# Lam Research Corporation Awarded Top Honor Under NEC's 1998 Outstanding Equipment Supplier Award Program

Lam Research Corporation Awarded Top Honor Under NEC's 1998 Outstanding Equipment Supplier Award Program FREMONT, Calif., November 09, 1999 - Lam Research Corporation (Nasdaq: LRCX) today announced that NEC Electronics, Inc., of Roseville, Calif., has selected Lam as the number one supplier under its 1998 fiscal year outstanding Equipment Supplier Award program for the second consecutive year. NEC has also selected Lam's 4520XLE dielectric etch system for "Best New Equipment" under the same award program.

To select top suppliers, NEC ranked 35 fab equipment suppliers based on equipment performance, process quality and stability, engineering activities, service performance and value, spares price, service and quality, and customer communication. A team selected from NEC's Equipment Engineering, Process Engineering, Line Maintenance, Purchasing, and Spares Departments performed the supplier ratings in each area.

NEC selected the 4520XLE as Best New Equipment for its 1998 Fiscal Year program for providing excellent production performance at low cost. According to Peter McGrath, NEC's Staff Process Engineer, "We needed a cost-effective strategy for upgrading our technology to 0.18 micron processing and below. We've been running up to 8:1 aspect ratio in production and are very pleased with the results. We are also very encouraged by the mean time between cleans (over 12,000 RF minutes without dry clean) and low cost of consumables. Support from Lam's technical staff was excellent with our first installation kit, taking just five working days. We have gained both the technology and cost benefits we desired."

Lam Research Corporation is a leading supplier of front-end wafer processing equipment and services to the worldwide semiconductor manufacturing industry. The company's common stock trades on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol LRCX.

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