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Qcept Technologies expands into Austin with applications lab and sales office

ATLANTA – June 14, 2005 – Qcept Technologies Inc., a leading developer of chemical metrology solutions for semiconductor manufacturing, has opened an applications-development laboratory and sales office in Austin, Texas. The new facility will allow Qcept to demonstrate its novel technology at a busy crossroads of the global semiconductor industry. The Qcept office is within a mile of International Sematech.

Qcept's Chemetriq™ technology enables fast in-line detection of surface chemistry variations, including molecular metallic and organic contamination, on semiconductor wafers. The tool can perform surface chemistry inspection at points throughout the production process, including post-CMP, surface prep, implant, or wafer bump, among others.

"Contact Potential Difference Imaging (CPDI) technology fills the capabilities gap between high throughput but chemically insensitive inline inspection tools and slow but chemically sensitive off-line analytical instruments," said Robert Bryant, Qcept's director of business development who will lead the Austin team. "Qcept's Austin facility offers a geographically convenient place to demonstrate CPDI wafer inspection technology to Sematech member companies and local semiconductor manufacturers."

Based in Atlanta, Qcept earlier this year announced the close of a \$3.25 million series B add-on round of funding, led by Siemens Venture Capital GmbH, a unit of the global electronics giant Siemens AG.

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About Qcept Technologies Inc.

Qcept delivers Chemical Metrology solutions for the detection, inspection, and measurement of chemical variation and uniformity on semiconductor wafers. The breakthrough technology enables single atomic-layer sensitivity on surfaces. Qcept's Chemetriq™ Chemical Metrology solutions are being adopted in critical processes for in-line, non-contact, full-wafer inspection and rapid analysis to increase yield. For more information, call (404) 685-9434, email info@qcepttech.com or visit www.qcepttech.com.

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