



SkyWater Technology Foundry Expands Senior Management Team with Promotion of Brad Richardson to Vice President of Manufacturing

BLOOMINGTON, Minn., May 30, 2017 - SkyWater Technology Foundry announced that it has promoted Brad Richardson to Vice President of Manufacturing. In his expanded role, Richardson will lead the SkyWater's manufacturing operations at its 200mm semiconductor wafer manufacturing facility in Bloomington, Minn. and have responsibility for all production, maintenance, and training as well as fab process, equipment, and yield engineering.



Brad Richardson

Following SkyWater's acquisition of the facility from Cypress Semiconductor Corp. in March 2017, Richardson continued on to serve as Manufacturing Operations Director — a role he held



with Cypress since July 2000. In this role, Richardson was responsible for meeting all operational objectives of a high volume semiconductor factory that operated 24/7 and employed more than 350.

"As a new organization with a deep history in the industry, it is extremely important that we maintain consistency and the highest manufacturing standards for the legacy customers we acquired from Cypress as well as the new customers we will server," said SkyWater CEO Gary Obermiller. "Under Brad's oversight, we are confident that we can continue to meet and exceed the industry's most stringent requirements and our customer's expectations."

SkyWater is the most-advanced DMEA-trusted, independent U.S.-based and owned semiconductor foundry currently in operation. Under Richardson's leadership, the foundry has earned and maintains ISO14001, ISO9001, TS16949 certification and is accredited as a Category 1A Trusted foundry serving consumer, industrial, automotive and national defense applications.

Over his career, Richardson has amassed three decades of broad experience in the semiconductor industry. In his 23 years at Cypress Semiconductor, Richardson gained increasingly more responsibility within the organization — from Process Engineer to Maintenance Supervisor, Engineering Group Leader, Area Module Manager, Equipment Engineering Manager, and Operations Director.

Prior to joining Cypress, he spent five years as a Process Engineer at IBM East Fishkill and Rochester, Minn.

A resident of Lakeville, Minn., Richardson holds a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

About SkyWater Technology Foundry

SkyWater is a U.S.-based technology foundry specializing in the development and manufacturing of a wide variety of semiconductor based solutions. As a globally recognized, DMEA accredited Trusted facility with advanced development capabilities co-located with volume production, SkyWater has the ability and flexibility to innovate to any scale with a wide array of special materials. Our roots go back to the pioneers of computing technology and as such SkyWater offers what most foundries cannot: decades of technology innovation experience.

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