Lam Comments on Stock Option Grant Practices

FREMONT, Calif., May 23, 2006Lam Research Corporation (NASDAQ: LRCX) today announced its response to investors' questions regarding option grant practices. Lam's policy and practice have been to grant options to the CEO after the approval of the independent board members at regularly scheduled board meetings. Grants to the other named executives are made after the approval of the Compensation Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings.

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