



Altis Semiconductor Salutes Applied Materials with Supplier of the Year Award; Applied Materials Helped Reduce Production Costs for Copper

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SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jul 3, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) today announced it received the coveted Supplier of the Year award from Altis Semiconductor, a joint venture between IBM Microelectronics Division and Infineon Technologies located in Corbeil-Essonnes, France, for outstanding quality products and services that resulted in productivity and cost benefits. The award was presented to Applied Materials during Altis Semiconductor's Annual Supplier Day event held in Paris, France on June 16, 2003.

"Applied Materials' dedication and commitment to quality and cost-efficiencies distinguished it from the field of suppliers we work with," said Elke Eckstein, chief executive officer of Altis Semiconductor. "Specifically, Applied Materials' global service and support group exemplified supplier excellence and helped Altis Semiconductor achieve aggressive cost reductions and production goals for our advanced copper manufacturing lines."

The Altis Semiconductor Supplier of the Year award recognizes the company that rates highest in quality, technology, service and support logistics, cost and communications. Applied Materials ranked first on all these measures based on the performance of its systems for some of the industry's most demanding applications, and the efforts of its global service network. Applied Materials was able to improve equipment productivity and reduce costs for Altis Semiconductor through flexible service solutions that include the maintenance and spare parts management of Applied Materials' systems.

"We are honored to have been chosen over other major suppliers for this award, and thank Altis Semiconductor for its support and positive feedback," said Franz Janker, senior vice president of Sales and Marketing for Applied Materials. "We believe our ability to provide a broad range of industry-leading products and services was critical to our success at Altis. This award demonstrates the solid benefits of collaboratively working with customers to understand and match our support to their competitive requirements."

Altis Semiconductor was created in July 1999. Its leading-edge technology offerings include advanced logic components down to 0.13 micron with copper interconnects, eDRAM, mixed-signal and eFlash components. With an investment portfolio of 1 billion Euros since 1999, Altis is delivering key devices for IBM and Infineon customers, as well as industry leaders in the PC, telecom and consumer business market segments. For more information see <http://www.altissemiconductor.com>.

Applied Materials (Nasdaq:AMAT), the largest supplier of products and services to the global semiconductor industry, is one of the world's leading information infrastructure providers. Applied Materials enables Information for Everyone(TM) by helping semiconductor manufacturers produce more powerful, portable and affordable chips. Applied Materials' Web site is <http://www.appliedmaterials.com>.

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