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Owens Design Hires Doug Putnam-Pite as Director of Software Development

24-Year Semiconductor Equipment Industry Veteran to Focus On Increasing Software Support Capabilities

Fremont, California: Owens Design Inc., a leading design and manufacturing service provider to the semiconductor, data storage and solar capital equipment markets, today announced the hiring of 24-year semiconductor equipment industry veteran, Doug Putnam Pite, as the company's director of software development. In his new position, he will be responsible for managing Owens Design's software development activities in the solar, disk drive and semiconductor markets.

"Doug will be focused on expanding our software development and support capabilities," said Bob Fung, Owens Design's director of engineering. "He has years of strong, demonstrated leadership skills in semiconductor tool automation and software architecture development that will make him a valuable addition to the Owens Design team."

"Working at Owens Design gives me the opportunity to help speed the development and introduction of multiple emerging technologies in the solar, semiconductor and data storage manufacturing markets," said Putnam-Pite. "While our customers focus on developing their core process technologies, we provide them with critical platform development expertise, helping to ensure system reliability and serviceability, fast lead times, and scalability to high volume production."

Prior to joining Owens Design, Putnam-Pite was director of software development at Olympus Integrated Technologies America, where he oversaw global software development for Olympus' inspection and review equipment. Before joining Olympus, he held various software engineering management positions at Silicon Valley Group and Watkins-Johnson Company in the areas of CVD, HDP and thermal processing.

He holds bachelor's degrees in software engineering from the University of California, Santa Cruz and in geology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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About Owens Design

Owens Design specializes in engineering and manufacturing of capital equipment. Located in Silicon Valley for over 25 years, they have been a strategic partner in the co-creation and manufacturing process for many leading OEM capital equipment companies. Owens Design engineers and manufactures customer's products from concept, through alpha, beta, pilot and on-going production. Their development process results in a rapid design cycle and concurrent manufacturing introduction. Owens Design has and continues to be an innovative and reliable partner for equipment companies in the semiconductor, solar and related industries.