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

Tokyo, Japan, March 10, 2016 – SUMCO Corporation has been recognized as one of eight companies receiving Intel Corporation's prestigious Supplier Continuous Quality Improvement (SCQI) award for their performance in 2015. SUMCO Corporation has demonstrated exceptional performance to goals and extraordinary, industry-leading commitment across all critical focus areas on which we are measured: quality, cost, availability, technology, customer service, labor and ethics systems and environmental sustainability. This award is Intel's highest honor for its suppliers, acknowledging truly world-class performance. SUMCO Corporation provided 200mm and 300mm epitaxial and polished silicon safers, deemed essential to Intel's success.

SUMCO Corporation is greatly honored to receive our fourteenth consecutive SCQI Award. The key to success is to be number one at technology and to be responsive to changes. We are very grateful to Intel, since these can be only achieved through this kind of long-term and rewarding collaboration with the most advanced customers. We understand that the continued collaboration between two companies would bring our strong industry leadership.

"Intel congratulates SUMCO Corporation on their fourteenth consecutive, prestigious SCQI award. In 2015, SUMCO again provided the highest levels of quality, technology and customer orientation in the challenging and dynamic semiconductor materials industry," said Tim Hendry, vice president and director of fab materials in the Technology and Manufacturing Group at Intel. "We appreciate SUMCO's commitment to supporting key Intel initiatives and delivering ahead of schedule. Their consistent high level of performance is truly commendable."

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, suppliers must score at least 95 percent on a report card that assesses performance and ability to meet cost, quality, availability, technology, 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://intel.com/go/quality>.

A celebration to honor SCQI award winners was held in Santa Clara, California themed "Delivering the Future Together", which illustrates the outstanding contributions this supplier has made in 2015. In addition, there was an announcement on Intel's website at <https://newsroom.intel.com/>.

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About SUMCO Corporation

SUMCO Corporation (SUMCO) is a technological 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 11 manufacturing facilities located in Asia and the United States.

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