

Cypress Semiconductor Orders 193 nm Lithography from SVG

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 7 /PRNewswire/ -- Cypress Semiconductor (NYSE: CY) announces that it has ordered a Micrascan 193 step-and-scan lithography system from Silicon Valley Group.

Cypress will use the system for process development work at the 120 nm node. Delivery at Cypress' San Jose research and development facility is expected in the third quarter of this year. Cypress expects to start production at the 120 nm node by the third quarter of 2001.

According to Dr. Jose I. Arreola, vice president of research and development at Cypress, "The Micrascan 193 offers the best solution for Cypress' 120 nm platform; it meets our specs for performance, process control, and delivery. We believe that the catadioptric lens design of SVG lithography will be a clear competitor at the 193 nm and the 157 nm lithography nodes."

"Cypress has been a long standing and solid SVG Thermal Systems customer," explained Papken Der Torossian, chairman of the board and CEO for SVG. "Adding them as a lithography customer shows Cypress' confidence in our ability to provide the best solutions to the industry with solid customer service and support. This once again demonstrates the industry's expanding support for our 193 program."

About Cypress Semiconductor

Cypress Semiconductor provides high-performance integrated circuit solutions "By Engineers. For Engineers.TM" for fast-growing companies in fast-growing markets, including data communications, telecommunications, computation, consumer products, and industrial-control. With a focus on emerging communications applications, Cypress's product lines include networking-optimized and micropower static RAMs; high-bandwidth multiport and FIFO memories; high-density programmable logic devices; timing technology for PCs and other digital systems; and controllers for Universal Serial Bus (USB). Cypress is No. 1 in the USB and clock chip markets.

Cypress employs more than 3,900 people worldwide with international headquarters in San Jose, California. Its shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CY. More

information about Cypress is accessible electronically on the company's worldwide web site at <http://www.cypress.com> or by CD-ROM (call 1-800-858-1810). An electronic investor forum, and other investor information, is located at <http://www.cypress.com/investor/index.html>.

About Silicon Valley Group

Silicon Valley Group is a leading manufacturer of automated wafer processing equipment for the worldwide semiconductor industry. The company designs, manufactures and markets technically sophisticated equipment used in the primary stages of semiconductor manufacturing. Its products include photolithography exposure tools; photoresist processing equipment; oxidation, diffusion and low-pressure chemical vapor deposition processing systems; atmospheric pressure chemical vapor deposition systems and precision optical components and systems. For more information, visit <http://www.svg.com>.

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