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## **ASE ranked No. 1 supplier in FSA's 2002 Wafer and Packaging Demand Survey**

*Companies surveyed indicated ASE as their key front-end testing, packaging and final testing service provider*

**Santa Clara, California, March 11, 2002** - Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. (NYSE: ASX), one of the world's largest semiconductor packaging and testing companies and ASE Test Limited (NASDAQ: ASTSF), the world's largest semiconductor testing company, today announced that the survey results published by the Fabless Semiconductor Association (FSA) indicated that the company was voted the leading service provider.

The FSA, a premier semiconductor trade association, published the results of its eighth annual Wafer and Packaging Demand Survey on March 6, 2002. The survey was conducted in conjunction with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Survey participants included 131 fabless companies and 14 integrated device manufacturers (IDMs).

Respondents were asked to indicate their top four post-foundry suppliers in 2001 for each task, including; probe supplier, assembly supplier, test supplier and burn-in supplier. In all four categories, ASE emerged as the key supplier. ISE Labs, a wholly owned subsidiary of ASE Test Limited and the largest semiconductor testing service provider in Silicon Valley, was ranked sixth in probe and second in burn-in.

"This is the second consecutive year that we have been placed as the leading supplier in the FSA survey," said Dr. Tien Wu, president of ASE Americas and Europe. "ASE is pleased to have the continued vote of confidence from our customers. We also believe that the fabless model will continue to lead the way for industry growth and, in addition, associations such as the FSA will help to promote this growth."

The survey is available to FSA members or other interested parties through the organization's web site at [www.fsasurvey.com](http://www.fsasurvey.com).

### **About ASE Inc.**

ASE Inc. is one of the world's largest independent providers of semiconductor packaging services and, together with its subsidiary ASE Test Limited (NASDAQ: ASTSF), one of the world's

largest independent providers of semiconductor testing services, including front-end engineering testing, wafer probing and final testing services. The Company's international customer base of more than 200 blue-chip customers includes such leading names as Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., Altera Corporation, Cirrus Logic Inc., Conexant Systems, Inc., LSI Logic Corporation, and Qualcomm Incorporated. With advanced process technology and a global presence spanning Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States, ASE Inc. has established a reputation for reliable, high quality products and services. For more information, visit the website, <http://www.aseglobal.com>.

### **About ISE Labs**

ISE Labs, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ASE Test Limited, is the largest semiconductor testing service provider in Silicon Valley. It offers a full spectrum of services in the front-end and back-end testing of semiconductors, including test program development, probe card and load board development, device characterization, test program conversion, wafer sort, final test, yield analysis, lead scan, bake and dry pack, and drop shipment. The Company's strong engineering expertise and a large selection of leading tester platforms have made it the preferred choice among the leading semiconductor companies in Silicon Valley. For more information, please visit ISE Lab's website at <http://www.iselabs.com>.

### **About the Fabless Semiconductor Association**

In 1994, industry leaders incorporated FSA ([www.fsa.org](http://www.fsa.org)) to achieve a more optimal balance between wafer demand and capacity. Its more than 350 corporate members represent fabless companies, integrated device manufacturers, foundry providers, packaging/assembly houses, electronic design automation companies, investment bankers, intellectual property providers and other companies. The organization encourages the relationship between fabless companies and suppliers; facilitates business partnerships; creates awareness of the fabless business model; disseminates relevant data; and fosters standards and policies.

The FSA's vision is that by 2010 half of all integrated circuit revenue will come from fabless operations. ###

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