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QP Semiconductor Emerges As Largest Fabless Supplier of Military ICs

Listing 2400 QML devices earns QP Semiconductor top ranking

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – December 12, 2005 – QP Semiconductor today announced that its Qualified Manufacturers List (QML) portfolio now includes on the order of 2400 listed devices, elevating the company to be the world's largest fabless supplier of Military ICs. Among the 33 QML suppliers, both fabless and non-fabless, which are approved by the Defense Supply Center, Columbus (DSCC), QP Semiconductor ascends to the Number 2 vendor position, supplying more than 11 percent of all DSCC listed products.

QP Semiconductor's new leadership ranking comes after Arrow/Zeus and QP Semiconductor partnered to guarantee a continued source for the Military B-Level Logic product families. Arrow was recently chosen by National Semiconductor to be the exclusive global provider of its Military B-Level Logic products manufactured in accordance with MIL-PRF-38535 and MIL-STD-883 Class Q or Level B, which refer to products identified and marked as JAN B, /883, Q, QB, or QML. As a result, QP Semiconductor became the manufacturer of record for these products.

"We have enjoyed mutually beneficial relationships with both Arrow/Zeus and National Semiconductor over several years," said John Stannard, QP Semiconductor president. "The expansion of our QML portfolio in partnership with Arrow/Zeus is a natural next step in our strategic growth path." He noted that QP Semiconductor has long supported National with QCI testing of many of the QML devices recently added to its portfolio.

"Over the course of our 20 years in business, we have steadfastly supported military and aerospace programs," added Stannard. "We are very proud of our new ranking and are fully committed to expanding upon the breadth and depth of our capabilities to provide mission-critical ICs."

According to QP Semiconductor, the expansion of its QML portfolio is effectively transparent to its customers as newly listed parts can be obtained using the same part numbers and order processing system as used in the past with the only modification being that the order needs to be placed via Arrow-Zeus.

About QP Semiconductor

Founded in 1985 as a test services company, QP Semiconductor ranks today as the world's largest fabless supplier of high-reliability hermetic ICs for military, aerospace and industrial systems. From its headquarters in Santa Clara, California, QP Semiconductor provides design, re-engineering and a full range of manufacturing capabilities to extend the life of classic ICs for a host of mission-critical programs. For more information, visit www.qpsemi.com.

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***Note to editors:** QML, "Qualified Manufacturers List," is defined by MIL-PRF-38535F as a set of quality assurance requirements for microcircuits which must be certified and qualified as part of an approved quality management program. To obtain a QML certification a supplier must meet and continually adhere to these requirements.