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PDF Solutions(R) Names Semiconductor Industry Luminary Dr. Tsugio Makimoto Chairman of PDF Solutions Japan, KK

SAN JOSE, Calif. & KAWASAKI, Japan--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 3, 2005--
Heralded Technologist, Executive, and IEEE Fellow -- Known for 'Makimoto's Wave' -- Was Most Recently a Corporate Advisor to Sony Corporation

PDF Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq:PDFS) named Dr. Tsugio Makimoto chairman of the board of directors of PDF Solutions Japan, KK. PDF Solutions helps the world's semiconductor companies increase the manufacturability and yield of integrated circuits (ICs) at the most advanced process nodes.

"We are honored to have Dr. Makimoto leading the board of PDF Solutions Japan," said John Kibarian, president and CEO of PDF Solutions, Inc. "I have known of Dr. Makimoto for many years, and have great respect for his perspective and insight into industry trends, market needs, and innovation. PDF Solutions and its customers will benefit from his tremendous knowledge and experience."

"Long known for their investments in quality, Japanese semiconductor companies are employing new yield enhancement technologies and methods to achieve higher levels of quality and profitability of their products," said Dr. Makimoto. "I am excited to work with PDF Solutions Japan to support the semiconductor industry's adoption of yield enhancement as a strategic tool."

About Dr. Tsugio Makimoto

In addition to PDF Solutions Japan, KK, Dr. Makimoto serves on the board of Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing (Nasdaq:CHRT, SGX-ST:CHARTERED). He is also a member of the Industrial Advisory Board of the University of California, Berkeley, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Most recently, Dr. Makimoto was a corporate advisor to Sony Corporation, and was previously a corporate senior executive vice-president there. Before that, he held several executive positions with Hitachi, including corporate chief technologist, member of the board of directors, senior executive managing director, executive managing director, and general manager of the Semiconductor Division.

Dr. Makimoto holds a B.S. in Applied Physics from the University of Tokyo, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford, where he was a Fulbright Scholar, and a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo. He has been honored with the Ichimura and IR-100 awards and the Bellwether Award from Semico Research for his vision, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the semiconductor industry.

In 1987, Dr. Makimoto, an IEEE Fellow, identified and defined the cyclical nature of semiconductor industry, which alternates between chip customization and standardization trends about once a decade. This cycle was named 'Makimoto's Wave' by Electronics Weekly, and provided a new interpretation of structural changes in the semiconductor industry. The cycle is the basis of "Living with the Chip," a book Dr. Makimoto wrote with David Manners. Dr. Makimoto and Mr. Manners' most recent book, "Digital Nomad," discusses the post-PC electronics industry.

About PDF Solutions

PDF Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq:PDFS) is the leading provider of process-design integration technologies for manufacturing integrated circuits (ICs). PDF Solutions' software, methodologies, and services enable semiconductor companies to create IC designs that can be more easily manufactured using manufacturing processes that are more capable. By simulating deep sub-micron product and process interactions, PDF Solutions offers clients reduced time to market, increased IC yield and performance, and enhanced product reliability and profitability. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., PDF Solutions operates worldwide with additional offices in Europe and Japan. For the company's latest news and information, visit www.pdf.com.

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Net Income: 0.5 Mil (2002)

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