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SSEC Denies Claims in Akrion Lawsuit

Horsham, PA, April 9, 2007 – In response to a lawsuit filed in federal court by Akrion, Inc., regarding claims of alleged patent infringement, Rich Richardson, CEO of Solid State Equipment Corporation has issued the following statement, which has been sent to all SSEC personnel, customers, and suppliers.

“Since the founding of SSEC in 1965, we have always strived to work in a fair manner, including respecting the intellectual property rights of others. This is consistent with our corporate culture of treating our people well, abiding by our contractual agreements, and treating our suppliers well, in addition to our core mission of providing our customers with the best process performing, most reliable and technically advanced products for continuous improvement.

“SSEC would like to provide you more detailed information on this matter, as we believe press releases should be used to promote how we are making our products and services better for our customers, which is how SSEC intends to compete.

“As you may be aware, Akrion has recently filed a lawsuit against SSEC alleging infringement of certain patents. SSEC will vigorously defend our position in this matter and will fully respond to the lawsuit and assert counterclaims in due course.

“The timing and filing of this lawsuit by Akrion raises very troubling questions as to its motivations. Indeed, such action is inconsistent with the position taken by Akrion (and its predecessor) over a six-year period commencing in May, 2001. During this six-year period, Akrion repeatedly offered licenses to SSEC on two of the asserted patents, which offers were declined by SSEC. **Over this six-year period, Akrion never asserted that SSEC was violating any of its patent rights.**

“Over this six-year period, SSEC explained in detail to Akrion why SSEC’s technology relating to megasonic scrubbing devices substantially differed from Akrion’s asserted patent rights. At no time during this six-year period did Akrion provide SSEC with an

explanation of why it believed that SSEC's megasonic scrubbing device infringes any claim of any patent in which Akrion had a legitimate interest.

"Notwithstanding Akrion's promise in October, 2006 to provide a detailed, substantive response, SSEC never received a reply to its position other than the filing of the lawsuit six months later, without prior notice. The lawsuit asserts rights under four patents, which, disturbingly, Akrion had never previously raised with SSEC, and still does not provide any explanation of how SSEC's products purportedly infringe any of Akrion's patents. Under the circumstances, it would appear that Akrion has not dealt with SSEC in a forthright manner concerning these issues.

Based upon the fundamental principles of fairness we will move forcefully and determinedly to protect our position in this matter. SSEC's Single Wafer Megasonic processing patent is United States Patent #6,539,952."

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