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Credence Standardizes on Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions for Test Data Analysis on ASL Series

WALTHAM, MA., December 1, 2005 -- Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions, a leading provider of desktop test data analysis software, today announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership and OEM agreement with Credence Systems Corporation (Nasdaq: CMOS), a leading provider of test solutions for the worldwide semiconductor industry. Under the terms of the agreement, Credence will include a special version of Galaxy's Examiner™-Characterization software as part of its Visual ATE software for all new ASL Series tester shipments. Credence's worldwide applications engineering team will use Examiner to provide customers with acceptance testing, characterization and tester correlation studies, accelerating release to production and hastening time to market.

Examiner is a software solution that enables test and product engineers to perform characterization, production monitoring, and yield analysis studies from standard semiconductor data files such as STDF. With a single click, Examiner generates comprehensive reports, such as yield summary, Cp, Cpk, histograms, wafer maps, Pareto diagrams, and gage R/R. Additionally, Examiner performs automatic guard-banding of test limits, and allows engineers to perform "what-if" experiments to explore the impact of program changes on yield and repeatability. The information that Examiner provides helps optimize test programs for maximum yield and throughput, thereby reducing test costs.

"We are delighted that Credence has selected Examiner to be the standard statistical analysis package for the ASL series," said Bertrand Renaud, chief operating officer of Galaxy Semiconductor. "We believe this partnership will have immediate benefits for both Credence and Galaxy, but the real winners will be our mutual customers. They will be able to quickly identify

and react to yield excursions on the test floor, saving valuable production time. Customers will also benefit from future joint development projects focused on lowering cost of test.”

“With over 1,600 systems installed worldwide, the ASL series is broadly recognized as one of the industry's most successful production test systems for analog, mixed-signal and RF devices,” said Ross Martindale, Product Marketing Director at Credence Systems Corporation. “Our ASL customers are driven to reduce testing costs and improve device yields in order to compete in the global semiconductor market. We chose to include Galaxy’s Examiner software as part of our ASL platform because it provides the quickest and most effective means for our customers to ensure the stability and repeatability of device tests prior to release. This improved correlation cycle translates into faster time to profit.”

About Galaxy

Galaxy Semiconductor Solutions is a leading provider of desktop data analysis and defect reduction software for the semiconductor industry. Galaxy products are used by over 1000 users worldwide to help increase device yields, reduce testing costs 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.

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