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**HCL Technologies showcases e-Diagnostics capability
to International SEMATECH**

March 10, 2004, New Delhi - HCL Technologies (NSE: HCLTECH), a leading global IT and engineering services provider, recently showcased its e-Diagnostics capabilities in partnership with FEI Company (NASDAQ: FEIC) to International SEMATECH (ISMT), a global consortium of leading semiconductor manufacturers representing a significant portion of the world's semiconductor production. During the demonstration of HCLT's e-Diagnostics Solution Framework, users from Austin could remotely access FEI's CLM Dualbeam equipment located at Peabody, MA. This demonstration of e-Diagnostics competencies, in compliance with ISMT guidelines, is a significant milestone in HCLT's e-Manufacturing roadmap, guided by ISMT's vision

"Unplanned downtime of semiconductor manufacturing facilities is costly. For complex systems, no one person is capable of understanding them thoroughly enough to solve all problems. Having the right person diagnose a problem can make the difference between a few hours and a few days of downtime," said Harsha Raj, the Program Manager for HCLT e-Diagnostics initiative. *"With the secure remote diagnostics framework implemented by HCL Technologies, OEMs can provide their customers significantly reduced downtime by having content experts diagnose problems from anywhere in the world."*

"A standards-based e-Diagnostics solution makes implementation and operation simpler for both fabs and equipment companies. ISMT has been actively engaged with the industry in defining standards in this area, encouraging a non-proprietary approach that will increase uptime, reduce mean time to repair, and reduce field service costs", said Harvey Wohlwend, project manager at ISMT.

HCLT e-Diagnostics Solution Framework is a new generation, web and component-based rapid deployment solution framework for e-Diagnostics. Based on the ISMT e-Manufacturing Roadmap, the framework is constructed using ISMT guidelines. It is scalable to advanced levels of e-Diagnostics capabilities, and will meet SEMI EDA (Equipment Data Acquisition) specifications.

"The HCL approach incorporates flexibility in data monitoring and addresses the data security issues that have prevented Fabs from attaining increased tool utilization through remote diagnostics. This approach is effective at achieving a workable combination of these key characteristics, while still closely following the ISMT Roadmap", commented Gary Viviani, Director of Software Engineering at FEI Company

About ISMT

International SEMATECH (ISMT) is a global semiconductor technology development consortium that has effectively represented the semiconductor manufacturing industry on innovation issues since 1988. ISMT conducts state-of-the-art research, and is a highly regarded technology partner whose goal is to promote the interests common to all chipmakers. It has extensive experience collaborating with equipment and materials suppliers, as well as government and academic research centers, to refine the tools and technology necessary to produce future generations of chips. Additional information may be found at www.sematech.org. SEMATECH, the SEMATECH logo, International SEMATECH, and the International SEMATECH logo are registered servicemarks of SEMATECH, Inc. All other servicemarks and trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

About FEI Company

FEI is a nanotechnology company providing enabling 3D Structural Process Management(TM) solutions to the world's technology leaders in the fields of semiconductors, data storage, structural biology and industry. Its range of industry-leading DualBeam(TM) and single column focused ion and electron beam products enables manufacturers and researchers to keep pace with technology shifts and develop next generation technologies and products. FEI's products allow advanced three-dimensional metrology, device editing, trimming, and structural analysis for management of sub-micron structures including those found in integrated circuits, high-density magnetic storage devices, industrial materials, chemical compounds, and biological structures. FEI solutions deliver enhanced production yields, lower costs and faster time-to-market -- critical benefits in highly competitive markets. Headquartered in Hillsboro, Oregon, FEI has approximately 1,650 employees worldwide, with additional development and/or manufacturing operations located in Massachusetts, California, The Netherlands, The Czech Republic and India. More information can be found on the FEI website at: www.feicompany.com.

About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT services and product engineering companies, providing value-added, software-led IT solutions and services to large and medium-scale organizations. Founded in 1991, HCL Technologies focuses on enterprise applications as well as R&D outsourcing, with the objective of working with clients in areas at the core of their business. HCL Technologies delivers these services through an extensive offshore software development infrastructure and a global marketing network that enables scalable, flexible, and cost-effective delivery. The company's well-defined business strategy has enabled it to build domain expertise in verticals such as Banking and Financial Services, Insurance and Retail, and in Petroleum, Pharmaceuticals, Aerospace, Automotive and Semi-conductor manufacturing industries.

HCLT has constantly invested in the semiconductor practice and has put in place a state-of-the-art infrastructure to carry out projects, from concept to implementation, for the semiconductor industry, comprising of semiconductor equipment makers, IDM's and fabs. With evolved relationships and dedicated Offshore Development Centers for leading semiconductor equipment manufacturers, HCLT is ideally placed to provide value added services to semiconductor industry. For FY 03 ending June 30 2003, HCL Technologies reported \$387 M of revenue. Currently, the company, along with its subsidiaries, has 12,003 employees spanning 26 locations in 14

countries covering over 80% of the world IT market. For more information, visit HCL Technologies at www.hcltech.com.

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