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HONORARY CHAIRMAN KENICHI SEKIYA APPOINTED DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF SEMI

TOKYO, Japan – March 20, 2007 – DISCO Corporation today announced the appointment of DISCO Honorary Chairman, Kenichi Sekiya to the position of director emeritus of the International Board of Directors of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI).

Director Emeritus of the SEMI Board is a lifetime position, and the candidates are nominated and appointed by the Executive Committee of the SEMI Board in recognition of significant and long-standing contributions to SEMI and the industry it serves. As non-voting members, they attend Board meetings as needed and provide expert consultation. Currently, the SEMI Board of Directors has seven Directors Emeritus, including two from Japan—Mr. Shigeo Takayama, chairman of Hakuto Co., Ltd. and Mr. Shoichiro Yoshida, advisor of Nikon Corporation.

"During his 13-year tenure on the SEMI Board of Directors, Sekiya-san has been an influential advocate of the industry, He also helped drive our strategic planning and focus toward improved service to our members," said Stanley T. Myers, president and CEO of SEMI. "We are honored that he has accepted this distinguished emeritus board position and pleased that he will continue to help guide SEMI in the years to come."

Kenichi Sekiya's distinguished career spans 43 years, from his appointment as director at DISCO until his retirement as chairman and CEO in 2006. In addition to his role at DISCO, he served on the SEMI International Board of Directors beginning in 1994 as a voting board member until 2002, and then as an ex-officio (non-voting) member through 2004. He served as the chairman of the SEMI Board in 2001-2002. His appointment as Director Emeritus was made in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the industry, including ongoing high-level strategic guidance and support to SEMI staff for well over a decade.



"It is truly an honor to be appointed as Director Emeritus of the SEMI Board of Directors," said Kenichi Sekiya, honorary chairman of DISCO Corporation. "SEMI is a unique industry association with more than 2,000 member companies around the world. It has a global mission which rarely exists in any other industry association, and under that mission, it has developed activities in a fair manner, beyond national borders."

"SEMI would not have grown to be what it is today if it only responded to the large voices of the large companies," said Sekiya. "DISCO is not a large company, but all through my tenure of office, my opinion was fully respected by other SEMI Board members. SEMI is truly a fair organization, and it is my pleasure to serve SEMI as Director Emeritus sharing my own views with others and continuing to make contributions to the further development of SEMI and the industry as a whole in the future."

About SEMI

SEMI is a global industry association serving companies that provide equipment, materials and services used to manufacture semiconductors, displays, nano-scaled structures, micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS) and related technologies. SEMI maintains offices in Austin, Beijing, Brussels, Hsinchu, Moscow, San Jose (Calif.), Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.semi.org.

About SEMI Board of Directors

The SEMI Board of Directors is composed of executives from equipment and materials companies serving the global semiconductor and related industries. The Board governs the policies and activities of the association on behalf of its international membership. Directors are elected by the membership to two-year terms and may be re-elected to a maximum of four terms. In addition, board members may be elected as ex-officio (non-voting) members for up to three one-year periods. Directors Emeritus are nominated by the Executive Committee of the SEMI Board in recognition of outstanding achievements on behalf of the association and the industry.

About DISCO

DISCO Corporation (TYO: 6146), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global provider of cutting, grinding and polishing technologies. Disco manufactures dicing saws and laser saws to cut semiconductor silicon wafers and other materials; grinders to process silicon and compound semiconductor wafers to ultra-thin levels; and polishing machines to remove the grinding damage layer from the wafer back-side and to increase chip strength. For more information, visit www.disco.co.jp.

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See Editors Note for additional biographical information.

Editors Note: Additional biographical information about Kenichi Sekiya follows:

DISCO

April, 1960	Joined Dai-ichi Seitoshō Company, Ltd. (predecessor of DISCO Corporation)
March, 1963	Director
May, 1964	Executive Director
April, 1970	Executive Vice President
April, 1984	Executive Vice President & CEO
March, 1985	President & CEO
July, 1998	Chairman, President & CEO
June, 2001	Chairman & CEO
June, 2006	Honorary Chairman

Other organizations

May, 1994	Director, Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation, Tokyo Branch
July, 1994	Director, SEMI (Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International)
July, 1997	Director, Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan (SEAJ)
November, 1997	Councilor, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry
November, 1999	Vice Chairman, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ota Chapter
May, 2000	Executive Director, Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation, Tokyo Branch
July, 2000	Vice Chairman of SEMI
November, 2000	Chairman, Technological Development Committee, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry
May, 2001	Executive Director, SEAJ
July, 2001	Chairman, SEMI
July, 2002	Ex-Officio, SEMI
November, 2004	Vice Chairman, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Special Advisor, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman, Manufacturing Promotion Committee, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Awards

April, 1994	Awarded by the Director-General of Science and Technology Agency of Japan for dedication to Japan's scientific and technological development
April, 1997	Honored with a Blue Ribbon Medal of Merit from the Emperor of Japan