



Levitech BV Receives Repeat Order for Levitor[®] 4300 from Leading European Logic Foundry

ALMERE, The Netherlands – January 13, 2010 – Levitech BV today announced that it has received a repeat order from a leading Logic Foundry in Europe for its Levitor[®] 4300 Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP) system. The customer will use the system for technologies at 45nm and below.

“The formation of advanced Silicide films poses major challenges as devices integration moves beyond the 45nm technology node”, commented Jaap Beijersbergen, CEO of Levitech. “This order once again confirms the Levitor[®] high productivity and unparalleled process performance on advanced Silicide films.”

About the Levitor

The Levitor is a single-wafer RTP tool based on a unique conductive heating technology that differentiates this system in the market for its superior process performance, flexibility, low cost-of-ownership and extendibility. In the Levitor, the wafer floats on a very thin cushion of gas between two massive blocks. The gas layer between the wafer surface and the reactor blocks enables ultra-fast heating, while self-centering the wafer and keeping the wafer suspended at the desired process temperature. The result is very precise wafer heating that is emissivity independent -- totally insensitive to the type of film on the wafer.

About Levitech

Levitech is a global player in semiconductor production solutions for the IC and solar industries. A spin-off of ASM International, Levitech was established in 2009 around its core product, the Levitor[™] system, based on a revolutionary patented technology, and used in the semiconductor industry for Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP). The Levitor 4300 and Levitor 4200 are leading-edge 300mm and 200mm tools for advanced RTP processes in high volume. In addition to enabling time-temperature profiles, and unmatched insensitivity to emissivity variations, these systems are designed to achieve unparalleled inherent uniformity and repeatability. The Levitrack[™] ALD system is a state-of-the-art production solution for the solar industry and is based on the novel concept of precursor separation in space, versus by time, in combination with the unique floating wafer and conductive heating technology used in the Levitor RTP products. For more information, visit Levitech's web site at www.levitech.nl.

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