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AKEMD Granted ISO/TS16949 Certification

Tokyo, Japan, July 30, 2008 — Asahi Kasei EMD Corporation [AKEMD] today announced that it has obtained ISO/TS16949 certification, the automotive industry's international standard for quality management systems, from Japan Quality Assurance Organization [JQA] as below.

[Details of the ISO/TS16949 certification]

Organization:

ASAHI KASEI EMD CORPORATION
Electronics Devices Manufacturing Center FAB2

Scope of registration (product/service ranges valid for certifications):

The Design / Development and Manufacture of Integrated
Circuit Devices for Automotive Audio Use

Registration Date: July 18, 2008

JQA Certificate Number: JQA-AU0189

IATF Certificate Number: 0069815

ISO/TS16949 certification is an international standard specific to the automotive industry, and serves as a technical specification that integrates the standards required for quality management systems of major Euro-American automakers. A number of automakers in the world today require supply chains to obtain the certification. Having supplied semiconductor products to major car audio manufacturers and on-board equipment manufacturers over a period of time, Asahi Kasei EMD Corporation now fulfills its responsibilities as a key supplier of on-board devices by obtaining the certification.

"Obtaining the certification proves that we meet requirements as an on-board device supplier", says Hideki Kobori, Senior Executive Officer of Electronics Devices, "and that our corporate efforts toward quality and reliability have achieved recognition. We are determined to provide more high-quality devices on an ongoing basis to on-board products manufacturers, thus contributing to the development of on-board applications."

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About JQA

Japan Quality Assurance Organization [JQA] is a not-for-profit organization specializing in registration services for ISO management systems as well as safety testing and certification for compliance to a variety of standards, both national and international.

For further information, visit the home page at: <http://www.jqa.jp/english/index.html>

About AKEMD

Asahi Kasei EMD Corporation is a leading company in mix signal IC and magnetic sensor solutions. We provide a number of products not only in the on-board segments but also in telecommunication and consumer segments.

For more information, visit our homepage at: www.akm.com

About AKM Semiconductor

AKM Semiconductor (AKMS) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asahi Kasei EMD Corporation, Tokyo, Japan. AKMS, located in San Jose, California, offers sales, marketing and design support for North and South American customers. AKM designs and manufactures CMOS mixed signal integrated circuits for applications including audio, multimedia, data storage, and telecommunications. North American headquarters are located at 1731 Technology Drive, Suite 500, San Jose, CA 95110.