



Pivotal Raises \$10 million in Funding to Meet Growing Demand for Its Real Time Monitoring and Control Solutions

FINANCING AIMED AT EXPANDING PRODUCT PORTFOLIO AND ACCELERATING IDM AND OEM PENETRATION

Pleasanton, CA.—December 23, 2005—Pivotal Systems Corporation, which is developing and deploying real time in situ process monitoring and control solutions for leading edge semiconductor manufacturing, today announced that it has raised \$10 million in funding. The funding was led by leading venture capital firms that focus on advanced semiconductor technology.

Growing Demand for Real Time Monitoring & Control Solutions

With technology scaling below 90nm, Pivotal is seeing a significant increase in the demand for real time monitoring and control solutions. “IDM and OEM acceptance and need for Pivotal’s solutions are exceeding expectations. We are providing technology that is critical to fab productivity at leading edge technology nodes,” said Joseph Monkowski, Pivotal’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

Product Portfolio Expansion & Market Penetration

Pivotal is targeting a rapid expansion and increased penetration of its product portfolio in the near future. “Over the last year, more and more people have been hearing about Pivotal and the compelling results we are able to deliver for fab productivity. More and more industry-wide challenges are being brought to us, and as a result, we are developing a number of new products that combine software applications with proprietary hardware sensor technology. It is an exciting time for us,” said Mukund Venkatesh, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development.

Pivotal also plans to accelerate market penetration of its solutions by targeting OEMs. “We have focused to date primarily on IDMs to prove that there is a market need for our technology. Now we will start working with OEMs so that our solutions can be designed into their new tool platforms. This should allow our company and solutions to scale very quickly,” said Monkowski.

About Pivotal Systems

Pivotal Systems Corporation provides best-in-class monitoring and process control technology for the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Pivotal’s vision is to enable an order of magnitude increase in fab productivity and capital efficiency for current and future technology nodes. This vision is achieved through its real time in situ process monitoring and control solutions. Founded in 2003 and based in Pleasanton, California, the company is led by veterans from the semiconductor and high-tech industries. For more information about Pivotal, please visit www.pivotalsys.com, or send an email to info@pivotalsys.com.