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QUANTUMCLEAN SELECTED BY TOKYO ELECTRON AMERICA AS AUTHORIZED PROVIDER OF OUTSOURCED PARTS CLEANING SERVICES



Dublin, PA (March 17, 2003) – Quantum Global Technologies, LLC (doing business as “QuantumClean”), a privately held leading outsourced parts cleaning (OPC) provider for fab tool chambers and parts, announces the signing of a multi-year service agreement with Tokyo Electron America (TEA), the U.S. subsidiary of Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL), a leading supplier of semiconductor and FPD production equipment worldwide.

QuantumClean, with its innovative and comprehensive technological capabilities, will provide parts cleaning services for TEA at designated customer sites or at QC Advanced Technology Cleaning Centers. Under the agreement, QuantumClean is recognized as a TEA authorized provider. QuantumClean will provide disassembling, cleaning, rebuilding, reassembling, renovation and restoration of kits.

Peter Owen, TEA’s senior manager of customer service and commercial development, observed, “The service provided to TEL customers under this agreement between TEA and QuantumClean are in line with the TEA service philosophy established through the TEL Service Advantage (TSA) program. This program provides value-added options to our customers that enhance the performance of their TEL equipment.” “TEL initially became aware of the significant advantages of QuantumClean’s ‘Consistently Cleaner Parts’ methodologies nearly two years ago at a leading IDM,” according to Dwight Zuck, QuantumClean OEM business development manager. “It was a classic litmus test that involved a battery of TEL Unity II split-lot comparisons.”

Maceo Ward, QuantumClean’s director of global sales and marketing agreed, “The largest benefit of QuantumClean’s designation as a TEA authorized provider is the mutual commitment to continual performance improvements. We are highly honored that TEA recognized and embraced the advantages of our revolutionary approach to OPC services.” Ward continued, “Moreover, we applaud TEL for shaking a long standing paradigm of OEM’s attempting to control the process and procedures of how parts are cleaned. With this agreement, TEA remains focused on its core competency of providing leading-edge tool platforms and world-class service support, while allowing QuantumClean to clean TEL designated parts with its innovative and comprehensive technological capabilities.”

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QuantumClean and TEA have also commenced development of a multi-year strategic plan to determine the best methods of supporting their mutual customers with QC's current capabilities and emerging technologies. The joint development efforts will include multiple programs, such as projects for part life-extension, improved chamber performance initiatives and the application of new technologies.

About Quantum Global Technologies, L.L.C. (dba "QuantumClean")

QuantumClean was established in 1999 to address the ultra-clean, outsourced tool parts cleaning and management demands of the semiconductor industry – offers semiconductor fabricators a technologically innovative alternative to traditional outsourced parts cleaning industry methodologies. The company builds and manages Advanced Technology

Cleaning Centers to provide environmentally compatible, quantifiably cleaner, and expeditiously processed tool parts services that exceed market expectations. QuantumClean has established relationships with several other leading semiconductor OEMs, and is an independent affiliate of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (www.quantumclean.com)



About TEL

TEL, established in 1963, is a leading supplier of innovative semiconductor and FPD production equipment worldwide. Product lines include coater/developers, thermal processing systems, dry etchers, CVD systems, sputtering systems (PVD), wet cleaning systems, and test systems. In Japan, TEL distributes other leading edge semiconductor equipment tools, such as metrology tools or process control systems. In addition, TEL distributes high quality computer systems, semiconductor devices and electronic components of other leading suppliers, as well as computer network related products from around the world. To support this diverse product base, TEL has strategically located research & development, manufacturing, sales, and service locations all over the world. TEL is a publicly held company listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. <http://www.tel.co.jp>



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