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Ridgetop Group, Inc., Global Leader in IC Yield Improvement Technology, Adds BEST-IIC as Taiwan Distributor

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Ridgetop Group, Inc., a leading provider of effective process and yield improvement tools for integrated circuits (ICs), announces that Back End Service Trade Intelligence Integration Corp. (BEST-IIC), a Taiwanese semiconductor testing firm, has become a distributor of Ridgetop products. The agreement extends sales and technology support for Ridgetop's technology solutions throughout Taiwan.

With the development of its Sentinel Silicon™ die-level test structures and YieldMaxx™ tools, Ridgetop has provided effective precision methods of measuring process mismatch effects, as well as dedicated designs for measuring time-dependent dielectric breakdown (TDDB) and negative bias temperature instability (NBTI) problems that occur in sub-65-nanometer semiconductor processes.

BEST-IIC, based in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan, specializes in integrated circuit test program development, automatic test platform conversion, and total test services from design-for-test to production, as well as software and hardware.

Justin Huang, BEST-IIC Sales Manager said, "Our 10 years' experience satisfying IDM firms, IC design houses and dedicated test firms allows us to focus on our customers' yield improvement, process variation concerns, and ASIC health degradation issues. We are very enthused about applying Ridgetop's unique precision test structures and software analysis tools."

According to Ridgetop Group's Director, Sales and Marketing Phil Davies, "We are pleased to team with BEST-IIC to offer more value to our customers, using our embedded IC sensors that help improve production yields, monitor processes at the die level, and characterize degradation effects, which are critical for ASIC design houses and foundries in Taiwan."

## **About Ridgetop Group**

Ridgetop Group, Inc. is the world leader in providing advanced semiconductor yield improvement tools, electronic prognostics and health management solutions, and built-in self-test (BIST) solutions for critical applications. Founded in 2000, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of commercial and government customers in North America, Europe, and Asia.

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