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Samsung Austin Semiconductor Celebrates \$3.6-Billion Expansion of Semiconductor Fabrication Plant with \$1-Million Charitable Gift

AUSTIN—In honor of Samsung Austin Semiconductor’s recent announcement of a \$3.6-billion expansion to its 12-inch semiconductor fabrication plant in Austin, Texas, Samsung today announced a \$1-million gift to the United Way Capital Area’s Success By 6 program in Central Texas. This is the largest corporate donation ever given to Success By 6.

“We are pleased to commemorate our growth with a gift that benefits the community in such a meaningful way,” Dr. Oh-Hyun Kwon, president, Semiconductor Business, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., said. “At our groundbreaking in 1996, Samsung promised that it would ‘be a major contributor to the community and a good friend to our neighbors.’ That pledge was extraordinarily important to us, and our gift to Success By 6 is just the latest manifestation of our commitment.”

Samsung’s total investment in Texas is now more than \$9 billion, which is by far the largest foreign investment in Texas and one of the largest single foreign investments in the United States.

“We are proud to have Samsung in the Texas family,” said Gov. Rick Perry. “It has not only invested heavily in infrastructure and created good jobs for Texans, it is also a great corporate citizen making a difference in its local community. Thanks to visionary companies like Samsung, Texas continues to lead the nation in job creation, exports and Fortune 1000 companies.”

Samsung came to Texas in 1996 when it broke ground on the first of two semiconductor fabrication plants in Austin. Since then, Samsung’s presence in Austin has grown with the addition of a second semiconductor fabrication plant in 2007 and the announcement in June of this year that the company would spend \$3.6 billion to expand the second fab.

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With the latest expansion, employment is expected to grow by 600 employees to more than 1,600 by 2011. Employment as of Sep. 1, is 1,300. The annual payroll in Austin will grow from its current \$70 million to approximately \$112 million.

The United Way Capital Area's Success By 6 initiative ensures that Austin's youngest and most vulnerable children are ready to learn and succeed by the time they enter kindergarten. The program works to improve the quality of childcare serving low-income children, and educate parents on ways to support their children's development. In collaboration with more than 30 nonprofit organizations, community and educational leaders, and businesses, Success By 6 strives to address children's educational needs by identifying barriers and implementing proven strategies to address these needs. Examples include home visitations, play and learn groups, Born Learning Trails at playgrounds, literacy programs and teacher seminars for childcare workers.

"We are honored and deeply appreciative of such a generous gift and look forward to all of the possibilities and opportunities this will continue to create for our youngest and most vulnerable students," Kevin Cole, United Way Capital Area Board Chairman said. "As we begin our campaign season, Samsung's donation gets us off to a great start. This investment will increase our ability to make strategic program investments that will increase the number of vulnerable children who succeed in school."

About Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC

Samsung Austin Semiconductor (SAS), located in Austin, Texas, is owned by Samsung Electronics and is the company's only semiconductor manufacturing plant located outside Korea. The complex has one of the most advanced semiconductor plants in the United States where state-of-the-art NAND Flash memory chips are made. As part of its corporate philanthropy program, SAS adopts Samsung Electronics' Samsung Share the Wonder.

About Samsung Share the Wonder

At Samsung we are dedicated to making products that inspire passion and create moments of wonder in people's lives. In that spirit, Samsung Share the Wonder was developed with a strategic focus on programs dedicated to helping children share the wonder of life, learning and our planet. Through our flagship program, Samsung Hope for Children, Samsung Electronics America and its retail and business partners have raised more than \$25 million for more than 300 schools, community-based foundations, and charities throughout the U.S. For more information please visit: www.Samsung.com/Hope.