

**Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. Announces the Opening of a New Office for User Support and Sales in Korea.**

KAWASAKI, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, August 12, 2003 - Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. (TOK) hereby announces the opening of a new office in the Republic of Korea for user support and sales.

We have been striving to strengthen relations with our customers in Korea as another one of our key strategic markets. For the future, we plan to build a setup for support and sales with firm roots there for more prompt response to the diversifying customer wants and needs. The new office will enable us to offer services that are even more closely attuned to requirements and deepen the trust in our capabilities.

The new office will be staffed with full-time sales engineers to engage in user support and sales activities for a wide spectrum of items in fields demanding the most advanced microprocessing technology, such as semiconductors, flat panel displays, and package modules. These items include photoresist and other manufacturing materials for photolithography as well as coaters and other equipment.

The Asian region is a huge center of production for semiconductors, flat panel displays, and printed circuit boards, and constitutes a promising market for investment in large amounts long into the future. To accurately address the trends in this market, we are moving to reinforce our presence there as a pillar of our current basic strategy, and are steadily establishing locations in the region. More specifically, in addition to our subsidiary in Taiwan, we opened the new representative offices in Shanghai and Singapore last year.

We are determined to continue augmenting our arrangements for global support with locations tied closely to customers in each major region (Asia, North America, and Europe), in order to expand our business in them all.

**Profile of the New Marketing Office in Korea**

Name: Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. Seoul Marketing Office  
Address: 15F, DukHeung Bldg., 1328-10, Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul 137-858, Korea  
Number of staff: Five  
Date of commencement of operations: Sometime during October 2003

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expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in TOK's filings with the Ministry of Finance of Japan and Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., particularly its latest annual report and semiannual report, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. These factors include, but are not limited to changes in the laws, regulations, policies and economic conditions, including inflation, deflation, interest and foreign currency exchange rates, of countries in which the company does business; competitive pressures; successful integration of structural changes, including restructuring plans, acquisitions, divestitures and alliances; cost of raw materials, research and development of new products, including regulatory approval and market acceptance.

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The building scheduled to house the Seoul Marketing Office