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Epichem Group Receives Investment from Intel Capital

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Epichem, a UK-based provider of chemicals to the semiconductor industry, is pleased to announce that Intel Capital has completed an investment in the company. Intel Capital was the only investor in this funding round. The terms of the investment were not disclosed. Epichem has not previously raised funding through venture capital investors.

The funds will enable Epichem to accelerate and expand R&D and manufacturing capabilities in the UK, USA and Taiwan across a wide range of new precursors demanded by the global semiconductor manufacturers.

Precursors are the specific chemical starting materials from which the computer and communication chips are made. These highly tailored molecules influence the properties and the speed of the material systems and so are key to achieving the desired end result.

Barry Leese, Managing Director of Epichem Group welcomed the investment and the recognition of the importance of new materials to provide enabling technology to this fast moving innovative sector. "Epichem's extensive in-house technical expertise, as well as its strong links to key academic centres in the UK and USA, continues to be a great advantage", said Leese. "This funding by Intel Capital will help to ensure that Epichem can solve some of the challenges presented by Moore's Law to meet the manufacturing requirements for future-generation devices."

"Over the past two decades, Moore's Law has driven the need for newer elements and materials in semiconductor manufacturing," said Keith Larson, Intel Capital Sector Director, Manufacturing and Digital Health. "Intel Capital is pleased to lead investments in companies, such as Epichem, to help accelerate development of novel materials, required by the semiconductor industry in the foreseeable future."

About Epichem

Epichem is a private limited company which was formed in 1983 to manufacture high purity chemicals for the semiconductor industry. In addition to supplying materials to the silicon semiconductor industry it has been at the forefront of researching and manufacturing a wide range of metalorganic chemicals used to produce compound semiconductor materials. These compounds are used to produce visible lasers (which are used in DVDs and telecommunications), high brightness LEDs (which are used in energy efficient lighting and displays), as well as high efficiency solar cells and chips for wireless communications. For more information on the Epichem Group visit www.epichem.com

About Intel Capital

Intel Capital, Intel's venture investment program, focuses on making minority equity investments to grow the Internet economy in support of Intel's strategic interests. Intel Capital invests in hardware, software and services companies in several market segments, including computing, networking, and wireless communications. Intel Capital has invested more than US\$4 billion in approximately 1,000 companies in more than 30 countries since 1991. Since its inception, about 160 portfolio companies have been acquired by other companies and another 150 have gone public on various exchanges around the world. Intel Capital employs investment managers in about 25 countries worldwide. Last year alone, Intel Capital invested more than US\$130 million

in about 110 deals with approximately 40 percent of its investments made outside the United States. For more information, visit www.intel.com/capital.

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