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ISE Labs and MuAnalysis Form Alliance to Enhance Analytical Test Services for the Canadian Semiconductor Industry

Alliance will provide industry with the widest selection of test platforms through remote access analysis

Fremont, California, October 18th, 2002 - ISE Labs, Inc. a subsidiary of ASE Test Limited (NASDAQ:ASTSF), the world's largest independent provider of semiconductor test services, and MuAnalysis, Inc., a provider of semiconductor microanalysis and process analysis, announced today that they have signed an agreement to combine MuAnalysis' advanced analytical expertise with ISE's advanced testing capabilities, and provide comprehensive analytical IC testing services to the Canadian semiconductor industry.

The agreement enables both ISE and MuAnalysis' customers to access directly the test platforms at ISE Technology Centers in Fremont, California and Austin, Texas using MuAnalysis' streamlined analytical process and procedures. ISE Technology Centers offer a diverse selection of major test platforms with pin counts up to 1024 and speeds up to 3.2Gbps.

"With the ease of access to ISE's test platforms, our customers can utilize their existing test programs. From the customers' perspective, they benefit through a shortened set-up time for performing analysis," said Dr. Martine Simard-Normadin, President of MuAnalysis.

"The collaboration with MuAnalysis enables us to extend our support, albeit remotely, to our Canadian customers in a timely fashion," said Dr David Pan, CEO, ISE Labs. "Customers have a wider choice of test platforms and are able to obtain real time information of the test systems, as if they were physically on our test floor."

In support of the agreement, an EXA3000 SOC Test System from NPTest (previously Schlumberger Semiconductor Solutions) has been added to ISE Technology Center in Fremont, California. The EXA 3000 and other platforms are part of ISE's RAC (Remote Access) services, offering the widest choice of test platforms to semiconductor companies in North America.

About ISE

ISE Labs, Inc., a subsidiary of ASE Test Limited - the largest subcontract test company in the world, offers a full spectrum of services related to front-end and back-end manufacturing of ICs. ISE Technology Centers are located in Fremont, California and Austin, Texas. Early in the design

stage, ISE engineers work with customers to select the proper test platform. ISE encourages active customer participation in device testing and characterization, and addresses customer requirements from engineering to production test. Additional information can be found at <http://www.iselabs.com>

About MuAnalysis

MuAnalysis, Inc., the only full-service clinic for microelectronics and photonics, in Canada. Located in Ottawa, Canada, MuAnalysis facilities include laboratories devoted to electron microscopy, emission microscopy, microsurgery, failure analysis techniques, and reliability testing. Additional information is available at <http://www.muanalysis.com>

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