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FREMONT, Calif., November 2, 1999 - Lam Research Corporation (Nasdaq: LRCX) today announced receipt of Semiconductor International's Editors' Choice Best Product Award, which recognizes production-proven products, for its Teres-integrated CMP system. The system is currently in 0.18 micron shallow trench isolation (STI) production for the Athlon™ processor at Advanced Micro Devices' (AMD) leading-edge Fab 25 in Austin, Texas. Teres also was recently named "production tool of record" for 0.18 micron copper CMP processes at Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), the world's largest semiconductor foundry.

Established in 1989, the Editors' Choice Award program recognizes superior performance of semiconductor and related equipment, which has advanced wafer processing in a production environment. Products are nominated by users, and nominations are validated under strict confidentiality to ensure candid opinions regarding product performance.

"Since its introduction, Teres has exceeded industry standards and set new benchmarks for fast start-up times, low consumable costs, reliability at launch and process performance at the world's leading semiconductor manufacturers," said Dr. Willy Krusell, vice president, CMP/Clean Engineering/Technology at Lam. "This award further confirms the product's position as the precursor of a new era in CMP processing."

"In the production environment, Teres has shown significant advantages in system uptime and reliability," commented Dr. Chris Raeder, member of the technical staff at AMD's Fab 25. "The system's exceptional pattern insensitivity enabled AMD to eliminate the reverse mask in our STI process, greatly reducing wafer costs. In addition, the ability to tune Teres' polish profile has provided AMD with greater flexibility in our process development," Raeder concluded.

"Collecting a group of candidates from which we select the 20 winners is a year-round effort," noted Semiconductor International associate editor John Baliga. "The Editors' Choice Best Products Award program differs from traditional magazine award competitions in that products are nominated by users, not people who make or sell them. We get input from multiple users for each product to verify that each has successfully shown superior performance in semiconductor manufacturing."

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