



Applied Materials Names Tom St. Dennis Senior Vice President

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SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 16, 2005--Applied Materials, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMAT), the largest supplier of equipment and services to the global semiconductor industry, today named Tom St. Dennis as senior vice president with responsibility for leading the Company's Etch and Front End Products groups. Most recently, St. Dennis was executive vice president and a member of the Office of the CEO of Novellus Systems, Inc.

"Tom is a 25-year semiconductor industry veteran and an accomplished executive with a proven track record of success. We are happy to welcome him back to Applied Materials," said Mike Splinter, president and chief executive officer. "Tom brings strong leadership skills, deep technology knowledge and relationships with customers around the world. He will be a valuable leader as we pursue Applied's growth agenda."

St. Dennis was a senior executive at Applied Materials for seven years leading a number of key product groups before departing in 1999 to become CEO of Wind River Systems, a leader in embedded software.

"I am excited about Applied Materials' opportunities as a market leader with a strong product innovation pipeline," said St. Dennis. "As the semiconductor industry continues to grow, our customers are looking for new solutions to meet the challenges of nanoelectronics and I am pleased to join Applied's team and help deliver the world-class technology and products our customers need and help Applied realize its growth opportunities."

St. Dennis holds a bachelor's degree in physics from UCLA and a master's degree in physics from UCLA. He has been serving as a board member of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International Association (SEMI).

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