Lam Research Corporation Opens Advanced Global Training Center in Taiwan

FREMONT, Calif., Aug 26, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Lam Research Corporation (NASDAQ:LRCX), a major supplier of semiconductor wafer fabrication equipment and services, today announced the opening of its global product training center in Hsinchu, Taiwan with the invaluable support of the Taiwan Government. Training programs offered will help customers speed the ramp to production on new Lam Research process tools and enhance the productivity of their existing Lam Research systems. These programs will also advance the technical capabilities and competitiveness of Taiwan's local supply chain. To facilitate customers' ability to receive comprehensive training, the new facility is conveniently located in close proximity to core centers of semiconductor technology development and manufacturing. Courses will be taught in both English and the local language to enhance training effectiveness.

To enable both 200 mm and 300 mm hands-on training, the 3,600-plus square foot facility is equipped with 2300(R) and Alliance(R)-based systems. Additional equipment will be installed as customer demand for training continues to grow. The center's process and analysis courses are designed to train customers on proven procedures known to improve the productivity of Lam Research equipment. Training is being conducted both by locally based Lam Research personnel and visiting instructors from Lam Research headquarters in California.

"Localized training not only saves our customers the time and expense of travel, but also facilitates securing more comprehensive training," said Daniel Liao, Lam Research's group vice president, Asia Pacific. "This is a significant benefit that is realized in faster resolution of process and equipment issues and fewer escalations for supplier support. When customers better understand their process equipment, they can achieve the high productivity for which our equipment is designed. This new training center will enhance support to customers in all regions, in particular, in the expanding Asia Pacific market."

Statements made in this press release which are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements and are subject to the safe harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate, but are not limited, to the benefits of the new training center in terms of helping customers speed the ramp to production, enhancing productivity of existing systems and advancing technical capabilities and competence of Taiwan's local supply chain; the courses taught including their schedules and languages; whether additional equipment will be installed in the center; future customer demand for training; and the effect of the new center on customer productivity and enhancing customer support. Important factors that might affect these forward-looking statements include changing business conditions in the semiconductor and semiconductor equipment industry; technological changes that might affect our equipment, its operation, and how training is delivered to our customers; and political effects and Acts of God that may impact access to the new Training Center and its potential uses. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are subject to uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value and effect as well as 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 24, 2007, and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2008, which could cause actual results to vary from expectations. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the information or statements made in this press release.

Editor Background:

Lam Research Corporation is a major provider of wafer fabrication equipment and services to the world's semiconductor industry and market share leader in plasma etch. Lam's common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM under the symbol LRCX. Lam Research is a NASDAQ-100(R) company. For more information, visit http://www.lamresearch.com.

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