



KINESYS SOFTWARE RISES TO 10TH IN DELOITTE & TOUCHE'S LIST OF 50 FASTEST-GROWING COMPANIES IN THE NETHERLANDS

***PROVIDER OF SOFTWARE FOR
AUTOMATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING BACK-END
PROCESSES ATTRIBUTES STRONG
GROWTH TO PRODUCTS, INDUSTRY
RELATIONSHIPS AND GROWING
IMPORTANCE OF AUTOMATED
WAFER TESTING***

PETALUMA, Calif., December 17, 2001 – KINESYS Software, Inc., a privately held company focused on the automation of semiconductor manufacturing back-end processes, is the 10th fastest-growing technology-focused company in The Netherlands, according to Deloitte & Touche (D&T). The international consulting firm recently released the results of its annual search for the 50 fastest-growing technology companies in The Netherlands. KINESYS earned its place in the Dutch Technology Fast 50 thanks to a 400-percent increase in revenue from 1998-2000.

An annual program conducted by D&T, the Dutch Technology Fast 50 recognizes and ranks technology companies based on revenue growth over the prior three-year

period. The program was initiated by D&T in 2000 to recognize the phenomenal contributions of fast-growing technology companies that are thinking fast and leading by example.

Based in Utrecht, The Netherlands with a United States office in Petaluma, Calif., KINESYS is best known for its ALPS (Assembly Line Production Supervisor) wafer map data management and equipment integration software for inkless assembly of semiconductors. KINESYS celebrated its second year in the Dutch Technology Fast 50, having debuted at 25th in 2000.

In addition to ALPS, KINESYS also offers the GEMBox host interface solution, which adds a GEM-compliant communications interface to equipment with minimum impact on the equipment control system. GEM is a communication standard developed by SEMI.

"It is always heartening to compete and win, especially when the organization presenting the award is as prestigious as Deloitte & Touche. But given the difficult time the semiconductor industry is experiencing, we are especially pleased to receive this recognition," said Dave Huntley, president, KINESYS Software.

Huntley continued, "Our rapid growth over the past few years reflects the transition being made by the semiconductor manufacturing industry toward inkless assembly and the leading role ALPS has taken in enabling it. In the late 1990s we developed close working relationships with leading IC manufacturers and test assembly and packaging (TAP) subcontractors, to enable the development of an inkless assembly process for their most advanced facilities. Since then, ALPS has become the natural choice for other manufacturers and subcontractors making the transition. Moreover, our success with wafer data map software for inkless assembly underscores the growing importance of the automation of the test and assembly phase to increase equipment utilization, shorten cycle times, increase product flexibility as well as provide process visibility and material traceability. Going forward, our sights are set on continuing to improve ALPS and GEMbox to serve manufacturers and subcontractors as they migrate to manufacture of the 300mm wafer."

Product Distribution

KINESYS Software sells its products direct and via distribution agreements with SemiSpec Technologies (SST) and FUJI Research Institute Corporation (FRIC) as well as equipment vendors such as Alphasem, ESC and Dymatix (formerly Viking).

Under the terms of its non-exclusive agreement with KINESYS, Singapore-based SST operates primarily in Southeast Asia – Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines. SST has also made sales in Taiwan and is seeking to market KINESYS products in China. Tokyo-based FRIC CIM Division's distribution agreement provides exclusive rights in Japan and non-exclusive rights elsewhere in Asia. Alphasem, ESC and Dymatix sell ALPS through their sales channels worldwide (except in Japan).

About KINESYS Software, Inc.

Founded in 1992, KINESYS Software is a privately held company based in Utrecht, The Netherlands and has a United States office in Petaluma, CA. The company is focused on the automation of semiconductor manufacturing back-end processes. In particular, it offers innovative software products and expert support services for inkless data management and equipment integration. For more information on the company, visit the Web site, www.kinesysinc.com, or call Henk Barreveld in the Netherlands at +31 (30) 233 2331, or Dave Huntley in the US office +1 (707) 766-8855.

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