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**WEST COAST QUARTZ ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL
EXPANSION INTO JAPAN**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, USA, July 12, 2007 – West Coast Quartz Corporation (WCQ®), a privately held and globally renowned manufacturer of silicon crystal for the semiconductor and solar industries as well as fabricator of precision quartz and silicon components for semiconductor wafer process equipment, today announced the establishment of a wholly-owned subsidiary in Japan, WCQ Japan Kabushiki Kaisha. WCQ Japan has opened a sales, distribution, and field support center in Kyoto, Japan.

Heading up the Japanese bureau will be Mr. Keisuki Mogami and Mr. Fumio Yamamoto, both distinguished professionals in the semiconductor critical components field. WCQ parent company president Paul Maloney commented, “Mogami-san and Yamamoto-san bring to WCQ the kind of industry leadership and technical expertise that are critical to significantly expand support of existing Japan-based customers and partners, as well as to develop fledgling and prospective Japan-side relationships.”

Mogami, a 20-year veteran of the semiconductor industry, has been named managing director of WCQ Japan, and most recently served as senior manager within Global Sales and Marketing for Techno Quartz Inc. where he has been for the last 10 years.

With 17 years of semiconductor experience, Yamamoto also comes to WCQ Japan from Techno Quartz Inc. where he was senior sales manager for [Japan] Domestic Sales. Yamamoto will lend assistance to WCQ Japan customers by overseeing Technical Sales and Field Support.

About WCQ

West Coast Quartz Corporation (Fremont, CA) was established in the US in 1981 and primarily serves the semiconductor and solar industries. It has become one of the world's premiere growers of mono- and multi-crystalline silicon crystal, as well as a top rated manufacturer of precision quartz and silicon component parts for several industries.

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