NOVELLUS SYSTEMS TO HOST ADVANCED COPPER INTERCONNECT SYMPOSIUM AT SEMICON WEST 2004

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 6, 2004--Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: NVLS) will host a high-level advanced copper interconnect technology symposium on July 12, 2004 at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. With presentations by four distinguished authorities on copper interconnect technologies at 45 nm and below, the symposium will highlight important research advances while providing a valuable discussion forum for microelectronics technologists from around the world.

The afternoon symposium will feature talks by the following prominent experts from institutions in the United States: Dr. James Watkins, University of Massachusetts; Dr. Ara Philipossian, University of Arizona; and Dr. Robert Rutenbar from Carnegie Mellon University. Rounding out the speaker line-up is Dr. Stephen Rossnagel from IBM's New York-based research division. The presentations will conclude with a panel discussion, moderated by Novellus' executive vice president and chief technical officer, Drs. Wilbert van den Hoek.

AGENDA

2:30-3:00 p.m.
"Supercritical Fluid Technology for Interconnect Fabrication"
Dr. James Watkins

3:00-3:30 p.m.
"The Evolution of Interconnect Metals, Barriers and Processes at 45 and 32 nm"
Dr. Stephen Rossnagel

3:30-4:00 p.m.
"Slurry Utilization Efficiency and Flow Behavior Analysis in CMP for Various Processing Conditions and Pad Surface Textures"
Dr. Ara Philipossian

4:00-4:30 p.m.
"The Changing Face of Design at the Top of the Semiconductor Foodchain: How Manufacturing Challenges Below 90 nm Impact Circuits and ASICs"
Dr. Robert Rutenbar

4:30-5:00 p.m.
Panel Discussion

To attend this event, please call Kelly Picasso at (408) 545-3224 or email Kelly.Picasso@novellus.com

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