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NEWS RELEASE

Benchmark Technologies Realigns Management Team, Leverages Expertise to Take on Emerging Technologies

Test reticle leader expands focus to include nano-imprint lithography, and advanced photonics and bio applications markets

LYNNFIELD, MA (October 28, 2005) — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. Benchmark Technologies, Inc., a leading supplier of advanced test reticles for semiconductor lithography applications, announced today that co-founder and Vice President Patrick Reynolds has stepped up to the role of President and sole owner of the company. He replaces co-founder and partner Craig Sager, who has left the company to pursue other interests.

Reynolds commented, "We are grateful for the contribution Craig has made to the company since its founding in 1987. Craig's vision and technical expertise has helped to make the Benchmark Technologies name synonymous with leading edge test reticles."

With a distinguished track record, Reynolds now guides the company to continued long-term growth through an expanded portfolio of test reticle products and other high value services in the mask and reticle layout and procurement space. Reynolds also aims to diversify the company's activities into emerging markets that can leverage its unique expertise in CAD layout, CAD software, and advanced mask and wafer patterning.

In addition, newly appointed to Vice President of Sales, Andrew Zanzal will be responsible for Worldwide Sales and Marketing activities, including new business development in emerging technologies, such as nano-imprint lithography and advanced photonics and bio applications.

Zanzal's career spans more than 25 years in sales, marketing, and business development in photomask and other micro and nano process technologies. He most recently served as Vice President of Business Development for Quantiscript, Inc., a developer of electron beam resists for

advanced masks and nano-imprint template applications, located in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

Zanzal stated, "We are looking forward to growing the company from its established test reticle base by leveraging the unique expertise of the Benchmark Technologies team to provide a broader array of products and services in emerging markets utilizing micro and nano-fabrication. We are also very excited about new test reticle products we have in the pipeline as well as many other opportunities in the fabrication services side of our business "

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About Benchmark Technologies:

Founded in 1987, Benchmark Technologies is a leading supplier of test reticles for advanced lithography systems. The company also provides for out-sourced photomask and reticle layout and procurement services, including development and procurement of nano-imprint stamps and templates. Benchmark Technologies corporate headquarters is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Boston. Additional information about Benchmark products and services is available at www.benchmarktech.com.