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# DA-Test Expands Test Capabilities With Credence's Quartet One System

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Credence Systems Corporation (Nasdaq: CMOS), a leading provider of solutions from design-to-production test for the worldwide semiconductor industry, today announced that DA-Test Incorporated has selected the Quartet One(TM) system-on-chip (SoC) production test system for program development, characterization and production test. DA-Test, a full-service test development company based in Ontario, Canada, will utilize the Quartet One to expand its test capacity for a variety of high-volume devices, including consumer, communications and computer electronics.

DA-Test selected the Quartet One for the system's broad application coverage and performance capabilities to test a wide range of integrated circuits (ICs) at one of the industry's lowest cost-of-test. The Quartet One delivers a high level of accuracy and throughput, while its advanced software suite significantly reduces engineering time and enables devices to move efficiently across the design-to-production test flow.

"Ontario's fabless design community is growing rapidly and requires access to the industry's leading ATE equipment," said Sam Ho, president and CEO of DA-Test. "Credence's Quartet One is the accepted production test solution for high pin count and cost-sensitive digital devices, as evidenced by its large installed base at outsource test and assembly (OSAT) suppliers throughout the world. We believe that our customers will benefit from the ability to transfer high-volume production of their devices to any number of Quartet One systems, significantly reducing their time-to-test and shortening critical time-to-profit."

"Canada has recently emerged as a significant center for IC development," said Gary Smith, senior vice president of Credence's SoC Products Group. "DA-Test is a leader in addressing the need for local test equipment, support tools, and engineering and production resources. By partnering with DA-Test, Credence can offer our leading products and technologies to the growing number of fabless design companies in this area and help them to significantly enhance their design-to-test flow."

#### About the Quartet One

Quartet One is an industry-standard mixed-signal tester used by contract test houses and fabless semiconductor companies all over the world. Quartet One offers 100/200 MHz performance with +/- 175 psec EPA accuracy along with a comprehensive spectrum of analog instrument options. In addition, the Quartet One is upgradeable to 200 MHz/400 Mbps performance with +/- 150 ps. Other options include a high-speed data clock and a design-to-production test link using Credence's TestDeveloper(TM) software. These options help unify the digital subsystem with Credence's industry leading analog instruments into a single system to provide a definitive solution to high volume testing needs.

#### About DA-Test

Incorporated on January 17, 2002, DA-Test is the first full-service test house serving the fabless semiconductor community in the Ottawa, Canada

region. We provide 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 at 613-592-2233, or visit [www.da-test.com](http://www.da-test.com).

#### About Credence

Credence Systems Corporation is changing the future of semiconductor production by integrating test solutions throughout the design, validation and production processes. A leader in the manufacture of automatic test equipment (ATE) for the global semiconductor industry, Credence offers a wide range of systems for the test of analog, digital, non-volatile memory, mixed-signal, SoC, and wireless semiconductor devices typical in today's automobile, portable computing, consumer and communications products. Credence and its subsidiaries also provide test program development and debug software, engineering validation test solutions, and advanced photon probing technology that enable faster time-to-market with lower total cost-of-test. Headquartered in Fremont, California, the Company is an ISO 9001 certified manufacturer and maintains advanced production and design facilities in Hillsboro, Oregon. More information is available at <http://www.credence.com> .

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This release may contain statements that are forward looking and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to be materially different from the future performance suggested in this release. Such factors include, but are not limited to, cyclicity and downturns in the semiconductor industry, which the company is experiencing, rapid technological change in the ATE market, the Company's ability to successfully integrate acquisitions, economic and political instability in the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions, fluctuation in customer demand, timing and volume of orders and shipments, competition and pricing pressures, reliability and quality issues, the Company's ability to complete the development and commercialization of its new products, product mix, overhead absorption, continued dependence on "turns" orders to achieve revenue objectives, the timing of new technology, product introductions, intellectual property issues, the risk of early obsolescence and the Company's ability to control and reduce expenses (including the ability to identify and successfully institute additional cost-saving measures). Further, the Company operates in an industry sector where securities values are highly volatile and may be influenced by economic and other factors beyond the Company's control. Reference is made to the discussion of risk factors detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its reports on Form 10-K and 10-Q. Any projections in this release are based on limited information currently available to the Company, which is subject to change. Although any such projections and the factors influencing them will likely change, the Company will not necessarily update the information, since the Company is only to provide guidance at certain points during the year. Actual events or results could differ materially and no reader of this release should

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