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The Performance Materials Business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany wins TSMC Excellent Performance Award

- **Recognized as Best Precursor Material supplier of the year**

Philadelphia, PA, December 10, 2018 – EMD Performance Materials, the U.S. performance materials business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, announced today that the performance materials business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany received the **“Excellent Performance Award”** by the world’s largest dedicated semiconductor foundry, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited (TSMC) for being an outstanding Precursor Material supplier of the year. Anand Nambiar, Head of the Semiconductor Solutions business unit within the Performance Materials business sector received the award from TSMC Chief Executive Officer Dr. C.C. Wei at their 18th annual Supply Chain Management Forum in Hsinchu on December 6, 2018.

TSMC recognized the performance materials business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany for its long-term partnership, excellent technical support, high quality products and close collaboration to overcome technological challenges in advanced node by improving precursor performance. In 2017, the performance materials business expanded its footprint in Taiwan and inaugurated its Asia first IC Materials R&D and Application Lab in Kaohsiung. The facility enabled the improvement of local analytical capability and shorter development cycle and will substantially support TSMC in realizing its upcoming advanced 5nm technology.

“Within the performance materials business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, our endeavor has always been to work closely with our customers, understand their needs



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and expectations and deliver best-in-class solutions and services to advance their technological requirements. We are honored to have been recognized by TSMC for our performance. I would like to thank our whole team whose commitment and efforts to provide excellent customer experience has made us win this award. We look forward to a continued partnership with TSMC and serve the next wave of innovations,” said Anand Nambiar.

About Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is a leading science and technology company in health care, life science and performance materials. Over 51,000 employees work to further develop technologies that improve and enhance life—from biopharmaceutical therapies to treat cancer or multiple sclerosis, cutting-edge systems for scientific research and production, to liquid crystals for smartphones and LCD televisions. In 2017, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany generated sales of €15.3 billion in 66 countries.

Founded in 1668, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company. The founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed corporate group. Merck KGaA Darmstadt, Germany, holds the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the company operates as EMD Serono, MilliporeSigma and EMD Performance Materials.



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