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Owens Design Names Jack Yao as Business Development Manager

Fremont, California: Owens Design Inc., a leading design and manufacturing service provider to the semiconductor, data storage and solar capital equipment markets, today announced that it has named Jack Yao as business development manager. In this role, Mr. Yao will be responsible for identifying new, strategic business opportunities in the company's expanding portfolio of customers in the rapidly growing solar market and related industries.

"The solar energy market is seen as the next burgeoning market in the high technology sector," said Mark Danna, Owens Design's senior director of business development. "The next-generation of technology used by our solar customers will employ the kinds of thin film deposition processes pioneered in the semiconductor industry. Jack's experience in developing semiconductor equipment platforms, combined with his process technology expertise, will be invaluable in helping our new and existing solar customers design and develop system platforms that meet their unique manufacturing requirements."

"The solar market can clearly play a critical role in helping to alleviate high energy prices and increasing global energy consumption," said Mr. Yao. "As with any rapidly emerging market, the biggest challenges that companies need to address are expanding production to meet time-to-market demands in a cost effective manner. At Owens Design, we can leverage our 25+ years of experience in designing and manufacturing production-proven platforms for the data storage, semiconductor and solar industries in order to deliver the high caliber and cost-efficient platforms required to meet the next-generation process technology requirements of the solar industry."

Mr. Yao is a 12-year semiconductor equipment industry veteran. Prior to joining Owens Design, he worked at Aviza Technology, where he was product manager for the company's single-wafer



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atomic layer deposition (ALD) system. During his tenure at Aviza, he also served as product manager for the company's thermal business unit, responsible for the AVP/RVP furnace product line. Mr. Yao has held various product marketing and engineering management positions at ASML's thermal division, Silicon Valley Group and Watkins-Johnson Company, focusing in the areas of ALD, APCVD, LPCVD, HDP and thermal processing.

Mr. Yao earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and material science from the University of California, Davis. While at ASML, he participated in the Professional Leadership Program at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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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.