

# 3M AND HIMAX ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE 3M and Himax Combine Proprietary Technologies Creating Innovative Miniature Projectors

ST.PAUL, Minn., January 6, 2008 / Tainan, Taiwan, January 7, 2008 – 3M (NYSE: MMM), one of the world's leading companies in optics technology, and Himax Technologies, Inc. ("Himax"; NASDAQ: HIMX), one of the leading semiconductor solution providers for flat panel displays, announce a strategic alliance to commercialize LCOS mobile projectors by combining their proprietary technologies to deliver a complete mobile projection solution to consumer electronics manufacturers.

Together, 3M and Himax offer a mobile projection total solution with the prerequisite size, efficiency, image quality, and affordability for integration into a wide range of consumer mobile devices. 3M developed, and is providing, a miniature LED projection engine that incorporates the single-panel color filter type LCOS module of Himax Display, Inc. (a subsidiary of Himax). In addition, Himax provides a complete set of driving circuit and related electronics.

Mike Kelly, executive vice president, 3M Display and Graphics Business, commented, "we believe that embedding projectors into mobile devices is the future, and we are pleased to announce our alliance with Himax. Himax provides a unique color filter LCOS that, when coupled with 3M's proprietary optics, delivers excellent image quality in an ultra-compact package."

Jordan Wu, president and chief executive officer of Himax, added, "we are excited to announce our relationship with 3M, which we believe will help expedite time to market for customers using our combined technologies. Himax's proprietary single-panel color filter type LCOS panel, coupled with 3M's unique optical technology, enables the best mobile projector solution. We expect to see the solution adopted by numerous customers in applications such as mobile phones, digital cameras and portable multimedia players." 3M is demonstrating the complete mobile projection system, including the Himax LCOS microdisplay and related electronics, in the Advanced Display Technologies Zone, booth 25727 and 25627, at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, January 7-10, 2008.

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### About Himax Technologies

Himax Technologies, Inc. designs, develops and markets semiconductors that are critical components of flat panel displays. The Company's principal products are display drivers for large-sized TFT-LCD panels, which are used in desktop monitors, notebook computers and televisions, and display drivers for small- and medium-sized TFT-LCD panels, which are used in mobile handsets and consumer electronics products such as digital cameras, mobile gaming devices and car navigation displays. In addition, the Company is expanding its product offering to include television semiconductor solutions, as well as LCOS products Based in Tainan, Taiwan, the Company has regional offices in Hsinchu and Taipei, Taiwan; Suzhou and Shenzhen, China; Yokohama, Japan and Anyangsi Kyungkido, South Korea; and Irvine, California, USA.

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