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NuFlare Technology, Inc. and EpiQuest, Inc. to form business alliance

We hereby announce that NuFlare Technology, Inc. (hereinafter “NuFlare Technology”) and EpiQuest, Inc. (hereinafter “EpiQuest”) have entered into a business alliance agreement regarding development, design, and manufacturing in the field of epitaxial growth systems.

1. Reason of business alliance

NuFlare Technology Group, with its vision of “Contributing through leading-edge semiconductor equipment, to the advance of the semiconductor industry, society, and mankind”, is a company contributing to the advance of the semiconductor industry by developing and providing leading edge electron beam mask writers, mask inspection systems, and epitaxial growth system, used for manufacturing semiconductor devices. Of these, the epitaxial growth system, especially the SiC epitaxial growth system, is now in its high-volume production stage and shall be an essential part of the growing power semiconductor device market that is expected to expand even further. In addition, these systems are being introduced full scale into the Chinese market.

EpiQuest, with its management philosophy “Contributing to leading technology fields with epitaxial growth technology as our base”, is contributing to leading technology fields by developing and providing compound semiconductor epitaxial growth systems for research purposes to Japanese universities, national research institutions, and research centers in private companies.

In light of this, NuFlare Technology and EpiQuest will, with the above business alliance, integrate their business resources for development, design, and manufacturing in the field of epitaxial growth systems that both companies have fostered in the past. Both companies will work to further enhance their corporate values through collaborations on expanding existing businesses and driving new businesses, as well as expanding customer services.

2. Profile of the two companies

NuFlare Technology, Inc. (As of November 1, 2018)

- (1) Name NuFlare Technology, Inc.
- (2) Head Office 8-1 Shinsugita-cho, Isogo-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref.
Japan
- (3) Representative Representative Director and President
Shigeki Sugimoto
- (4) Business activities Main business : Development, manufacturing, and sales of semiconductor manufacturing equipment, mainly the following 3 products: electron beam mask writers, epitaxial growth systems, and mask inspection systems
- (5) Capital JPY6486million
- (6) Establishment August 1, 2002

EpiQuest, Inc. (As of November 1, 2018)

- (1) Name EpiQuest, Inc.
- (2) Head Office 51 Kamitobanakagawara, Minami-ku, Kyoto, Japan
- (3) Representative Representative Director and President
Takatoshi Yamamoto
- (4) Business activities Main business: Development, manufacturing, and sales of MBE systems, MOCVD systems, other various CVD systems, and oxidation systems
- (5) Capital JPY45million
- (6) Establishment June 2, 2000