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Rochester Electronics Celebrates 25 Years As Leaders on the Trailing Edge of Technology

Newburyport, MA. October 3rd 2006 – Rochester Electronics, the leading provider of aftermarket support solutions for the semiconductor industry is celebrating 25 years in business. Founded in 1981 at a time when the only source for obsolescent semiconductors was gray market surplus product, Rochester Electronics' mission was and still is to create a company that customers could rely on for unquestionable quality, reliability and traceability for electronic devices discontinued by the original manufacturer.

Today, Rochester Electronics is the only company in the world to be authorized by 40 leading semiconductor OEMs to support their obsolete parts. Thanks to these strategic relationships, Rochester Electronics is in the unique position to be able to rapidly back-manufacture over 15,000 unique parts using exact same die, assembly, test hardware, software and manufacturing tools as the original suppliers. Rochester also has an unmatched on site stock inventory of over 500 million finished devices, all traceable to the original manufacturer.

“Before Rochester, the only option was surplus product which has always created quality and reliability issues for customers,” said Curt Gerrish, Rochester President & CEO. Today, with semiconductor lifecycles continuing to shrink and semiconductor obsolescence accelerating, the need for a reliable aftermarket solution will be even more critical for the future.”

Rochester has grown and experienced some major developments in the last few years to meet the industry's ever-increasing demands. In 2005, Rochester constructed and moved

into their new 80,000 square foot Worldwide Corporate Headquarters in Newburyport, Massachusetts, USA. The building includes a 20,000 square foot test lab, a failure analysis lab, an expanded burn-in test lab, a 10,000 square foot secure die bank and a state-of-the-art company gym. 2005 also saw the opening of Rochester's Asian Sales Headquarters, located at Plaza 66 in Shanghai, China. In 2006, Rochester moved their European Sales Headquarters to an expanded facility in St. Neots, England, which included additional sales professionals to service customers. Later this year, construction will be completed on Rochester's newest distribution facility in Newburyport, Massachusetts. This building will provide additional warehouse space of over 100,000 square feet.

About Rochester Electronics

Founded in 1981, Rochester Electronics today offers the industry's most comprehensive support for aftermarket semiconductors. With an unmatched stock inventory and full manufacturing facilities, Rochester is the world's only company to be fully authorized by more than 40 leading semiconductor manufacturers to provide a reliable aftermarket source for discontinued products. Rochester is a privately owned and managed company. Its corporate headquarters, distribution and manufacturing facilities are located in the historic seaport community of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Sales offices are also located throughout the U.S, Europe and Asia.

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