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Key semiconductor designers, manufacturers and Applied Materials Inc. today mark the beginning of the Low k Era in chipmaking. Semiconductor companies Agere Systems, Altera Corp., AMD, ATI Technologies, LSI Logic, NEC and Toshiba, and semiconductor foundry TSMC, are utilizing Applied Materials' Black Diamond(R) low k film to manufacture some of the world's most advanced chips.

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