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OAI BOOKS \$1 MILLION IN ORDERS FOR MEMS PRODUCTION MASK ALIGNERS

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San Jose, CA - **OAI** (Optical Associates Inc.) announces today that it has received multiple orders for its production mask aligners, Models 5000 and 8000, for front side and backside exposure. The value of the orders approximates \$1 million and comes from Europe and the Far East. The Model 8000 Mask Aligner was chosen to increase MEMS production capability.

OAI's MEMS production systems are in use worldwide. "After extensive testing and comparisons, the **OAI** production mask aligners were chosen for their flexibility, adaptability for use with different size wafers, ease of maintenance, and overall value. Our customers continue to recognize that OAI can provide top of the line specifications and dedicated customer support while offering a price much lower than a Euro based company," said Dr. Charles Turk, President of **OAI**. "**OAI continues** developing equipment that can assist companies in both R&D and production and be budget friendly at the same time. This increase in our business is a clear indication that the market is recognizing the value incorporated in OAI's approach," he added.

The Model 5000 and 8000 are automated cassette to cassette production mask aligners with proximity, soft contact, hard contact, and vacuum modes. The software allows for storage of process recipes. Computer control of microscope lighting enables viewing of even difficult substrates. The flexibility of the software permits features to be added that are customer specific.

OAI is located in the heart of Silicon Valley. It has designed and manufactured standard and specialized precision mask aligners, UV Exposure Systems and custom-engineered systems for over 30 years. OAI maintains full sales, service and engineering offices worldwide.

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