



## **Applied Materials Celebrates 1000th Semiconductor Chipmaking System Milestone in Southeast Asia**

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SINGAPORE, Aug 27, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) announced today a significant milestone with the installation, at one of the world's leading foundries, of the Company's 1000th chipmaking system in Southeast Asia.

"This celebration illustrates Southeast Asia's significant position and growth within the global semiconductor industry," said Mike Splinter, Applied Materials president and chief executive officer. "Applied Materials has achieved this momentous milestone through collaborative efforts between our employees and customers. With these close relationships, we will continue to offer solutions that will help our customers worldwide be successful in their business."

At an event in Singapore today, customers, government and other industry leaders joined Applied Materials to commemorate this achievement.

"Congratulations on achieving this noteworthy milestone," said Chia Song Hwee, president and chief executive officer at Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd. "The on-going support and commitment rendered by Applied Materials is very much appreciated, and we look forward to continuing the successful relationship we have with your organization."

Applied Materials has an extended history supporting the growth of the semiconductor industry in Southeast Asia. Registering a branch office in 1991, Applied Materials Southeast Asia Pte Ltd. was incorporated in 1995 and the Singapore Technical Training Center opened three years later.

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the largest supplier of equipment and services to the global semiconductor industry. Applied Materials' web site is [www.appliedmaterials.com](http://www.appliedmaterials.com).

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