

STAr Technologies and KVD have partnered to provide a low cost Power Management test platform to the growing analog Taiwanese market

KVD M2 test system to be displayed at SEMICON Taiwan, Sept 12-14

Carlsbad, CA and SEMICON, Taiwan, Sept 12-14 2007 – STAr Technologies, provider of parametric test solutions, and KVD, provider of low-cost Linear, Power Management and Mixed Signal test systems, entered into a representative agreement where STAr will sell and support the KVD test platforms within Taiwan.

STAr manufactures a series of parametric test systems focused on device characterization, reliability and quality for TFT, LCD, Flash and RF device types. Using a combination of intelligent software and robust production based architecture yields a dependable and cost effective parametric test package.

KVD manufactures a family of high accuracy; analog focused automated test platforms that serve to reduce cost pressures in the Linear, Power Management and Sensor markets. The KVD M2 test platform is designed to provide parallel test capability to help increase test cell productivities and efficiencies. With a wide array of instruments available, customers can configure the M2 for very low cost, low pin count devices like LDO's or Vref's and within minutes scale up to more complex, higher pin count devices like Audio CODEC's and integrated Power Management IC's. KVD also leads the industry in thin film laser integration, providing a unique laser interface option that optimizes communication and data handling between the M2 and the GSI and ESI laser systems.

"We partnered with STAr Technologies as they are, like KVD, a company built on many years of analog expertise," stated Ross Martindale, VP of Business Development at KVD. "With the recent growth of analog design and manufacturing in Taiwan, we were looking for a partner to expand upon our strong US based position, and STAr was a perfect choice. With complimentary products, the same focus and passion, we expect to provide the Taiwanese analog IC market with the same value we have been doing in the US for the last 20 years. Their strong service and applications structure mirrors what KVD have in the US, which we believe is imperative in the test systems business".

"The more advanced analog and digital capabilities of the KVD platform are a perfect fit for the Taiwanese market today. The 90's were very much focused on digital design, SCAN, DFT, etc.; today, Taiwan is becoming more analog centric. STAr have built a business on parametric test solutions and were excited in partnering with KVD to provide a cost effective test solution for adjacent markets to our core business" stated Sten Hsieh, VP Test System Sales. "I believe that the M2 is flexible enough that it can provide the right balance of cost and performance without the traditional compromises, either a low cost platform that is so basic it is limited in scope and performance, or a platform that has so much expandability that the price prohibits any form of significant cost savings".

About STAr Technologies

Founded in 2000, STAr Technologies, Inc. provides integrated parametric test solutions for advanced semiconductor devices and processes that meet the needs and challenges of the present and future technology needs. STAr is also one of the leading parametric probe card providers with probe card technologies covering testing needs from low-leakage current to high temperature testing. STAr enables its advanced solutions and quality services to be widely available to customers with headquarters in Hsinchu Taiwan, offices in China, Singapore and South Korea, and distributors in Japan. For more information, please contact Sten Hsieh at 886.3.583.5178 or hsieh_sten@star-quest.com. Visit the company's Website at www.star-quest.com

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 Austin TX, Boston MA, Colorado Springs, CO 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>