



# Plasma-Therm

A LEADING SUPPLIER OF PLASMA PROCESS EQUIPMENT

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## **PLASMA-THERM SCORES HIGH RANKINGS IN VLSIresearch SURVEY FOR 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

**St. Petersburg, Florida, June 5, 2012** – Plasma-Therm, a global supplier of plasma process equipment, is proud to announce it was voted by VLSIresearch's 2012 Customer Satisfaction Survey as one of the world's best semiconductor equipment suppliers. This distinction is given to the top performers in this semiconductor segment and is based on being voted one of 10 BEST Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment and one of THE BEST Small Suppliers of Wafer Processing Equipment. Plasma-Therm also distinguished itself by being ranked 1st in Etch & Clean Equipment.

The recent VLSIresearch survey, a benchmark for measuring Customer Satisfaction in the semiconductor equipment sector, found that "Plasma-Therm moved up five slots to the 3rd position with a rating of 8.18. Customers applauded this etch & clean supplier as the highest in *commitment* of all Focused Suppliers as well as tying in *spares support*."

"We are pleased that our continuous efforts and dedication to customer satisfaction and equipment performance are recognized in this prestigious survey by those that are most important – our customers" observed Rich Gauldin, Director of Customer Focus at Plasma-Therm. He continued, "Every year we strive to improve our ratings and being acknowledged each of the last 13 years as being among the very best semiconductor equipment providers is motivating."

### **About Plasma-Therm**

Established in 1974, Plasma-Therm is a U.S. manufacturer of advanced plasma processing equipment focusing on research and development systems to high volume production in specialty semiconductor markets including solid state lighting, power, data storage, renewable energy, MEMS, nanotechnology, photonics and wireless communication. They offer leading etching and deposition technologies and solutions for these markets. Sales and service locations throughout North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific meet the diverse needs of Plasma-Therm's global customer base. Please visit [www.plasmatherm.com](http://www.plasmatherm.com) for more information.

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