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Lam Research Corporation Announces Reduction In Work Force FREMONT, Calif., November 12, 1998 - Lam Research Corporation (Nasdaq: LRCX), a leading supplier of wafer fabrication equipment to the worldwide semiconductor industry, today announced that it has reduced its work force by approximately 500 employees. These reductions, which primarily affect manufacturing and corporate support activities, are part of the company's previously disclosed plans to evaluate its cost structure and employment levels. The company will record a restructuring charge against financial results for the quarter ending December 31, 1998.

"We will continue to preserve key research and development programs, customer support activities and fund our strategic priorities in order to take advantage of market opportunities," stated James W. Bagley, Lam's chairman and chief executive officer.

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Lam Research Corporation is a leading supplier of wafer fabrication equipment and services to the world's semiconductor industry. Lam's headquarters are located in Fremont, California. The company's common stock trades on the Nasdaq National Securities Market under the symbol "LRCX." Lam's World Wide Web address is "<http://www.lamrc.com>."

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