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**WCQ ANNOUNCES FURTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION,  
THIS TIME INTO TAIWAN, 西岸石英股份有限公司**

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 the establishment of a new wholly-owned subsidiary in Taiwan, 西岸石英股份有限公司.

WCQ's facility in Taiwan is located in Hsinchu and represents a million dollar investment in equipment and facilities customization for fabrication of critical components. This is the first of a multi-million dollar phased investment project.

Heading up the Taiwan operation will be WCQ's Mark Byrne, a distinguished materials and methods professional in the semiconductor critical components field for many years.

According to WCQ President Paul Maloney, the new facility replicates the first-rate standards of the company's California operation: "We are responding not only to our global customers' need for low-cost-geography-manufacturing of high-quality WCQ parts, but also to the Taiwan market's stated preference for local fabrication. Our vertical integration, especially in silicon crystal, plus our strong Original Part Manufacturer (OPM) experience for all the major OEMs, significantly enhances opportunities for us and for our customers."

The satellite Taiwan facility includes inter-linked implementation of WCQ's state-of-the-art management information systems, and will fabricate quartz and silicon critical consumables strictly based on WCQ Headquarters processes-of-record and proven, repeatable methods.

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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