



## **SEMI® URGES CONGRESS TO RENEW THE R&D TAX CREDIT**

### **Tax Credit Set to Expire June 30**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 29, 2004 -- SEMI, the global industry association representing the companies who develop and provide technologies used to make semiconductors, flat panel displays and related microelectronics, urges the U.S. Congress to renew and strengthen the R&D tax credit, which is due to expire June 30.

“The semiconductor equipment and materials industry is one of the most R&D-intensive industries in the world,” said Victoria Hadfield, president of SEMI North America. “Over the past three years, SEMI member companies have spent an average of 24 percent of revenues on R&D.”

SEMI is encouraged by recent action in the House and Senate to approve extension of the credit, and urges both to retain Senate-passed provisions that strengthen the incentive value of the credit to allow more companies to invest in domestic R&D activities and create jobs in the U.S.

“Expiration of the R&D tax credit sends exactly the wrong message at a time when the United States is seeking to bolster its scientific and technological leadership in areas such as nanotechnology,” Hadfield added. “Renewal of the R&D tax credit is the surest way to encourage domestic investment in technology innovation and domestic R&D jobs creation and retention. Congress must act now to restore this important tax credit.”

SEMI is a global industry association for companies participating in the microelectronics and display industries. SEMI maintains offices in Austin, Beijing, Brussels, Hsinchu, Moscow, San Jose (Calif.), Seoul, Singapore, Tokyo, Shanghai and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit SEMI at [www.semi.org](http://www.semi.org).

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