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**LEADING SEMICONDUCTOR CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO KEYNOTE TAIWAN
AND CHINA SEMICONDUCTOR CONFERENCE HOSTED BY US-TAIWAN
BUSINESS COUNCIL**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today announced that Richard Chang, Chairman, President and CEO of Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (SMIC), Nicky Lu, Chairman and CEO of Etron Technology Inc., and Walden (Wally) Rhines, Chairman and CEO of Mentor Graphics Corporation will give keynote addresses at the Taiwan + China Semiconductor Industry Outlook 2004 conference.

This conference, hosted by the US-Taiwan Business Council, is the second in a series focusing on the challenges and opportunities presented by the increasing economic integration of the U.S., Taiwan and China semiconductor markets. The conference will be held on December 7, 2004 in San Jose, Calif.

Conference participants will benefit from presentations and Q&A sessions on strategic issues impacting companies involved in semiconductor manufacturing and design, including technology export controls, investment, market access, intellectual property rights, partnerships, and supply-chain. The conference will also focus on the implications for the rapidly growing Chinese semiconductor industry and how the U.S., Taiwan and China can work together to further the industry's development.

Agilent Technologies, Inc. is the conference's Platinum Sponsor. Gold Sponsors include Intel Corporation and KLA-Tencor Corporation. Association Sponsors include Fabless Semiconductor Association (FSA), Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI), Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), and Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA).

Visit www.taiwan-china-outlook.com to register for the conference and to find updated information on the agenda and panelists.

About the US-Taiwan Business Council:

The US-Taiwan Business Council (www.us-taiwan.org) is a membership-based non-profit association founded in 1976. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, access to a network of companies involved in business between Taiwan and the United States, and serves as a vital representative in dealing with investment, business development, and intellectual property matters. The Council's events held throughout the US and Taiwan each year promote business relationships, provide a forum for technology industry discussions, and offer access to a network of corporate leaders and government officials.

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