

"Yokowo Opens IC Test Contactor Support Office in Silicon Valley"

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■ Summary

Yokowo has just opened an office in Silicon Valley to provide local engineering, sales and marketing support of their original IC test sockets in the technologically advanced North American semiconductor industry.

■ Background & Situation of Market

Yokowo establishes this office as part of its current plan to expand its overseas sales and support of the rapidly developing BGA/CSP package platform and the related test contactor applications. Yokowo America Corporation will reduce test contactor development time with this new Sunnyvale office, located in Silicon Valley, home to the development base of the world's leading Semiconductor manufacturers.

U.S. semiconductor companies have traditionally supplied more than 60% of the world's analog and logic devices such as those used in cellular phones and computers (CPU, DSP, etc.), this market hovered around \$14.2 billion USD in 2001 and is expected to grow to \$17.3 billion USD as it recovers next year, Yokowo America Corporation is targeting this segment of the IC industry with its Sunnyvale based operations.

Yokowo has optimized the development of its IC test related socket solutions by providing a manner by which to provide timely development and support with its new base in Sunnyvale, CA.

■ Our future plan

Future plans are to grow the business by providing comprehensive solutions for IC package test by also supplying DUT board solutions with the aim of achieving approximately \$6.5 million USD in sales by 2005.

■ Details of New base

- Branch : Yokowo America Corporation, Silicon Valley Office
- Established : November 1, 2002
- Director : Mr. Shinji Kimura (Vice President)



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