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SolVision Merges with Machine Vision International to Deliver the Broadest Range of Advanced 2D/3D Inspection Solutions Across the Back-End Semiconductor Sector

MONTREAL, CANADA – January 12, 2006 – SolVision, a leading provider of automated visual inspection equipment for the semiconductor industry, and Machine Vision International (MVI), developer and manufacturer of automated in-tray inspection solutions for advanced IC packaging, have merged to offer the largest product portfolio of true 2D/3D inspection solutions for all back-end segments of the semiconductor sector.

While SolVision and MVI share a trusted reputation and established installation base in their respective markets, the resulting organization will be the only of its kind to capture all three back-end segments – wafer, substrate and IC packaging – with a comprehensive line of true 2D/3D inspection solutions.

“This merger represents an important opportunity to leverage each company’s unique intellectual property, which share core similarities, to develop innovative product enhancements and influence future product evolution,” said SolVision President, Alain Coulombe. “While competing suppliers of inspection technologies face many challenges including lack of new technology, resource constraints and even financial volatility, the SolVision-MVI coalition ensures a strong company with industry viability and the resources to continue meeting client needs and provide long-term support.

“MVI’s state-of-the-art inspection tools have successfully displaced competing products in key IC packaging foundries in the Far East,” said Jimmy Thia, Managing Director for MVI. “SolVision’s extensive worldwide sales, marketing and support network will allow MVI products to be deployed to a much wider customer base.”

SolVision’s flagship products include 2D/3D inspection and metrology tools for complete wafer bump inspection and bump inspection for flip-chip substrates. MVI, with its technologies deployed in top semiconductor facilities, delivers inspection tools with the widest 2D/3D defect coverage for advanced IC packages. The company also offers a range of OEM modules with various inspection capabilities for integration into third-party automation.

The combined entities will operate under the name of SolVision with corporate headquarters Montreal, Asian operations managed out of Singapore and manufacturing facilities maintained in both cities. Increased representation in Asia, North America and Europe will allow customers to benefit from an expanded worldwide network of dedicated sales and support representatives that complements existing direct regional support.

About SolVision

Montreal-based SolVision Inc. is a leading designer and manufacturer of high-performance automated visual inspection equipment for the microelectronics industry. Founded by former IBM foundry managers and scientists from the microelectronics manufacturing sector, SolVision combines decades of industry expertise with its patented FMI™ technology to set new standards in performance and accuracy for visual inspection - including wafer, substrate and IC packaging inspection. As the semiconductor industry pushes testing criteria to a new level, from micro- to nanotechnology, SolVision provides unique platforms that address today’s needs and stand poised for tomorrow’s challenges.

About MVI

Headquartered in Singapore, Machine Vision International (MVI) develops and manufactures machine vision systems and modules. MVI’s technology is built on more than 100 years of collective machine vision

experience with core competencies in optical system design, inspection software, image processing and electro-mechanical systems. Working closely with industry-leading semiconductor manufacturers, MVI continually develops vision inspection technologies and application methodologies that push the envelope in inspecting advanced IC packages.

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