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Ferdinand-Braun-Institut Chooses ClassOne for Three Additional Wet Processing Tools

KALISPELL, MT – December 13, 2018 – ClassOne Technology, global supplier of wet processing equipment for ≤ 200 mm semiconductor manufacturing, announced the sale of three more tools to the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik (FBH) in Berlin, Germany. In recent weeks, FBH ordered ClassOne's high-performance 8-chamber Solstice® electroplating system. Now FBH is ordering three additional wet processing tools from ClassOne, including a refurbished Semitool® Spray Solvent Tool (SST), a Semitool Spray Acid Tool (SAT) and a Trident Spin Rinse Dryer (SRD). FBH is one of the world's leading research institutes and a producer of III-V compound semiconductors, known for prototyping advanced microwave and optoelectronic devices for communications, energy, health, mobility, and more.

"We've put our trust in ClassOne for our entire wet processing line," said Olaf Krüger, Head of FBH's Process Technology Department. "They understand the special requirements of compound semiconductor manufacturers like us. ClassOne provides state-of-the-art automated processing tools for 100mm and smaller wafers that allow for high process reproducibility during R&D of novel compound semiconductor devices and ensure compatibility to industrial standards. Plus, they've put together a support operation right here in Europe to provide us with everything we need."

"We see these follow-on orders from FBH as a real vote of confidence, and one that we value highly," said ClassOne's CEO Byron Exarcos. "Europe is an important market for us. Which is why we've invested heavily to build a world-class customer support structure here, including a strong, experienced process engineering team and a seasoned field service and support group that's able to cover everything our customers might need, up to and including an extensive inventory of spare parts. So, it's extremely gratifying to see our European customers really recognizing and making use of our local capabilities."

"The investment is also paying off in terms of the market share gains we're seeing," said Roland Seitz, Director of ClassOne's European Operations. "European customers continue to tell me ClassOne has moved into leading-supplier position for plating and wet processing equipment for 200mm wafers and below. It's been the result of high-performance equipment combined with strong customer support and affordable prices. Going forward, the European sales of Solstice plating systems and associated tools are growing at a very rapid pace."



About ClassOne

ClassOne has become known as the company that delivers “Advanced Processing Equipment for the Rest of Us” — in other words, high-performance tools at affordable prices. ClassOne has proven particularly successful in addressing the needs of emerging markets that are often underserved by the larger equipment manufacturers.

ClassOne’s Technology division (www.classone.com), headquartered in Kalispell, Montana, provides innovative new wet-chemical equipment specifically for ≤ 200 mm wafer processing. These include state-of-the-art electroplating systems, spin-rinse-dryers, spray solvent tools, and more. This group is built upon years of experience of industry veterans who are focused on delivering high-performance, high-quality tools at uniquely attractive prices.

ClassOne’s Equipment division (www.classoneequipment.com), based in Atlanta, Georgia, is long respected as the industry’s go-to resource for better-than-new, fully-refurbished major-brand processing and metrology tools — at a fraction of OEM prices. ClassOne Equipment provides professional refurbishment and enhancement by factory-trained professionals as well as warranties, installation, training, service, and support, including thousands of spare parts kept in stock.

About the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut

The Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut für Hochstfrequenztechnik, (www.fbh-berlin.com/) provides advanced research and development of electronic and optical components, modules and systems based on compound semiconductors. A respected competence center for III-V technologies, FBH works closely with industries around the world to develop a spectrum of cutting-edge products, from medical technology and high-precision metrology and sensing to optical communications in space and much more. With its broad capabilities, including a complete prototype engineering lab, FBH is able to provide one-stop, comprehensive solutions to its customers – from design to ready-to-use modules and prototypes.

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