

Antares Advanced Test Technologies to Sell and Support New Co-Branded ‘Kalypso’ High Performance Test Sockets Under Agreement With Gryphics, Inc.

VANCOUVER, Wash., PLYMOUTH, Minn. and BEAVERTON, Ore., April 19, 2007 – Antares Advanced Test Technologies and Gryphics, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cascade Microtech, Inc. (Nasdaq:CSCD), jointly announced today that they have reached an agreement in which Antares will assume sales, distribution and service responsibilities for Gryphics’ LQFN test-socket line. The strategic relationship is designed to expand Antares’ product offering while expanding Gryphics’ global sales and service footprint.

“Kalypso” will be the companies’ new co-branded test socket and contactor solution for QFN and lead-frame packaged test applications. Chipmakers that order Kalypso -- formerly LQFN -- will now have access to Antares’ global team of sales personnel and applications engineers before, during and after implementation.

“Antares brings a strong direct sales and field support team that can enhance the adoption of the product in the ATE marketplace,” said Jim Rathburn, Gryphics Product Group vice president of business and technology development. “This relationship allows us to further focus on innovation, which is our core strength. It helps us solidify our sales and service channels for the ATE market segment and lays the groundwork for what could be a very fruitful relationship for both companies.” Rathburn added that, “The field Sales and Applications support strength of Antares combined with Gryphics technology and Cascade Microtech electrical expertise provides the best of the test industry to our joint customers.”

“This agreement speaks volumes about our reach in the marketplace and the value our applications engineers and technically adept sales people add to any product,” said Matt Bergeron, Antares’ CEO. “When you look at this market, you can see a clear need for service when it comes to today’s more complex test consumables. It is also a clear indication of our commitment to find and sell the best products in the marketplace whether they are internally or externally developed.”

Kalypso is a compact, low-profile socket driven by a proprietary single piece contact design and a cost-effective alternative to comparable solutions and spring-pin-based technologies. Kalypso’s design helps reduce cost of ownership for manufacturers by generally incorporating less moving parts and requiring less maintenance than comparable sockets.

About Antares Advanced Test Technologies

Antares Advanced Test Technologies is reducing the cost of [semiconductor test](#), with concentration on high-sensitivity areas like yield and integration of test disciplines, by focusing on customer support, delivering innovative technologies and offering a single point of contact for semiconductor test cell requirements including burn-in, [ATE consumables](#) and [thermal management](#) solutions. Antares is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington and has design, development and manufacturing locations in Suzhou, China;

Yokohama, Japan; Phoenix and Gilbert, Arizona; Milpitas and Santa Clara, California; and Aman, Jordan.

<http://www.atares-att.com/>.

About Gryphics, Inc.

Gryphics specializes in the design, development, and manufacture of Low Cost, High Frequency sockets and connectors used in Test, Characterization, Burn-In, Silicon & Platform Validation, and High Volume Manufacturing (HVM) applications. The emphasis is providing an electrically invisible yet separable connection between an IC device and a high frequency circuit board. The specific focus of next generation technologies revolve around socketing IC devices in format down to 0.2 mm terminal pitch, with the options of solder-less compression mounting of the socket, or small footprint SMT soldered processing with very low insertion loss signal performance beyond 20 GHz. The company is located in Plymouth, MN and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cascade Microtech, Inc.

<http://www.gryphics.com/>

About Cascade Microtech

Cascade Microtech, Inc. (NASDAQ: CSCD) is a worldwide leader in the precise electrical measurement and test of integrated circuits (ICs) and other small structures. For technology businesses and scientific institutions that need to evaluate small structures, Cascade Microtech delivers access to, and extraction of, electrical data from wafers, integrated circuits (ICs), IC packages, circuit boards and modules, MEMs, biological structures, electro-optic devices and more. Cascade Microtech's highly reliable production wafer test solutions provide the semiconductor industry with leading-edge probe cards that reduce manufacturing costs of complex semiconductors. Information about Cascade Microtech can be found on the Web at www.cascademicrotech.com.

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