

Archie Hwang Named Chairman of SEMI

HSINCHU, Taiwan – July 12, 2006 – Following the opening of SEMICON WEST this year, SEMI today announced the appointment of Archie Hwang, chairman and CEO of Hermes-Epitek, as chairman of the industry association's International Board of Directors.

After his becoming the first Chinese to sit on the SEMI board, and being honored in 2005 with the Bob Graham Award, Hwang's recent appointment is assuredly paramount recognition of his, and his colleagues' achievement in the semiconductor equipment industry.

"Over the past 36 years, SEMI has served the needs of our global industry and helped members expand their business," said Hwang. "As we move into a very exciting and challenging time, I am pleased and honored to serve as the chairman of this organization."

Hwang's term as SEMI chairman will extend from July 2006 to July 2007. Given his six years of experience as a SEMI board member, it is expected that he will continue to play an active and productive role in the semiconductor and FPD industries.

About Hermes-Epitek Corp.

Founded in 1977, Hermes-Epitek is a full-service value-added house that provides the tools, processes and productivity enhancing after-sales service to get fab gear up, running, and continuing to run at maximum efficiency. We combine the world's best equipment, with the best-of-brand technologies: TEL, Crystal, EBARA, SIGMA-C, Benchmark, YDI, TIMBRE, MICRONIC, HMI, NanoNexus, AIBT, Negevtech, Camtek, THERMA-WAVE and Hakuto. Customers can maximize their technological infrastructure investment, by taking advantage of our integration synergies. Hermes-Epitek is in a unique position; working with tier-one vendors, we offer integrated Dream Team Solutions. For more information, visit www.hermes.com.tw

About Advanced Ion Beam Technology, Inc. (AIBT)

Established in 1999, AIBT was funded and led by Hemes-Epitek Corp. (HE; Head Office:



Hsin-Chu, Taiwan Chairman & CEO Archie Hwang), which has a long relationship and mutual trust with TEL. With its home base in Silicon Valley, AIBT's key focus for the past few years has been devoted to develop a new generation of high current ion implanter - iStar. For more information, visit www.aibt-inc.com

About SEMI

SEMI is a global industry association serving companies that provide equipment, materials and services used to manufacture semiconductors, displays, nano-scaled structures, micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS) and related technologies. SEMI maintains offices in Austin, Beijing, Brussels, Hsinchu, Moscow, San Jose (California), Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.semi.org.

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