

Donaldson Company Semiconductor Group Introduces Lithoguard® 300 Filtration System

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN March 2001 - Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE: DCI) has introduced the LITHOGUARD 300, the newest product in the series of chemical contamination filtration systems.

The LITHOGUARD 300 is designed for the next generation of Lithography tools. The new system includes high efficiency particulate filtration while using standard sized filters common to previous generations of LITHOGUARD systems. Donaldson has integrated particulate filtration enabling installation in a less than clean environment.

LITHOGUARD300 offers maximum protection for both process and tools with a footprint of less than one square meter. The LITHOGUARD 300 has an ergonomic design delivering easy accessibility to both chemical and particulate filters. Furthermore, an innovative approach to both filter installation and to the ductwork transition offers fast, simple installation and operation.

Donaldson Company designs, manufactures and markets patented air filtration systems for photolithography and other critical process environments. The company has nearly 1,000 systems installed worldwide.

Donaldson Company, Inc., headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., is a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems and replacement parts. Founded in 1915,

Donaldson is a technology-driven company committed to satisfying customer needs for filtration solutions through innovative research and development. Donaldson serves customers in the industrial and engine markets including dust collection, power generation, specialty filtration, off-road equipment, trucks and automotive. More than 8,400 employees contribute to the company's success at roughly forty manufacturing locations around the world. In fiscal year 2000, Donaldson reported record sales of over \$1 billion and achieved its eleventh consecutive year of double-digit earnings growth. Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index and Donaldson shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DCI.

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