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**EV GROUP EARNS IMPRESSIVE NINTH CONSECUTIVE TRIPLE CROWN WIN IN VLSIresearch
2021 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

EVG ranks among THE BEST Suppliers to Foundation Chip Makers for second year in a row; continues winning streak with 19th consecutive year listed among “THE BEST” suppliers

ST. FLORIAN, Austria, July 13, 2021—EV Group (EVG), a leading supplier of wafer bonding and lithography equipment for the MEMS, nanotechnology, and semiconductor markets, today announced that it has once again been voted by customers as one of the 10 BEST Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment and one of the 2021 THE BEST Suppliers of Fab Equipment in the 2021 VLSIresearch Customer Satisfaction Survey, increasing its score in both award segments compared to last year’s listings. EVG also received a RANKED 1st in Specialty Fab Equipment award again this year, marking the ninth year in a row that it has received all three customer satisfaction awards.



The 10 BEST, THE BEST, and RANKED 1st awards from the VLSIresearch Customer Satisfaction Survey provide special recognition to suppliers that are rated highest by their customers.

For the second year in a row, EVG was also recognized as one of THE BEST Suppliers of Fab Equipment to Foundation Chip Makers—a category defined as those companies whose spending provides the foundation of wafer fab equipment development and infrastructure in the global semiconductor industry, and which include several of the top semiconductor sales leaders including foundries. In addition, for the fifth year in a row, EVG was recognized as one of THE BEST Suppliers of Fab Equipment to Specialty Chip Makers—increasing its score in this award category while also achieving a 5 VLSI Star rating for the first time. As a result, EVG has once again won awards in five award categories.

A white paper detailing EVG's survey results issued by VLSIresearch is available at:
<https://www.vlsiresearch.com/ev-group-ninth-consecutive-triple-crown-win-PFEL1SE1000WQZY>.

According to VLSIresearch, EVG earned its highest 10 BEST rating ever this year, with customers rating the company best at partnering, technical leadership, recommended supplier, trust in supplier, and commitment. 2021 marks the 19th consecutive year that EVG has been listed among THE BEST Suppliers of Fab Equipment, as well as the ninth year EVG has achieved the number one spot as the highest ranked wafer bonder supplier.

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“EV Group has once again upped the ante in customer satisfaction by improving its rating in the VLSIresearch Customer Satisfaction Survey for the fourth consecutive year,” stated G. Dan Hutcheson, VLSIresearch CEO and chairman. “EVG earned the highest score of all 10 BEST Focused Chip Making Equipment Suppliers in the recommend supplier award category, while increasing its ratings in seven categories and receiving an impressive average rating of 9.1 in supplier performance. Yet again, EVG has outperformed its peers in its markets while focusing on partnering with customers.”

“The past twelve months have tested all of us like none other. Yet during this challenging period, EV Group has continued to move full speed ahead in working with our customers to develop new technologies and solutions that connect the world,” stated Hermann Walzl, executive sales and customer support director at EV Group. “We have continued to grow as a leading supplier of high-volume production equipment and process solutions, expanding our global workforce to more than 1000 employees worldwide, as well as expanding our cleanroom and training capabilities at our headquarters. These expansions, coupled with our Heterogeneous Integration Competence Center and NILPhotonics® Competence Center, as well as our steady roll-out of new wafer bonding, lithography and metrology solutions, are done with one major goal in mind – to enable our customers’ success in commercializing new products. It is gratifying to see these efforts recognized in VLSIresearch’s annual Customer Satisfaction Survey.”

EVG offers a complete portfolio of wafer-level manufacturing solutions for various micro- and nanotechnology applications and products, addressing established as well as emerging markets. The company’s field-proven equipment, combined with EVG’s superior process expertise and development support, enable its global customer base to stay one step ahead of the competition. As a market and technology leader, EVG serves the vast majority of Top 10 manufacturers across multiple market segments driving future semiconductor innovation, including advanced packaging, MEMS and sensors, optics and photonics, power devices, engineered substrates and compound semiconductors.

About the 2021 VLSIresearch Customer Satisfaction Survey

VLSIresearch received feedback from more than 88% of the chip market and 79% of subsystems customers for this year’s survey. The survey spans 2 ½ months and covers five languages. Worldwide participants were asked to rate equipment suppliers among fourteen categories based on three key factors: supplier performance, customer service, and product performance. 1,337 surveys were returned, resulting in 18,148 total responses. The VLSIresearch annual *Customer Satisfaction Survey* is the only publicly available opportunity since 1988 for customers to provide feedback for suppliers of: semiconductor equipment and subsystems. The 10 BEST, THE BEST, and RANKED 1st awards provide special recognition to suppliers that are rated highest by their customers. For more information, please visit www.VLSIresearch.com.

About EV Group (EVG)

EV Group (EVG) is a leading supplier of equipment and process solutions for the manufacture of semiconductors, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), compound semiconductors, power devices and nanotechnology devices. Key products include wafer bonding, thin-wafer processing, lithography/nanoimprint lithography (NIL) and metrology equipment, as well as photoresist coaters, cleaners and inspection systems. Founded in 1980, EV Group services and supports an elaborate network of global customers and partners all over the world. More information about EVG is available at www.EVGroup.com.



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