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## **KVD Standardizes on Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions for Test Data Analysis**

*- Agreement Provides KVD's Applications, Design and Manufacturing Teams with Standard Characterization and Analysis Tools*

**SUNNYVALE, Calif. and WALTHAM, Mass. - July 21, 2008--** KVD, a supplier of cost effective semiconductor ATE for the linear, power management and low cost mixed signal markets, and Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions, a leading provider of test data analysis and yield management software, today announced that they have entered into a licensing agreement for Galaxy's Examiner software. Under the terms of the agreement, KVD's applications engineering team will use Examiner as a standard reporting tool for customer-related activities such as acceptance testing, device characterization and tester correlation studies. In addition, KVD's design and manufacturing groups will utilize the Galaxy software for monitoring design and yield tolerances in their supply chain, and for system software QA testing.

Examiner™ is a software solution that enables test and product engineers to perform device/program characterization and root-cause analysis from standard semiconductor data files such as STDF. With just a single click Examiner generates comprehensive reports, such as: yield summary, Cp, Cpk, histograms, wafer maps, Pareto diagrams, and gage R/R. In addition, Examiner performs automatic guard-banding of test limits, and lets engineers perform "what-if" experiments to explore the impact of test program changes on yield and repeatability.

"Galaxy was the obvious choice for our engineers because of its combination of ease of use, speed and affordability," said Ross Martindale, VP of Business Development at KVD. "Examiner transforms large amounts of test data into easy-to-read charts and graphs, and dramatically boosts the productivity of our team."

"We are very pleased that KVD has chosen to standardize on the use of Galaxy tools throughout their organization," said Bertrand Renaud, COO of Galaxy Semiconductor. "This further reinforces Examiner's position as the defacto industry standard for semiconductor test data analysis."

### **About KVD**

KVD Company, Inc. is a leading supplier of cost effective semiconductor automated test equipment for the Linear, Power Management and low cost Mixed Signal markets. The Company is headquartered in Carlsbad, California, with sales, service and applications offices in Boston, MA and San Jose, CA. KVD's strategy is to provide a family of ATE products which are easy to use and deliver both productivity improvements and high return on investment. For more information please contact sales@kvdco.com or call 408.416.4500. Visit the company's Website at <http://www.kvdco.com>

### **About Galaxy**

Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions is a leading provider of test data analysis, yield management and PAT software for the semiconductor industry. Galaxy products are used by over 1500 users worldwide to help increase device yields, reduce defects and improve engineering productivity. Galaxy products are easy to learn and use, and offer a very short time-to-benefit, coupled with a compelling return on investment. More information about Galaxy can be found at [www.galaxysemi.com](http://www.galaxysemi.com).

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