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PREFACE

The 2000 Advanced Metallization Conference (AMC) held October 2–5, 2000, in San Diego, California, U.S.A., and the associated ADMETA Asian Session held October 19–20, 2000 at the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, consisted of recent work on topics in on-chip interconnects and other aspects of advanced metallization. The timeliness of this topic led to excellent contributions, and very well-attended sessions. There was a very positive reception of the invited presentations, where we endeavored to bring new perspectives and several individuals outside (but related to) the interconnect arena to these sessions. We believe all of the authors' contributions represented here are of high quality and appearance, and that this collection represents a sharp view of the state of the art in this area.

This year there were several trends and differences of note relative to last year. First, no AMC panel discussion was held this year, in favor of an offsite meeting and sponsored event for the attendees; this was highly received. Second, in order to concentrate more fully on the rapid advances in copper and low- κ , the AMC Committee decided to reduce the number of topics solicited in the Call for Papers, and in particular to eliminate Silicides and Contacts from the list (although papers on these were still included in the ADMETA Session). New emphasis in the papers and short courses was put on copper reliability and copper electrochemistry, including plating, corrosion, CMP, and cleaning. Finally, the number of accepted posters was reduced to improve interactions at the single poster session. The net result was fewer accepted papers in 2000 compared to 1999 for the same number of submissions and, we believe, a high quality of selections and audience attention. The trends in breakdown by subject of the papers relative to 1999 were: a significant increase in all aspects of realized copper metallization including integration, integration with low- κ , electrochemistry and cleaning, reliability, barriers, methods of characterizing low- κ materials, and a decrease in Al(Cu) and W-related papers.

This volume is divided into nine parts: Part I contains an invited perspective on the state of semiconductor research and development in Japan; Part II focuses on performance aspects of interconnect architectures; Part III includes some of the most significant recent advances in copper/low- κ integration; Part IV is the in-depth collection of electrochemical and chemical processes, mainly pertaining to copper; Part V contains state-of-the-art papers on thin-film diffusion barriers, again mainly for copper wiring; Part VI covers reliability engineering and results; Part VII is a collection of alternative and novel processes and systems related to circuit interconnection; Part VIII contains papers on specific low- κ dielectrics and their properties, and new methods of their characterization; and Part IX covers continuing advances in the Al(Cu)/W metallization system.

The 2001 U.S.A. Conference will be held October 9–11 in Montreal, Canada, and will be chaired by Dr. Andrew McKerrow, Texas Instruments, and Prof. Yosi Shacham-Diamand, Tel Aviv University, Israel. The 2001 ADMETA Asian Session will be held October 30–31 at the University of Tokyo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and will be chaired by Dr. T. Ohba, Fujitsu, and Prof. S. Zaima, Nagoya University, Japan. Starting with the 2001 Conference, the AMC has been accepted for sponsorship by the Materials Research Society, U.S.A. For further information, please contact Linda Reid, University of California at Berkeley, by phone 510-642-4151; fax 512-642-6027; or e-mail at course@unx.berkeley.edu, or visit the web site at <http://www.berkeley.edu/unex/eng/metal>. For ADMETA, please contact Y. Doshida by phone 81-3-5821-7210; fax 81-3-5821-7439; or e-mail at admeta@mba.nifty.ne.jp, or visit the web site at <http://member.nifty.ne.jp/sofiel/admeta.html>. We encourage you to participate in the Conference, and look forward to meeting you there in 2001.

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