



Press Release

Wacom Quartz Corp. Announces Purchase of Certain Assets of ASM America Inc.

PHOENIX, AZ – November 6th, 2009 - Wacom Quartz Corporation in cooperation with Wacom Manufacturing Ltd in Tokyo, Japan today are pleased to announce the purchase and technology transfer of the quartz glass manufacturing operations of ASM America (ASMA) in Phoenix, a division of ASM International (ASMI) headquartered in Bilthoven, the Netherlands. Both Wacom Quartz Corp. and Wacom Manufacturing Ltd are part of M.Watanabe Group Companies Ltd, a privately owned worldwide trading, transportation and manufacturing company. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Upon the successful completion of this acquisition, Wacom Quartz and Wacom Manufacturing gain the expanded capacity to provide ASMI's quartz requirements as well as become the preferred quartzware provider for ASM system customers worldwide. With the transfer of ASMA manufacturing equipment, inventory, personnel, and intellectual property as a package, Wacom is able to quickly and smoothly transact this growth project with only positive impacts on our other current and future customers in the semiconductor, solar energy, chemical and medical device industries.

Director of Operations for ASM/America Michael Miller said, "Wacom has been a qualified quartz supplier to our out-sourced supply chain for many of our quartz products for several years. The sale of our quartz shop to Wacom was a natural choice to assure a seamless transition in both quality of goods and production capacity". M. Watanabe President Ichiki Kusuhara said, "Wacom has been working with ASM for some time now as a qualified supplier of quartz products. We feel the acquisition of the ASM quartz shop equipment, tooling, and expertise will enhance our ability to meet both the needs of ASM and its customer base."

About Wacom Quartz

Wacom Quartz Corp. is a Phoenix, Arizona based corporation providing quartz-glass fabrication, repair and sales to semiconductor, solar energy, biomedical and other commercial customers in the southwest USA and worldwide. The company combines time honored craftsmanship as well as new technology in an ISO-9001 certified system to continually satisfy its customers, improve business, and grow. By partnering with customers, vendors and employees; Wacom Quartz provides state-of-the-art solutions in quartzware. Additional information is available at www.wacomquartz.com.

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