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Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. Receives Intel's Preferred Quality Supplier Award

Kyoto, Japan, April 10, 2014 – Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. has been recognized as one of 18 companies receiving Intel Corporation's Preferred Quality Supplier (PQS) award for their performance in 2013. Dainippon Screen has demonstrated industry-leading commitment across all critical focus areas on which they are measured: quality, cost, availability, technology, customer service, labor and ethics systems and environmental sustainability. Dainippon Screen is recognized for their significant contributions providing Intel with wafer cleaning and anneal equipment and services for semiconductor manufacturing, deemed essential to Intel's success.

"We are honored to be recognized amongst Intel's Preferred Quality Suppliers again this year and wish to thank our Intel counterparts for their guidance which enabled this achievement to be possible," stated Tadahiro Suhara, President of the Dainippon Screen's Semiconductor Equipment Company. "Intel raises the bar on all aspects of supplier performance each year, helping us to find new ways to critically assess our opportunities to improve and to strengthen our business from within. The net result of our partnership with Intel continues to foster better preparedness for the ever-changing demands of the semiconductor environment and allows us to propel Dainippon Screen into the challenges of the future with the strength to excel in this increasingly competitive landscape."

"Intel would like to congratulate Dainippon Screen for winning Intel's 2013 Preferred Quality Supplier Award," said David Bloss, Director of Intel's Fab Capital Equipment Development group. "Dainippon Screen has a proven track record of engineering expertise and has embraced continuous improvement in their quality program. Dainippon Screen has worked with Intel to address technology challenges and has performed well from a safety and factory collaboration standpoint. We look forward to working with Dainippon Screen as we continue to implement Moore's law."

The PQS award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) program that encourages suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for PQS status, suppliers must score 80 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 80 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor PQS award winners was held in Santa Clara, California themed "Deliver the Present and Create the Future", which illustrates the contributions this supplier has made in 2013. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <http://intel.com>.

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