

Fab Owners Association Attracts New Device Maker Members

Cupertino, CA - March 28, 2007 -- The Fab Owners Association (FOA), the association of semiconductor / MEMS manufacturing executives and suppliers, has announced the addition of two new device maker members: Microchip Technology Inc. (NASDAQ: MCHP), a leading provider of microcontroller and analog semiconductors, and Skyworks Solutions Inc. (NASDAQ: SWKS), an innovator of high performance analog and mixed signal semiconductors.

"Microchip Technology's continuous improvement culture and systems have resulted in industry-leading yields across all of our fabs, and short lead times for our broad range of customers around the world," said Dave Lambert, vice president of Microchip's Fab Operations. "We are joining the FOA's membership to exchange best-practice knowledge, as part of our relentless drive to further optimize cycle times and exceed customer expectations."

Terry Pope, Skyworks Solutions vice-president of semiconductor manufacturing said, "I believe it is still possible to be competitive with semiconductor manufacturing in the United States. To do this requires that companies take advantage of every opportunity to reduce input costs, maximize efficiency of fab tools, and minimize the cost to maintain top factory performance. The Fab Owners Association provides a forum for best practices, as well as an opportunity for aggregated efficiencies. Member participation is an advantage."

"The addition of multiple new members like Microchip and Skyworks over the past year has created a compelling gravity to the FOA as an organization," stated L.T. Guttadauro, FOA executive director. "By attracting new device makers and suppliers, we can improve the value of our benchmarking data, survey capabilities and collaborative purchasing power for all members."

Additionally, Excimer Laser Repair Corp. and MAX International Engineering Group have joined as associate members.

The FOA's device maker members are the following companies: AMI Semiconductor, Cypress Semiconductor, Delphi Microelectronics Center, Fairchild Semiconductor, Freescale Semiconductor, International Rectifier, Intersil, Jazz Semiconductor, MagnaChip Semiconductor, Micrel Semiconductor, Microchip Technology, NXP, ON Semiconductor, Skyworks Solutions, Spansion, and ZMD AG.

FOA device maker member companies represent approximately 1,000,000 8-inch- equivalent monthly wafer starts and over US\$24 Billion in annual revenue.

About FOA:

Fab Owners Association (FOA) is an international, nonprofit, trade association, founded in 2004 and headquartered in Cupertino, California.

The FOA provides a forum for semiconductor manufacturing executives and industry suppliers to discuss common manufacturing issues often leading to company wide cost savings. Full Membership companies must own and operate a semiconductor or MEMS fabrication facility. Other membership levels are available. Please visit <http://www.waferfabs.org/>. "Fab Owners Association" and the "FOA" logo are trademarks of Fab Owners Association, a California corporation. References to other companies and their products use trademarks owned by the respective companies and are for reference purposes only.