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MIDAS LAUNCHES ENGINEERING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentorship Program Focused on Bringing College Graduates into Singapore's Semiconductor Industry

SINGAPORE May 15, 2007 – MIDAS, Singapore's semiconductor industry association, announced the launch of its Mentorship program for engineering students in Singapore. The objective of this program is to provide guidance/mentorship to the students with help from industry professionals. This in turn is aimed to help students understand better about this vibrant industry and facilitate them in their career path. During the panel discussion on manpower requirements for the IC Design industry, organized by MIDAS last year, one of the issues raised by the students community was lack of insight into the industry and the necessary know-how to prepare for a career in this field. The Mentorship program is being launched to address this issue.

A few MIDAS members from the industry have volunteered as Mentors. Students' queries will be posted online and these will be addressed by the mentors. As and when required, this online mentoring will be complemented by face to face meetings, telephonic talks etc. Industry insight from people in the industry, guidance on career prospects in the field of microelectronics and a head start through advice on preparing oneself for a career in microelectronics are some of the potential benefits to the students from this program. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Ulf Schneider, President of MIDAS said, "Developing new engineers is critical to the success of Singapore's semiconductor industry. MIDAS' mentorship program is one way we are doing this."

About MIDAS

MIDAS is the premier organization representing Singapore' semiconductor industry. MIDAS established in 2005, includes members from leading semiconductor companies. It is committed towards fostering an active collaboration between the various entities in the microelectronics eco-system in Singapore. The four main thrust areas of MIDAS are: Technology, Manpower Development, Market Requirements and Infrastructure. For more information, please visit www.midas.org.sg

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