

MKS Instruments Names John T.C. Lee to Lead Business Unit

WILMINGTON, Mass., Oct. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MKS Instruments, Inc. (Nasdaq: MKSI), a leading worldwide provider of process control technologies for improving productivity in semiconductor and other advanced manufacturing processes, announced that John T.C. Lee has joined the company as Group Vice President, responsible for control and information technology and electrostatic discharge products. Dr. Lee, who joins MKS from Applied Materials, will report directly to Leo Berlinghieri, Chief Executive Officer and President.

"MKS' strategy is to continue to grow faster than our core served market in semiconductor wafer fabrication equipment, by gaining share around the process chamber, improving process productivity to increase our opportunity at fabs, and leveraging technologies to capture opportunities in diverse markets. John brings a depth of experience in next-generation process technologies and a broad understanding of thin-film process requirements that can help us execute our growth strategies," said Mr. Berlinghieri.

Most recently, Dr. Lee served in Applied Material's Solar Business Group as Managing Director of the Technology and Solutions Integration Group. Earlier, he was General Manager of the Cleans Product Group and the Maydan Technology Center. He joined Applied from Lucent Technologies, where he was Research Director of the Silicon Fabrication Research Department. Earlier, he served in the Plasma Processing Research Group within Bell Labs. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MKS' control and information technology is used to collect, control, and analyze process data in semiconductor manufacturing and in a range of other advanced processes -- from pharmaceutical and consumable medical equipment to oilfield exploration.

MKS' ionization technology is used to control electrostatic discharge and reduce particulate contamination in semiconductor, flat panel display, data storage, and other advanced processes.

MKS Instruments, Inc. is a leading worldwide provider of process control solutions for advanced manufacturing processes such as semiconductor device manufacturing; thin-film manufacturing for flat panel displays, data storage media, architectural glass and electro-optical products; and technology for medical imaging equipment. Our instruments, components and subsystems incorporate sophisticated technologies to power, measure, control, and monitor increasingly complex gas related semiconductor manufacturing processes, thereby enhancing our customers' uptime, yield and throughput, and improving their productivity and return on invested capital.

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