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## **NORDTEST TO DISTRIBUTE PICOSUN'S SUNALE™ ATOMIC LAYER DEPOSITION (ALD) SYSTEMS IN ITALY**

**HELSINKI, Finland and SERRAVALLE SCRIVIA, Italy** – October 17, 2008 – Leading global Atomic Layer Deposition systems manufacturer Picosun Oy, Finland and Nordtest srl, a leading Italian high-tech equipment distribution company have entered into co-operation in distributing Picosun's SUNALE™ Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) systems and equipment in Italy.

"Italy is one of key markets in Europe when it comes to highly specialized industries with clear potential in adapting their production for use of ALD techniques. It is an immense pleasure for me to welcome Nordtest srl as the latest member of the global network of Picosun Partners," says Juhana Kostamo, Managing Director of Picosun Oy.

"We at Nordtest strongly believe that the main trends in technology and industry in the coming years will be best served through material modifications and improvement as a central milestone in these processes. Atomic Layer Deposition has specific features and advantages which make it preferable to other, more established processes," says Dr Maurizio Bruni, Managing Director of Nordtest.

"In western industrialized countries large amount of research, technical development, small scale and high added value production is taking place and more will grow in the coming years. We are specifically looking to this type of customers as our most promising marketplace for Picosun products in Italy," Dr Bruni adds.

Nordtest has its offices and laboratories at the small town of Serravalle Scrivia, strategically located along the A7 motorway connecting Genoa and Milano, serving the industrial heartland of Northern Italy. Nordtest has attended the needs of scientific institutions and high tech industries in Italy since 1989.

Picosun is an international ALD equipment manufacturer with world-wide sales and service organization. Picosun develops and manufactures Atomic Layer Deposition reactors for micro- and nanotechnology applications. Picosun represents continuity to over three decades of ALD reactor manufacturing in Finland. Picosun provides its customers with versatile, reliable and user-friendly ALD process tools, which offer unique scalability from research to production. Picosun is based in Espoo, Finland and has its US headquarters in Detroit, Michigan. SUNALE™ ALD process tools are installed in various universities, research institutes and companies across Europe, USA and Asia. Dr Tuomo Suntola, inventor of ALD technology, is Member of the Board of Directors of Picosun. World's most experienced ALD reactor designer Sven Lindfors is Picosun's Chief Technology Officer and one of the founders of the company. Picosun Oy is a part of Stephen Industries Inc Oy.

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