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Overview of Nanometrics Overview of Nanometrics

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Who is Nanometrics? Who is Nanometrics? A leading provider of integrated and stand-alone metrology and process control technology to the global semiconductor manufacturing industry

Semiconductor Manufacturing in the 300mm Era Semiconductor Manufacturing in the 300mm Era As market windows are collapsing Manufacturing is increasingly expensive, more automated taking people out of the cleanroom

altogether.

Increasing Importance of Process Control Increasing Importance of Process Control More metrology More metrology tools required tools required per line per line More mask layers

More process steps

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More single-wafer processes

More importance placed on each wafer (\$\$)

More metrology points on each wafer

Trends Driving Integrated Metrology Trends Driving Integrated Metrology

Accelerating ramp to production Accelerating ramp to production

Speed up the learning cycle

Improved production economics Improved production economics

Throughput

Footprint

Transport

Every wafer is valuable Every wafer is valuable

Catch problems early

Increasing automation and fab-wide advanced Increasing automation and fab-wide advanced process control (APC) process control (APC)

Requires metrology feedback loop

It s About More than Maximizing Yield ASPs Profit captured getting to 80% yield one quarter faster Incremental revenue for increasing yield from 95% to 99% Semiconductor Product Life Cycle Semiconductor Product Life Cycle Time Conventional ramp Ramp accelerated with Integrated Metrology

Nanometrics Today Nanometrics Today Stand-Alone 60% Other 5% Integrated 35%

30 years in the business 30 years in the business

Leading provider of transparent thin film metrology Leading provider of transparent thin film metrology

Market flexible, multiple-metrology solutions for both Market flexible, multiple-metrology solutions for both integrated and stand-alone applications integrated and stand-alone applications

Financially sound and poised for growth Financially sound and poised for growth

Acquiring Accent Optical Technologies for ~\$85 million * Acquiring Accent Optical Technologies for ~\$85 million *

Based on 5 million shares at \$15 plus \$10.6M debt

* The transaction is subject to approval of Nanometrics and Accent shareholders and is expected to be completed in 1H 2006.

Who is Accent Optical? Who is Accent Optical?

Metrology company offering several technologies: Metrology company offering several technologies:

Overlay metrology

Thin film metrology (film characterization, wafer mapping)

Optical CD

Defect detection

Serving diverse markets: Serving diverse markets:

Semiconductor photolithography process control

Bare wafers/substrates: SSi, SOI

Wireless/HBLEDs

With strong history and financials With strong history and financials

25 years in the business; buyout of Bio-Rad

HQ in Bend, Oregon with R&D/Mfg in York, England

200+ employees

Healthy revenue run-rate and strong margins

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Nanometrics Growth Opportunities Nanometrics Growth Opportunities

Increase in semiconductor capital spending Increase in semiconductor capital spending

Greater importance of process control as % of CapEx Greater importance of process control as % of CapEx Growing market for NAND/Flash memory Growing market for NAND/Flash memory

Increased adoption of Integrated Metrology Increased adoption of Integrated Metrology

Introduction of new products in high-growth markets Introduction of new products in high-growth markets

Market share gains vs Market share gains vs weak competition weak competition

Growth through acquisition Growth through acquisition

Constant Innovation, Expanding Product Line Constant Innovation, Expanding Product Line Core Products with Leading Market Share Atlas/FLX

Transparent Film Thickness 9010/BOLTS

Dielectric CMP, CVD New Products and Expanding Markets Orion

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Advanced Overlay Control Atlas-M

Mask and Reticle

Metrology NanoOCD

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Optical CD Measurement 9010 UDI

Defect Detection Penetration into additional process steps: Track, Etch, Metal CMP Nanometrics Addresses Large and Growing Markets Nanometrics Addresses Large and Growing Markets \$0 \$200 \$400 \$600 \$800 \$1,000 \$1,200 2003 2005 2009 Non-Metal Thin Film Metrology **Overlay Metrology** Integrated Metrology Macro Defect Inspection Mask Metrology **OCD/Profile Measurement** \$650 million \$800 million \$340 million 22% CAGR 51% CAGR Accent acquisition expected to add an additional ~\$100 million to SAM Source: Dataquest

