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Dainippon Screen Wins “Best Delivery Support Award” from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)

Kyoto, Japan -- December 4, 2009 -- Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. won the “Best Delivery Support Award” for fiscal 2009 from TSMC (Headquarters: Hsinchu, Taiwan; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Morris Chang), the largest semiconductor manufacturing foundry* in the world.

Recent semiconductor industry trends towards shorter development cycles and rising costs associated with greater chip integration and smaller circuit line widths have significantly affected the device production process. With global semiconductor device manufacturers - who hitherto have performed every stage of the semiconductor manufacturing process from development to production in-house - tending towards more efficient fabless and fablight manufacturing models, the foundries to which production work is contracted out have been the focus of more and more attention.

Against this background, TSMC has reaffirmed its commanding presence as a foundry supporting semiconductor manufacturing worldwide, and has leveraged its cutting-edge wafer process technology and unsurpassed production efficiency to cement its position as a global leader within the industry.

The “Best Delivery Support Award” was specially presented by TSMC at its supplier chain management forum. It is one of the awards given to suppliers who have made the largest contributions to the company’s success in the products, technology, and delivery categories. The “Best Delivery Support Award” won by Screen is based on strict quarterly reviews which, among other factors, consider the speed with which the supplier is able to deliver products that meet TSMC’s demands, the efficiency of system setup, and the stability of product operation. Screen delivered many semiconductor cleaning systems that met TSMC’s exacting demands and made significant contributions to improved productivity. TSMC awarded high ratings to Screen’s comprehensive service system that provides support every step of the way from system delivery to operation. Coater/developers for immersion lithography supplied by Screen group company, Sokudo, also contributed greatly to Screen’s reception of the award.

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

* 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 2007 wafer production capacity exceeded 8 million (8-inch equivalent) wafers, constituting approximately 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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