



## **Ellipsiz announces the opening of SV Probe's new probe card factory in Vietnam**

New factory to strengthen production capacity and delivery competence with better cost efficiency

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(SINGAPORE, November 12, 2007) – SGX mainboard-listed Ellipsiz Ltd (“Ellipsiz”), announces today that its wholly owned subsidiary, SV Probe has opened its new probe card factory in Vietnam.

The new 4,000 square meter factory is located in VSIP (Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park) in Binh Duong Province, which is about 20 kilometers north of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The factory, which started initial production in September, is SV Probe's largest probe card manufacturing facility to date. Probe cards serve as interface tools in the testing of semiconductor wafers, which are used in wide range of electronic products including mobile phones and personal computers.

The new factory is capable of producing both Cantilever and Vertical probe cards, and is projected to have a total annual capacity of 4 million probe points over a multi year ramp. This is more than twice the production capacity as its first factory in Vietnam, which started in 2003. The older factory was closed in September 2007 and all its employees and production capacity has been consolidated into the new factory.

The new factory is expected to employ up to 800 people, including design and R&D engineers. The total investment in the new factory, including facility construction and equipment outfitting, is projected to be between US\$5 million and US\$6 million over the next few years.

Kevin Kurtz, Executive Vice President of Ellipsiz and CEO of SV Probe, said “The opening of this new factory is a significant milestone for us. Our Vietnam factory will be the center of manufacturing excellence to help us strengthen our production capacity and delivery competence with better cost efficiency.”



Xavier Chong, Chairman and CEO of Ellipsiz, said: “Probe cards continue to be a key engine that drives our business growth. We see Asia as an important market for us and having a more significant presence here will better position ourselves to tap on the growth in this region”.

The official opening of the new factory was graced by Mr. Tran Van Loi, Vice Chairman of Vietnam Binh Duong Province's People Committee, Board Members of VSIP Management Board as well as customers, Board of Directors and management of SV Probe and Ellipsiz.

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### **About Ellipsiz Ltd**

Ellipsiz is a leading probe card company and semiconductor service provider serving the semiconductor and electronics industries. Our probe card division, SV Probe, is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest probe card company in the world (*VLSI, 2007*). We provide a comprehensive range of semiconductor equipment, outsourced services and consumables products. Ellipsiz is also one of the leading silicon reclaim players in Asia.

Ellipsiz currently has 9 production facilities worldwide and a global network of 24 sales and customer support centers. We are headquartered in Singapore and have operations in Malaysia, Taiwan, Vietnam, China, France and the USA.

Ellipsiz is listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange. We employ more than 1,300 people worldwide and achieved revenue of \$201 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2007. Please visit us on the web at [www.ellipsiz.com](http://www.ellipsiz.com).

### **About SV Probe**

SV Probe is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ellipsiz Ltd. It is the fourth largest probe card company in the world (*VLSI, Jul 07*) and operates six probe card factories located in the United States, France, China, Vietnam and Taiwan R.O.C., as well as an extensive network of customer support and sales offices.

SV Probe offers a diversified product line including vertical & cantilever probe cards and provides design and product application support services. Its global customer base is comprised of leading chip manufacturers and fabless design companies.