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Rhetech Breaks Ground on Facility Expansion

Coopersburg, Pa. – September 5, 2006 - Rhetech, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Semitool, Inc., today announced it has broken ground on an expansion of its existing manufacturing facility in Coopersburg, Pa. The 10,000-square-foot addition will provide additional production and storage space in support of the company's growing sales of new Semitool spin rinser dryers and rebuilt semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

"This expansion is part of a long-term plan to provide our customers with more high-end, production-critical tool sets," said Vince McGinty, president of Rhetech. "It will increase our floor space by almost 50 percent and relieve bottlenecks in several areas of the operation." Rhetech provides new and rebuilt manufacturing equipment for semiconductor manufacturers located in North America, Europe and Asia.

McGinty said private and public partners have played a key role in bringing the project together. Wyomissing, Pa.-based Sovereign Bank is financing a significant portion of the expansion under the terms of an Industrial Development Revenue Note supported by the Lehigh County Industrial Development Authority. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Governor's Action Team, State Senator Rob Wonderling, and State Representative Karen Beyers also assisted Rhetech during the state review and approval process. In addition, the Coopersburg, Pa. Borough Council provided consistent encouragement and support as the project evolved. McGinty added, "The help we've received from the state and local community has been critical to keeping this project on schedule and making it financially viable."

Rhetech expects to have its new building addition in place before year end, and to be fully utilizing the facility by February 2007.



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About Rheteck

Rheteck, Inc. was established in 1993 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Semitool, Inc., a worldwide leader in the design, development, manufacture and support of highly engineered, single-wafer and multi-wafer wet chemical processing equipment used in the fabrication of semiconductor devices. Rheteck sells and services fully remanufactured and restored Semitool Spin Rinser Dryers, Spray Solvent Tools, Spray Acid Tools, Magnum and Spectrum batch processors and Equinox single-wafer processing systems. Rheteck, Inc. is Semitool's only factory-authorized remanufacturing and restoration services provider. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.rheteckinc.com.

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