures 73% Share of Coater/Developer Segment of Global LCD Manufacturing Equipment Market

Kyoto, Japan -- June 11, 2009 -- Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. attained a 73%* share of the coater/developer segment of the global market for LCD manufacturing equipment in 2008.

This result has been established via an independent third-party survey** covering the LCD manufacturing equipment market. The survey categorized and totaled the unit numbers for all equipment shipped between January and December 2008 by individual manufacturing process. In the coater/developer segment, Dainippon Screen significantly extended the global share of its SK series from 43% in 2007 to 73%, retaining the global number-one position for a fifth consecutive year (since 2004). Screen also achieved top shares for its products in both the wet etcher and resist stripper segments.

Dainippon Screen originally announced in 2003 that it would integrate the Linearcoater^{TM***} system into the existing SK series. This combined a high-throughput resist coater offering excellent resource and energy efficiency with coater/developers that also delivered high quality and reliability. Screen has since continued its work to develop products that meet the needs of its customers. In addition to the introduction of this new system, the company has worked to support a wide range of glass substrate sizes and introduced a dedicated model for low-temperature poly-silicon TFT.

Dainippon Screen views the results of the current survey as a positive endorsement of its above efforts by customers. It will push forward with its work to create innovative technologies for the LCD and other segments of the flat panel display industry and also to develop manufacturing equipment that flexibly meets various customer needs. Screen's goal is to further improve customer satisfaction and subsequently expand market share.

* Total shipment numbers of coater/developers for TFT LCD array processing (amorphous silicon TFT and low-temperature poly-silicon TFT)

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