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APPLIED MATERIALS JOINS THE SOI INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM

BOSTON, MASS.,” February 18, 2008 – The SOI Industry Consortium announced today that Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq: AMAT) has joined the organization as a full member. The SOI Industry Consortium, which was formed in October 2007 by a group of 19 leading companies from across the electronics industry, is aimed at accelerating silicon-on-insulator (SOI) innovation into broad markets by promoting the benefits of SOI technology and reducing the barriers to adoption.

Applied Materials, the global leader in Nanomanufacturing Technology™ solutions, brings the SOI Consortium membership to twenty companies covering a spectrum of users, enablers, suppliers and manufacturers. Other members include (listed alphabetically): AMD, ARM, Cadence Design Systems, CEA-Léti, Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing, Freescale Semiconductor, IBM, Innovative Silicon, KLA-Tencor, Lam Research, NXP, Samsung, Semico, Soitec, SEH Europe, STMicroelectronics, Synopsys, TSMC and UMC.

“Applied Materials is a longtime supplier of equipment, manufacturing technology solutions and R&D resources to the SOI industry. We are very pleased to welcome them into this group of leading companies supporting the SOI ecosystem,” said André-Jacques Auberton-Hervé, Chairman of the board of the SOI Industry Consortium. “In addition to the performance advantages of SOI as a semiconductor substrate technology, SOI promises better energy efficiency. Applied Materials’ entry into the SOI Consortium supports the momentum we are gaining across the entire spectrum of the semiconductor market,” added Auberton-Hervé.

The SOI Industry Consortium is open to any company, organization or academic institution with an interest in SOI.

About the SOI Industry Consortium:

The SOI Industry Consortium is chartered with accelerating silicon-on-insulator (SOI) innovation into broad markets by promoting the benefits of SOI technology and reducing the barriers to adoption. Representing leaders spanning the entire electronics industry infrastructure, SOI Industry Consortium members include: AMD, Applied Materials, ARM, Cadence Design Systems, CEA-Léti, Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd, Freescale Semiconductor, IBM, Innovative Silicon, KLA-Tencor, Lam Research, NXP, Samsung, Semico, Soitec, SEH Europe, STMicroelectronics, Synopsys, TSMC and UMC. Membership is open to all companies and institutions throughout the electronics industry. For more information, please see www.soiconsortium.org.

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