



## Applied Materials Receives Intel's Preferred Quality Supplier Award

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- *Applied recognized for the fifth consecutive year for providing significant contributions to Intel*

SANTA CLARA, Calif., March 4, 2015 - Applied Materials, Inc. has been recognized as one of 19 companies receiving Intel Corporation's Preferred Quality Supplier (PQS) award for their performance in 2014. Applied demonstrated industry-leading commitment across all critical focus areas on which Intel suppliers are measured: quality, cost, availability, technology, customer service, labor and ethics systems, and environmental sustainability. Applied Materials is recognized for their significant contributions providing Intel with wafer fab capital equipment, mask capital equipment, fab automation software, and services, deemed essential to Intel's success.

"We are extremely pleased to receive our fifth consecutive Intel Preferred Quality Supplier Award," said Dr. Randhir Thakur, executive vice president and general manager of the Silicon Systems Group at Applied Materials. "As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Moore's Law this year, the semiconductor industry is experiencing monumental inflections enabled by new device designs and materials innovation. We are committed to providing Intel with high-quality products and exceptional levels of support to address these inflections and move the industry forward."

"Intel is very pleased to congratulate Applied Materials for their fifth consecutive Preferred Quality Supplier award," said Dave Bloss, Director of Intel's Fab Equipment group. "Applied Materials provided Intel with exceptional support for our technology and ramp activities, in addition to a demonstrated commitment to operational excellence. We look forward to Applied Materials' continued success on future Intel technologies."

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 "Innovating to Deliver Smart and Connected Devices," which illustrates the contributions the suppliers made in 2014. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <http://intel.com>.

### About Applied Materials

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the global leader in precision materials engineering solutions for the semiconductor, flat panel display and solar photovoltaic industries. Our technologies help make innovations like smartphones, flat screen TVs and solar panels more affordable and accessible to consumers and businesses around the world. Learn more at [www.appliedmaterials.com](http://www.appliedmaterials.com).

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