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AEGIS SEMICONDUCTOR COMPLETES SECOND ROUND FUNDING FOR \$16 MILLION, LED BY ST. PAUL VENTURE CAPITAL

Additional Investors Include Alta Partners, YankeeTek Ventures, Technology Venture Partners, Stata Venture Partners, and Megunticook Management

Lawrence, MA – March 11, 2002 – Aegis Semiconductor, a leading developer of solutions for embedded monitoring of advanced optical networks, announced today the completion of its second round of venture financing for \$16 Million. The capital will be used to accelerate the delivery of the company's monitoring products.

"The ability to execute and successfully deliver in such an exacting and competitive environment depends on several factors," said Bill Cadogan, General Partner for St. Paul Venture Capital. "Aegis boasts one of the industry's strongest patent-protected bases of technology, coupled with the industry's most experienced management team in the application of active optical thin films. I believe they are uniquely suited to capitalize on the escalating needs of both the core and metro/regional optical networking markets," he continued.

"The Aegis team is leading the way to building cost effective optical components, which up until now have been quite expensive," said Tim Kraskey, General Partner for YankeeTek Ventures, a source of seed funding for Aegis. "Aegis is an early pioneer that evolved from Princeton University's POEM Center and has specialized in advanced thin films and high volume component manufacturing," he added.

"We are excited that the way is cleared for bringing Active Thin Films to market," said Matthias Wagner, founder and CEO. "Active Thin Films have the potential to play an important role as optical networks migrate towards greater optical transparency, protocol independence and dynamic operation."

About Aegis Semiconductor

Aegis is a privately held company that builds solutions for embedded monitoring of advanced optical networks. The company's Active Thin Films are manufactured using proven high-volume processes with demonstrated high yield and superb uniformity. Aegis's solutions benefit from the reliability of solid-state, silicon-based design, extreme scalability, and low-cost packaging architectures. The company is located in Lawrence, MA.

St. Paul Venture Capital

St. Paul Venture Capital is one of the largest early-stage venture capital firms in the United States with \$3 billion in committed capital and offices in Minneapolis, Boston and Silicon Valley. The firm, founded in 1988, invests primarily in the areas of Communications Technology; Software and Services; and Health Care.

Alta Partners

Alta Partners is an international venture capital firm investing in life sciences and information technology companies. Since the company's inception in 1996, the firm has raised \$1.0 billion to fund promising new ventures in biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, communication technologies, internet infrastructure and enterprise software. Today, there are more than 120 U.S. and European companies in the Alta portfolio.

YankeeTek

YankeeTek Ventures, founded in early 2000, is an early-stage venture capital fund for technology-based companies. YankeeTek Ventures was founded with the spirit to help entrepreneurs incubate their start-ups by providing comprehensive resources, strategic advice, and an extensive network of business relationships to rapidly grow their ideas into strong and successful companies. YankeeTek Ventures has invested in semiconductor, software, networking and advanced technology-based companies in the greater Boston and New England vicinity.

Technology Venture Partners

Technology Venture Partners, L.P. (TVP) is a venture capital firm investing in early to mid-stage venture capital opportunities in networking, communications, and Internet infrastructure. TVP provides industry experience and strategic advice coupled with capital, expertise and relationships in the networking and communications area. TVP's strategy is to deliver value added insight, knowledge, and commitment to its portfolio companies through its extensive network of technology executives, advisors, and consultants. The principals of TVP have significant industry experience and have been involved in over \$3 billion of financing for high growth technology companies.

Stata Venture Partners

Stata Venture Partners is a private equity fund that invests in early stage new business opportunities around the world. They have strategic investments in a wide array of technologies ranging from Genomic to telecommunication backbone and infrastructure. Stata Ventures specializes in helping companies build the internal infrastructure and long term strategic plan needed to be successful in today's dynamic marketplace.

Megunticook Management

Based in Boston, Megunticook invests in promising communications, media, and technology companies at the earliest stages of their development cycles. Megunticook's goal is to produce superior economic and social returns by working closely with entrepreneurs to develop innovative products, services and technologies.

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