Expanding Presence in Key Markets Expanding Presence in Key Markets Non-Metal TF Integrated OCD/Profile Overlay Macro Defect Mask Tied for #2 with TWAV KLA #1, Rudolph #4, Accent #5 Leading Market Share Nova #2 KLA, TEL and Rudolph <\$10M NANO a newer entrant; only one with integrated KLA and TWAV have majority of market Accent shipping tools NANO Shipping Tools KLA #1, Accent #2 In Development Stage KLA #1, August #2 Shipping Tools New Products for NANO

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Segment wedges denote relative market size in 2005

Accent Top Customers Accent Top Customers Nanometrics Top Customers Nanometrics Top Customers Positioned with Customers at the Forefront of 300mm Positioned with Customers at the Forefront of 300mm

Other major

Other major

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Accent Acquisition Expected to Strengthen Position Accent Acquisition Expected to Strengthen Position

Huge customer cross-selling opportunities Huge customer cross-selling opportunities

Stronger player with greater scale Stronger player with greater scale

Complementary technologies Complementary technologies

Adds depth to management team Adds depth to management team

Financial strength Financial strength

Integrated metrology opportunity Integrated metrology opportunity Todays PresentationTodays Presentation

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Streamlined business in 2005 Streamlined business in 2005

Focus on semiconductors; sold FPD business

Upgraded financial team Upgraded financial team

CFO, Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller

Increased controls, better forecasting

Re-organized operations and engineering Re-organized operations and engineering

Reducing costs through better manufacturing practices and improved material control processes

Leveraging service organization Leveraging service organization

Keep spending flat, support more tools

\$0 \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 \$60 \$70 \$80 \$90 \$100 Quarterly Revenues Annualized Scaling the Business Scaling the Business 2002 2003 2004 2005

Third Quarter 2005 Financials Third Quarter 2005 Financials Revenue \$14.2 M Gross Margin 38% **Operating Expenses** \$ 9.0 M Operating Loss (\$ 3.7 M) Net Loss (\$ 3.4 M) EPS (\$ 0.26) Cash and Short-Term Investments \$46.5 M Debt \$ 2.0 M

Significant Operating Leverage in the Model Significant Operating Leverage in the Model Recent Results Target Model Product Gross Margin 51% 60% Service Gross Margin (12%) 20%Blended Gross Margin 43% 55% SG&A 29% 21% R&D 18% 14% **Operating Margin** (4%) 20%

Re-organize Engineering Leverage Service Group Conclusion: Nanometrics is in a Strong Position Conclusion: Nanometrics is in a Strong Position

Right market segment Right market segment

Well positioned with customers that are spending Well positioned with customers that are spending money on 300mm money on 300mm

Right complement of products Right complement of products integrated and integrated and stand-alone metrology stand-alone metrology

Opportunity for significant operating leverage Opportunity for significant operating leverage

Consolidator of the metrology market

Consolidator of the metrology market

More than driving yield More than driving yield Accelerating the production ramp. Accelerating the production ramp.

Additional Information and Where to Find It Additional Information and Where to Find It In connection with the planned merger (the Merger) between Nanometrics, Inc. (Nanometrics) and Accent Optical Technologies,

Inc. (Accent) pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization dated January 25, 2006 (the Merger Agreement), by and between Nanometrics, Alloy Merger Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of Nanometrics) and Accent, Nanometrics and Accent will file a joint proxy statement/prospectus. Nanometrics intends to include in such proxy

statement/prospectus а resolution for shareholder approval of the issuance of Nanometrics common stock in consideration for all the outstanding shares of Accent capital stock and the rights to acquire Accent capital stock (the Share Issuance), and certain other matters contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Accent intends to include in such

proxy statement/prospectus а resolution for stockholder approval of the Merger Agreement and the Merger and certain other matters contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to the shareholders of Accent and Nanometrics. **INVESTORS** AND