



Established in 1963, Tokyo Electron (TEL or the Company) is a world-leading supplier of semiconductor production equipment (SPE) and related services for the semiconductor industry. The Company develops, manufactures and markets a broad lineup of products, including coater/developers, plasma etch systems, thermal processing systems, single wafer CVD systems, cleaning systems, wafer probers and others.

Tokyo Electron also uses its accumulated expertise in SPE to develop, manufacture and market coater/developers and etch/ash systems for the manufacture of Flat Panel Display (FPD). Most of the Company's semiconductor and FPD production systems hold leading shares in their respective markets.

Tokyo Electron also maintains a strong presence as a distributor, providing a wide array of semiconductor production systems, storage area network and Internet related products for broadband solutions, and electronic components in Japan from other leading suppliers. With a network spanning 12 countries on three continents, Tokyo Electron provides superior products and services to its customers, and superior returns to its shareholders.

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- Changes in semiconductor and FPD markets
- Changes in the demand for products and services manufactured or offered by Tokyo Electron's customers, such as semiconductor manufacturers, FPD manufacturers and electronics makers
- Tokyo Electron's capabilities to continue to develop and provide products and services that respond to rapid technology innovation and changing customer needs in a timely manner