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## **Peak Sensor Systems Appoints President**

Albuquerque, NM—Peak Sensor Systems, manufacturer of the leading endpoint detectors for the semiconductor industry, is pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Palladino as President and Chief Executive Officer. With eight years of senior management in the semiconductor industry, Palladino brings to Peak an in-depth understanding of how to succeed with the major players around the globe.

"Peak's plasma monitoring capability has fabulous potential to improve fab productivity," Palladino explains when asked why he joined the company. "Peak's success during this time of major decreases in capital equipment spending is a testament to the superiority of its products. I look forward to expanding the company's markets beyond these shores."

Palladino most recently served as Vice President, Business Development for BOC Edwards Component Management business where he led his team to win over major accounts in Asia and Europe, Peak's next target marketplaces. He was Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Kachina Semiconductor Services, acquired by BOC Edwards in 2000.

Established in 1997, Peak Sensor Systems provides technology-enabling sensors to the semiconductor industry. Within four years, the company has emerged as a leader in plasma monitoring technology, with its flagship sensor, the ProPak, recently selected as "best of breed" at a major manufacturer. The ProPak incorporates optical emission spectroscopy for superior endpoint detection and fault detection. Peak is developing new sensors as well, using its vast understanding of sensor technology to apply the most appropriate technology to a particular problem. Peak continually reviews the roadmap to determine the sensors required for the next device generation, and has several under development for release over the next few years. www.peaksensors.com