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## **SUMCO CORPORATION RECEIVES INTEL'S PRESTIGIOUS SUPPLIER CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

TOKYO, Japan, March 4, 2010 – SUMCO Corporation has been recognized as one of 10 suppliers to receive Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award. The award recognizes extraordinary commitment to quality and exceptional performance to Intel's goals and is the company's highest honor for its suppliers. In 2009 SUMCO provided 200mm and 300mm polished and epitaxial silicon wafers deemed vital to Intel's success.

“SUMCO Corporation is honored to receive the 2009 SCQI Supplier Award,” said president Yoichi Taguchi. “This is our eighth consecutive SCQI award and ninth 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.”

“SUMCO has been a true technology collaborator by supporting Intel's technology roadmap from research to pathfinding to development to high volume manufacturing,” said Intel vice president Maxine Fassberg. “They continue to demonstrate silicon leadership by delivering wafers that support Intel's future technology plans.”

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, delivery, technology and customer satisfaction goals. Suppliers must also achieve 90 percent or greater on a challenging improvement plan and demonstrate solid quality and business systems. Furthermore, this year's awardees demonstrated compliance to the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition Code of Conduct and Intel's Environmental Social Governance Program. Additional information about the SCQI program is available at <http://supplier.intel.com/quality>.

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Celebrations to honor the SCQI award winners will be held in conjunction with Intel's Supplier Day events in Tokyo, Japan and Anaheim, California during the month of March 2010. In addition, an announcement will run in the March 31 U.S. edition and April 1 Europe and Asia editions of The Wall Street Journal with acknowledgement on Intel's corporate Web site, [www.intel.com](http://www.intel.com).

### **About SUMCO**

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 wafer industry. SUMCO operates 14 manufacturing facilities located in Asia and the United States.

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