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Innotech Starts Business With Toshiba on RESET[®]

Innotech Corporation (President and Chief Executive Officer: Takashi Tsumori, “Innotech”) today announced that Toshiba Corporation (President and Chief Executive Officer: Atsutoshi Nishida) has adopted Innotech’s internally developed LSI Tester “RESET[®]” for its testing process of NAND Flash Memory^{*1} products. Innotech estimates its sales of the LSI tester for the fiscal year (first year of business for the product) 2005 as about 1 billion yen. Since the tester business was already expected to take place, Innotech has no plan to revise its financial estimate of this fiscal year.

Traditionally, it has been a major challenge for memory manufacturers to reduce testing cost. By adopting Innotech’s tester, memory manufacturers will be able to achieve a drastic decrease in cost and a further boost in productivity. “RESET[®]”, with its benefits, including zero foot print, low power operation, and low product price, is expected to contribute to the overall cost reduction for such manufacturers.

RESET[®] is a tester developed by Innotech, featuring small-size (1/5 of the size compared to other existing testers, and achieving zero foot print while integrated with a wafer prober), low power (1/7 of power consumption compared to other testers), and low price (less than 1/3 compared to other testers). As its sales grows, it will become possible to overwrite (reconfigure) the FPGA program of RESET[®] internal system in order to support various products’ test and measurement requirements, such as those for single flash memory and for flash memory mixed logic products.

Mr. Shozo Saito, Vice President Memory Division Semiconductor Company of Toshiba Corporation states, “We have been working closely with Innotech under the slogan of “cost reduction”, and we are very happy that we could obtain the results we have expected. That is why we have decided to adopt RESET[®]. We value Innotech’s technical expertise and quick support capability to address our needs. Toshiba plans to proceed with its adoption of RESET[®] for our NAND Flash Memory Test process.”



“We are very proud that Toshiba has adopted RETSET[®] we have developed internally”, says Takashi Tsumori, President and CEO of Innotech Corporation. Toshiba’s adopting the RETSET[®] at its leading-edge production line, endorsing our technical expertise, provides us a position as an industry-proven player in the LSI tester market”.

Note*1 : Flash Memory

Memory products that are capable of storing and deleting the data, and holding the data even when the power is turned off. As for Memory products, there are RAMs (Random Access Memory) which do not hold the data once the power is turned off, as well as ROMS (Read Only Memory) which hold the data even after the power is turned off, but no longer be able to re-written once the data is saved. Flash memory products can be used for both purposes. When packaged into a card form, such flash memories are called as Memory Cards, and their demands are increasing as recording media for various digital appliances, such as digital cameras or portable music players.



Photo : RETSET[®] placed on the wafer prober.

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