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**DA-TEST ANNOUNCES OPENING OF OTTAWA'S FIRST  
SEMICONDUCTOR TEST FACILITY; PARTNERSHIP WITH  
MAJOR DATA ANALYSIS SOFTWARE SUPPLIER**

*Local access to ATE equipment, test development and data analysis resources is now available to the growing fabless semiconductor community in the Ottawa region.*

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, July 1, 2002 – DA-Test Incorporated, a full-service test house, announced today the opening of its new facility, the first of its kind to provide much needed test services to the growing fabless semiconductor (IC) sector in the Ottawa, Canada and Northeastern North America regions. DA-Test opens its doors featuring the Teradyne Catalyst with full mixed signal and RF test capability and an impressive lineup of ATE equipment to follow. DA-Test's new facility located at 700 Palladium Drive near the Corel Center in Kanata, provides access to automated IC production test equipment, support tools and associated engineering and production services.

Additionally, DA-Test has joined forces with a major player in the IC test industry; Syntricity Inc. to provide state-of-the-art resources to Ottawa's IC developers. DA-Test will showcase Syntricity dataConductor®, data management, analysis and reporting software.

Along with providing new specialized jobs in the local high tech sector, DA-Test is a much-needed piece of infrastructure for fabless semiconductor companies in the Ottawa region. Until now, these companies have been forced to do an important part of the product introduction process—production test development—using equipment and engineering resources remotely located around the globe. This has proved to be a major impediment to product deployment, increasing development costs and time to market, both of which are critical in the semiconductor industry.

"The need for access to local test equipment and engineering resources has been well understood for some time," said Sam Ho, President and CEO of DA-Test, which was incorporated in January 2002 and opened the doors at its Kanata location on April, 2002. "Until recently, the fabless semiconductor community had not reached the critical mass to support the business. With a core of established companies, the recent upsurge in startup activity and the acknowledgement by semiconductor suppliers such as Syntricity that Ottawa is a major global center for semiconductor development, we now have the required elements to make DA-Test a reality."

"Syntricity dataConductor provides dramatic efficiency improvements for a test engineer introducing and sustaining semiconductor products because of the speed in which data can be collected, analyzed and shared via the Web," adds Jeff Teza, CEO of Syntricity. "The ability to significantly improve yield and achieve design closure in a fraction of the time have

made dataConductor the tool of choice in the fables market. Our partnership with DA-Test allows startup companies to have access to this competitive advantage right away, while allowing them to focus on their core task of product development."

### **About Syntricity**

Syntricity Inc. (<http://www.syntricity.com/>) provides the semiconductor industry with enterprise-wide, Web-native engineering data management, analysis and reporting solutions to support engineering decisions. A privately held company, Some of Syntricity's key customers include AMCC, Broadcom, Cirrus Logic, Conexant, eMicro, Legerity, Motorola, Qualcomm, SigmaTel, Sun Microsystems, and Tundra. Syntricity is headquartered in San Diego, California, and maintains sales offices in Newport Beach, California; San Jose, California; Baltimore, Maryland; Austin, Texas; Japan and Taiwan.

### **About DA-Test**

Incorporated on January 17, 2002, DA-Test is the first full-service test house serving the fables semiconductor community in the Ottawa, Canada region, providing a full range of ATE related services including; test program development, data analysis and access to leading-edge ATE equipment and data analysis software. For more information, contact DA-Test 613-592-2233, or visit <http://www.da-test.com/>.

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