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Plasma-Therm RANKED 1st in 10 BEST FOCUSED SUPPLIERS OF CHIP MAKING EQUIPMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (May 28, 2019) — Plasma-Therm, a global provider of specialty semiconductor and nanotechnology equipment, has been recognized as the leader in 10 BEST **Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment** in the latest *Customer Satisfaction Survey* conducted by VLSIresearch.

This year marks the 4th time in the past seven years that Plasma-Therm has won this top award, as well as being ranked among the **10 BEST Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment** every year since 2011.

G. Dan Hutcheson, CEO and Chairman of VLSIresearch, said, *Plasma-Therm's focus on continually improving its technology and services have made it stand out in an industry dominated by multi-billion-dollar corporations. The extraordinary survey scores show that **Plasma-Therm has an edge in both equipment quality and providing support for customers throughout the equipment lifecycle.***

Russ Westerman, Plasma-Therm's CTO, said, *Plasma-Therm has been innovating plasma-processing technologies for 45 years. The latest in our series of innovations is the FAST technology, enabling ALD-like quality at PECVD speed. Our #1 ranking this year by VSLI in 10 BEST **Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment** is a strong indication of the overall success we are achieving in the global marketplace.*

VLSIresearch received independent feedback from more than 86% of the chip market and 87% of subsystems customers for this year's survey, which was conducted over 2-1/2 months and in five languages. Survey participants were asked to rate semiconductor equipment suppliers in 14 categories, based upon 1) Supplier Performance; 2) Customer Service; and 3) Product Performance.

Customers awarded the highest average ratings in *Partnering, Trust in Supplier, and Recommended Supplier*. Overall, customers showed high regard for the support they are receiving, friendly service, and how suppliers understand the big picture. Plasma-Therm earned the highest score of all companies in 10 BEST **Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment**.

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About Plasma-Therm

Established in 1974, Plasma-Therm is a manufacturer of advanced plasma processing equipment for specialty semiconductor markets, including advanced packaging, wireless communication, photonics, solid-state lighting, MEMS/NEMS, nanotechnology, renewable energy, data storage, photomask, and R&D. Plasma-Therm offers leading etch and deposition technologies and solutions for these markets. Sales and service locations throughout North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific meet the diverse needs of Plasma-Therm's global customer base. Visit www.plasmatherm.com for more information.

About VLSIresearch

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