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Nextest Receives Highest Five Star Rating for Exceptional Customer Service from VLSI Research Survey

SAN JOSE, California—Dec. 5, 2006—Nextest Systems Corporation (NASDAQ: NEXT), a leading manufacturer of automatic test equipment (ATE) for cost-sensitive semiconductors, announced today that it has earned a five star rating from VLSI Research, Inc.'s Customer Satisfaction Survey. The five star rating is the highest rating available in this survey and reflects Nextest's equipment performance and exceptional customer service.

VLSI Research, a recognized leader of independent customer evaluations, surveyed chip equipment users on categories such as cost of ownership, quality of results, product performance, customer service, technical leadership, and commitment. Companies received anywhere from one to five stars in each category.

VLSI Research CEO G. Dan Hutcheson said, "This high ranking for Nextest comes on the heels of another prestigious award received from their customers as the Number 1 Supplier in ATE customer satisfaction. This is clearly a reflection on the company's proven ability to provide outstanding support along with products that are high in quality, performance, and at the right price."

Robin Adler, Nextest's President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are extremely proud to receive such high ratings from our customers. Since the inception of Nextest, our mission has been to develop reliable, innovative products that solve our customer's problems quickly and effectively. This rating is truly a testament to our company-wide effort and commitment to provide outstanding support, while exceeding our customer's expectations."

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ABOUT VLSI RESEARCH INC.

VLSI Research Inc is the leading provider of market research and economic analysis on the technical, business, and economic aspects of the high technology chip making industry. The company is known for its unparalleled accuracy, innovation in market research, and its sharply focused insight into the rapidly changing landscape of the chip making business. VLSI Research's databases on chip making are used throughout the industry, the investment community, and by governments for decisive strategic planning. VLSI Research was founded in 1976 and incorporated in California in 1981. The company's website is <https://www.vlsiresearch.com>.

ABOUT NEXTEST

Nextest Systems Corporation is a low-cost leader in the design and manufacture of automatic test equipment (ATE) for Flash memory and System-On-Chip semiconductors. Nextest's products address the growing demand from manufacturers for ATE with increased throughput, functionality and reliability, while reducing time to market and cost of test. Nextest has shipped over 1,600 systems to more than 60 semiconductor companies worldwide. Further information is available at www.nextest.com

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