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## **SUMCO Corporation Receives Intel's Prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement Award**

TOKYO, Japan, April 19, 2011 – SUMCO Corporation has received Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award recognizing extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance to Intel's goals. This award, given to eight suppliers, is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers acknowledging world-class, outstanding performance. In 2010, SUMCO Corporation provided 200mm and 300mm polished and epitaxial silicon wafers deemed vital to Intel's success.

“SUMCO Corporation is honored to receive the 2010 SCQI supplier award,” said Yoichi Taguchi, president of SUMCO Corporation. “This is our ninth consecutive SCQI award and tenth Intel quality award total. Participating in Intel's SCQI program enhances our own goal to provide consistent, high quality product to our customers. This reflects the sincere commitment of the global SUMCO team with Intel support. We look forward to continued partnership in the future with Intel.”

“Congratulations to SUMCO on winning Intel's SCQI award,” said Maxine Fassberg, vice president of Technology and Manufacturing Group and general manager of Intel Israel. “In 2010, SUMCO delivered outstanding performance in technology, availability, cycle time reduction and has been a true technology and collaboration partner to Intel over many years.”

The SCQI award is part of Intel's Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement program, which encourages Intel's key suppliers to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. To qualify for SCQI status, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology and environmental, social and governance goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>.

A celebration to honor SCQI award winners will be held in conjunction with Intel's Supplier Day in Scottsdale, Arizona. In addition, there will be an announcement on Intel's website at <http://intel.com/>.

### **About SUMCO Corporation**

SUMCO Corporation (SUMCO) is an international leader in the production of ultra-pure, defect-free, single crystal silicon wafers for the global semiconductor industry. SUMCO provides state-of-the-art products, high-tech solutions and technologies to customers worldwide, and offers the

broadest technology base in the wafering industry. SUMCO operates 13 manufacturing facilities located in Asia and the United States.

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