



Applied Materials and ASM International Dismiss Patent Litigation

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. & BILTHOVEN, The Netherlands--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 11, 2004--Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) and ASM International N.V., along with its subsidiaries ASM America, Inc. and ASM Japan, K.K., today announced that they have entered into a settlement agreement, dismissing litigations between the companies involving mutual allegations of patent infringement.

As part of the settlement, the parties agreed to dismiss all claims and counterclaims in the pending lawsuits without prejudice. The cases were settled without payment of any kind by any party and without licensing any patents. The settlement resolves all pending lawsuits between the parties.

About Applied Materials and ASM International

Applied Materials (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the largest supplier of equipment and services to the global semiconductor industry. Applied Materials' Web site is www.appliedmaterials.com.

ASM International and its subsidiaries provide production solutions for semiconductor wafer processing, assembly and packaging through their facilities in the United States, Europe, Japan and Asia. ASM International's common shares are traded on NASDAQ (symbol ASMI) and Euronext Amsterdam (symbol ASM). ASM's web site is www.asm.com.

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