



## Press Release

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### **AEGIS SEMICONDUCTOR CEO MATTHIAS WAGNER NAMED FINALIST FOR ERNST & YOUNG'S 2003 ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

**Woburn, MA — June 27, 2003** — Aegis Semiconductor, an emerging leader in dynamic optical components and subsystems, today announced that CEO and Founder Matthias Wagner was named a finalist for the Ernst & Young's New England Entrepreneur of the Year® Award. Finalists were honored last night at a gala awards banquet at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Mr. Wagner was selected from among several hundred nominees across the New England region.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award celebrates the entrepreneurial achievements of company founders who have made a significant contribution to the local economy and the entrepreneurial spirit. An independent panel of judges from the business and financial communities selected this year's group of finalists, which included leaders from the fields of Arts and Entertainment, Consumer and Business Services, Defense and Security, Financial Services, Hospitality, Real Estate/Construction, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Networking and Communications, and Retail and Consumer Products.

"It is an honor to be considered for an award that recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit that drives the dedicated Aegis team each day," said Matthias Wagner. "Aegis is and has always been a team effort — the entire team has worked hard to establish the company as an emerging leader of optical components."

The Entrepreneur of the Year award program was begun by Ernst & Young in 1986 to recognize entrepreneurs who had created and sustained successful, growing business ventures. Since then, the program has grown throughout the world, expanding to more than 150 cities in over 35 locations.

#### **About Aegis Semiconductor**

Aegis Semiconductor is a privately held company that builds solutions for monitoring and managing intelligent optical networks. Aegis is the first company to deliver dynamic optical components based on low-cost packaging architectures that are reliable and easily manufactured using well-tested methods from the semiconductor industry. Aegis has secured more than \$17 Million in funding from leading investors and venture capitalists including St. Paul

Venture Capital, Alta Partners, YankeeTek Ventures, Technology Venture Partners, Stata Venture Partners, and Megunticook Management. The company is located in Woburn, MA, and more information can be viewed at [www.aegis-semi.com](http://www.aegis-semi.com).

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