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Lam Research Corporation Opens New Singapore Office And Training Center FREMONT, Calif., May 18, 2001 - Lam Research Corporation (Nasdaq: LRCX) today announced opening a combined sales office and training center in Singapore to support increasing demand for Lam equipment in that region. The new center expands sales and service support and meets the increased need for equipment training locally, which lowers costs for customers. The more than 20,000 square foot facility houses sales offices, training rooms, and a training lab.

Hwee Tong Lim, general manager of Lam Research Singapore, stated, "The opening of our new office and training center demonstrates our commitment to support Southeast Asia's rapid growth. Lam is playing a key role in supporting this growth; equipment sales in that region have grown more than 200 percent during the past two years. With the new facility, we are now well-positioned to expand customer support in areas critical to growth and to further strengthen customer trust."

The center's training facilities will initially be equipped with Alliance platform based etch equipment and multiple computer-based equipment training (CBET) terminals. Lam's expansion plans include adding a Lam 200 and 300 mm capable 2300 etch series system and a Teres CMP system.

Training programs will be available on equipment usage, maintenance, and software; productivity; Best Known Method (BKM) processing and troubleshooting; and preventive and automated maintenance. Not only will customers benefit from the lower training costs of a local training center, they will also be able to improve productivity, increase performance, and reduce maintenance costs by being able to train more technicians.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements which are subject to the Safe Harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to anticipated cost advantages of the new training center, customer benefits from the facility, Lam's ability to expand its business and support capabilities, and its expansion and other future plans with respect to the facility. Such statements are based on current expectations and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and changes in condition, such as a continued downturn in the semiconductor equipment market affecting existing orders and shipment schedules, and other risks detailed in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including specifically the report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 25, 2000, and the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 25, 2001. The company undertakes no obligation to update the information in this Press Release.

Lam Research Corporation is a leading supplier of wafer fabrication equipment and services to the world's semiconductor industry. The company's common stock trades on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol LRCX. Lam's World Wide Web address is http://www.lamrc.com.

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