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**WCQ ANNOUNCES NEW SILICON OPERATIONS DIRECTOR,
ZBIGNIEW RADZIMSKI, *Ph.D.***

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, USA, July 9, 2009 – West Coast Quartz Corporation (WCQ®), a privately held and globally-renowned manufacturer of silicon crystal for the semiconductor and solar industries as well as premier fabricator of precision quartz and silicon components for semiconductor wafer process equipment, today announced Zbigniew Radzinski, *Ph.D.*, as the Company’s Silicon Operations Director.

Dr. Radzinski taught as a Professor in the *Material Science and Engineering Dept* of NC State from 1986 to 1997, then took a position from 1997 to 2004 in the Office of the President/CEO of Shin-Etsu Handotai America, key division of the largest silicon wafer company in the world, and then moved to Silicon Quest International, a specialty silicon wafer company, from 2004 until May 2009, where he completed a term as President of the company.

“We have known Dr. Radzinski for many years, and we are exceedingly pleased to have him join WCQ leadership” commented WCQ President Paul Maloney. “After expanding our silicon crystal growing division in both Czochralski (CZ) as well as Bridgman methods across two crystal growing facilities, it was time to bring in a seasoned and well-reasoned materials and management expert to guide us to the next level and next geometries.”

WCQ grows multi-crystalline silicon in two sizes, 660x660x220mm and 840x840x240mm, and WCQ grows mono-crystalline silicon in custom diameters ranging up to 450mm for existing customers. Single crystal growing larger than 500mm diameter is under development at the Company.

About WCQ

West Coast Quartz, established in 1981, is a globally recognized leader in mono- and multi-crystalline silicon crystal growing as well as precision fabrication of quartz and silicon critical consumable spares for semiconductor wafer process equipment. Traditionally, the Company has focused on the semiconductor industry, but in recent years has diversified into the solar, optical, and thin films industries. Equipment and facilities expansions since 2006 and continuing, plus vertical integration from raw material to *Class 10 Clean Room*-packaged finished parts, have allowed WCQ to meaningfully expand its presence in all of its markets and have formed the basis of strong company outperformance.

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