



Pintail Technologies Joins Semiconductor Test Consortium for OPENSTAR Development

Organization unites supporters of open architecture ATE solutions for semiconductor industry

DALLAS (May 09, 2005) – Pintail Technologies, a breakthrough provider in semiconductor test improvement solutions, has joined the Semiconductor Test Consortium, a not-for-profit industry group tasked with the development of a new Open Semiconductor Test Platform.

Through this direct involvement in ATE standard development, Pintail intends to raise awareness within the semiconductor industry for the importance and benefits of a standard data format, as well as help drive the creation for standard software interfaces with the OPENSTAR® test platform.

Supporters of OPENSTAR maintain that its architecture delivers unparalleled technical and economic performance; that it is truly open and enabled for solution development; and that it provides true multi-vendor interoperability at both the hardware and software levels.

“Pintail is very proud to join the Semiconductor Test Consortium as we continue to seek new ways to improve test,” said Taylor Scanlon, president and CEO of Pintail Technologies. “We are committed to playing an active role in the development of new data and software standards that will help chip manufacturers, ATE vendors and test houses improve quality and reduce cost.”

STC Secretary and Administrator Fred Bode explained, “Innovative companies such as Pintail Technologies recognize the benefits of the OPENSTAR platform and its impact for the entire semiconductor supply chain. We look forward to exciting contributions from Pintail as they deliver essential expertise to the ongoing development of the OPENSTAR platform, and help us drive down the cost of test.”

Formed in 2002, the Semiconductor Test Consortium is focused on the development, implementation and long-term success of the OPENSTAR (Open Semiconductor Test Architecture) platform within the framework of the organization charter. Membership in the Consortium is open to all interested parties of the semiconductor test community and includes end users, system and module vendors.

About Pintail Technologies

Pintail Technologies is a semiconductor test improvement company that provides breakthrough software to reduce the cost of test and increase production output and quality through existing test equipment and programs. Pintail has created the first test improvement solutions to combine real-time test process control capabilities with innovative analytical programs in an integrated software suite designed for speed and accuracy. In addition, Pintail solutions impact cost and quality of testing through advanced sampling and parts average testing. Fabless and integrated device manufacturers worldwide, in collaboration with leading assembly and test suppliers and ATE vendors, use Pintail tools to increase competitive advantage and hasten customer response. More information on the company and its solutions is available at www.pintail.com.