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News Release

National Oxygen Pte. Ltd. Receives Gold Materials Supplier Award from Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing

At a ceremony held on the 17th of February, National Oxygen Pte. Ltd. ("NOX"), a Singapore-based subsidiary of TNSC, received the Gold Materials Supplier award from Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing, a major dedicated semiconductor foundry.

The awards are made each year by Chartered , in recognition of the outstanding contribution of its suppliers to its business success. The awards are in three categories - equipment, materials, and services - and the selection of the winners takes into overall account the quality of products supplied or services provided, price, reliability of deliveries, and innovativeness in product performance or service content. Suppliers whose performance is judged to have been particularly notable receive awards in the Gold or Silver category.

The value of materials supplied to Chartered by NOX increased in fiscal 2005, and the company became a candidate for the suppliers' award for the first time. In view of this, it is all the more meritorious that NOX are

recognized as No. 1 in its category by the presentation of the Gold Materials Supplier award.

The awards ceremony, held on February 17 in Singapore, was attended by over 300 representatives from 120 suppliers. NOX President Shigeto Umatani received the award from Tang Yong "TY" Ang, Vice President of Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing.