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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 1-13828

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- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer, as  
named below: **THOMSON FINANCIAL**

MEMC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its  
principal executive office:

MEMC ELECTRONIC MATERIALS, INC.

501 PEARL DRIVE (CITY OF O'FALLON), ST. PETERS, MISSOURI

(Address of principal executive offices)

63376

(Zip Code)

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# MEMC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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<b>Definitions:</b>	
Plan	- MEMC Retirement Savings Plan
Trustees	- State Street Bank and Trust Company (January 1, 2000 - May 31, 2000)
	- Putnam Investments (June 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000)
	(January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001)
ERISA	- Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
Company	- MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.
Plan Administrator	- Employee Benefits Committee of the Company



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### Independent Auditors' Report

Employee Benefits Committee  
MEMC Retirement Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets available for plan benefits of the MEMC Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of changes in assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets available for plan benefits of the MEMC Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and changes in assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*KPMG LLP*

St. Louis, Missouri  
June 19, 2002

**MEMC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**  
**Statements of Assets Available for Plan Benefits**  
**December 31, 2001 and 2000**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Money market funds	\$ 1,942,376	866,619
Shares of registered investment companies	26,219,677	30,043,573
Common stock	6,431,919	11,642,933
Common/collective trusts	34,244,039	41,349,378
Loans to participants	5,396,504	6,235,558
<b>Total investments at fair values</b>	<b>74,234,515</b>	<b>90,138,061</b>
<b>Investments at contract value -</b>		
Value of investment in Primco Stable Value Fund	30,617,335	29,712,948
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>104,851,850</b>	<b>119,851,009</b>
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Other receivables	—	7,432
<b>Assets available for plan benefits</b>	<b>\$ 104,851,850</b>	<b>119,858,441</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### Statements of Changes in Assets Available for Plan Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000
Income:		
Earnings (loss) from investments:		
Interest income	\$ 2,294,532	2,455,193
Dividend income	573,335	3,651,244
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(17,970,288)	(17,648,350)
Total loss from investments	(15,102,421)	(11,541,913)
Contributions:		
Employer	3,403,431	3,648,931
Participants	7,190,501	7,713,812
Participant rollovers	135,627	212,589
Total contributions	10,729,559	11,575,332
Total income (loss)	(4,372,862)	33,419
Expense:		
Benefit payments to participants	10,633,729	13,466,210
Net decrease	(15,006,591)	(13,432,791)
Net assets available for plan benefits:		
Beginning of year	119,858,441	133,291,232
End of year	\$ 104,851,850	119,858,441

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## MEMC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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### (1) Description of the Plan

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### (a) *General*

The Plan was established on April 1, 1989 under the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a defined contribution retirement savings plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA, sponsored by the Company. Generally, all employees of the Company compensated in U.S. dollars from a payroll location within the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan.

#### (b) *Contributions*

Each participant may elect to contribute from 1% to 15% of his/her covered compensation as described in the Plan on a before-tax or after-tax basis through May 31, 2000. On and after June 1, 2000, participants may no longer make after-tax contributions. The before-tax contribution is limited to the amount specified by Section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code (\$10,500 in 2001 and 2000). Subject to the provisions of the Plan prior to June 1, 2000, a participant was eligible to receive employer matching contributions of 60% of his/her before-tax and after-tax contribution up to 7% of the participant's covered compensation for the plan year. Beginning June 1, 2000, a participant was eligible to receive employer matching contributions of 100% of the first 3% of the employee's contribution, 50% of the next 2% contributed, and 20% of the next 1% contributed, up to 4.2% of the participant's covered compensation for the plan year.

#### (c) *Participants' Accounts*

Each participant account is comprised of the following subaccounts: a before-tax account, an after-tax account, a Safe Harbor matching account, a matching account, and a rollover account, as applicable. Participants may elect to participate and/or adjust contribution elections at any time. Each participant account is credited with participant contributions as specified by the participant; an allocation of the Company's contributions; and the income, loss, appreciation, and depreciation attributable.

#### (d) *Vesting*

Prior to June 1, 2000, participant matching accounts were vested at the rate of 20% for each year of service, becoming 100% vested after five years. Beginning on June 1, 2000, participant matching accounts are immediately and fully vested.

#### (e) *Investment Options*

Participants may direct investment or reinvestment of contributions credited to his/her individual account in any one or a combination of the investment options in increments of 1% of the amount credited.

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The following investment options were available as of December 31, 1999 and through May 31, 2000:

Fixed Income Fund (Primco Stable Value Fund) – Funds are invested in investment contracts, synthetics, and insurance contracts.

Balanced Fund (Vanguard Wellington Fund) – Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests in common stocks, convertible preferred stocks, corporate, municipal, and foreign bonds, and U.S. Government and agency obligations.

Indexed Equity Fund (Barclays Global Investor S&P 500 Stock Fund) – Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests mainly in common stocks.

Aggressive Equity Fund (T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund) – Funds are invested in shares of a registered investment company that invests in common stocks and convertible preferred stocks.

MEMC Stock Fund – Funds are invested in common stock of MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. and cash and cash equivalents.

The following investment options were available as of June 1, 2000:

Putnam OTC & Emerging Growth Fund – Funds are invested mainly in stocks of small to midsize emerging growth companies traded on the over-the-counter market and on national exchanges.

Putnam International Growth Fund – Funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of stocks of companies located mainly outside the United States of America.

Putnam Vista Fund – Funds are invested in a variety of stocks that have the potential for above-average growth, including those of widely traded larger companies; smaller, less well-known companies; and currently, mostly midsize firms.

Putnam Investors Fund – Funds are invested mainly in blue-chip stocks – those of large, well-established companies – selected from a broad range of industries. The fund targets companies that are enjoying rising sales and profits and that have dominant positions within their industries.

Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund – Funds are invested to seek a return, before the assessment of fees, that closely approximates the return of the S&P 500 Index, which is an indicator of U.S. stock market performance.

The George Putnam Fund of Boston – Funds are invested in a well-diversified portfolio composed mostly of stocks and corporate and U.S. government bonds.

PIMCO Total Return Fund – Funds are invested in bonds which target intermediate-maturity fixed-income securities from all major sectors of the bond market.

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Primco Stable Value Fund – Funds are invested in assets consisting of a number of investment contracts with a diversified, highly rated group of insurance companies, banks, and other financial institutions.

MEMC Stock Fund – Funds are invested in common stock of MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.

Participant directed interfund transfers in and out of the MEMC Stock Fund are limited to one per calendar month. Participants may elect to adjust all other investment options daily.

*(f) Loans to Participants*

Participants may apply for and receive loans from their vested account. Generally, no more than two loans may be outstanding to a participant at any one time. The amount of loans to an individual participant shall not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or one-half of the vested portion of the account balance of the participant as of the date the loan is requested by the participant without regard to any contributions allocated to the account of the participant on or after such date. The minimum amount of any loan shall be \$1,000.

*(g) Payment of Benefits*

Under the terms of the Plan, participants or their designated beneficiaries are entitled to receive the amounts credited to their accounts upon normal retirement at age 65, early retirement, disability, or death. Participants terminating prior to retirement are entitled to receive that portion of their account which is vested. Distributions are made in the form of a lump-sum payment. If the participant's vested balance exceeds \$5,000, the participant may elect to defer receipt of the distribution.

For contributions made prior to January 1, 2001, a participant may elect an in-service withdrawal of any amount from the value of his/her rollover account, his/her after-tax contributions (except the company matched after-tax contributions within the last 24 months), or his/her vested matching contributions (except the matching contributions within the last 24 months). Before-tax contributions and earnings on those contributions may not be withdrawn.

Beginning June 1, 2000, a participant who has reached age 59 ½ may take a withdrawal from their employee and vested company amounts equal to the value of the account less contributions made during the previous 24 months.

In addition, beginning June 1, 2000, hardship withdrawals are allowed for employees under age 59 ½ under certain circumstances in an amount equal to the value of accumulated before-tax contributions and beginning January 1, 2001, the safe harbor match account. Account earnings are not eligible for inclusion in the withdrawal amount. Participants incurring a hardship withdrawal will not be eligible to make further contributions to the plan for at least 12 months after the receipt of such distribution.

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**(h) Forfeitures**

Prior to June 1, 2000, at the time a participant terminated his/her employment, the nonvested portion of the employer contribution account was forfeited and was available to reduce the employer's future contributions to the Plan. However, beginning June 1, 2000, all matching contributions vest 100% immediately. As such, no forfeitures occur under the new plan. As of December 31, 2001, forfeited nonvested accounts used to offset employer contributions totaled \$311,444.

**(2) Summary of Accounting Policies**

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, except for benefit payments which are recorded when paid.

**(b) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the accompanying financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**(c) Valuation of Investments**

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Investments are valued as follows:

- Investments in the stock fund and shares of a registered investment company are valued based on the fair value as determined by quoted market price on a daily basis.
- Investments in common/collective or pooled funds maintained by the Trustee are valued at the price furnished by the Trustee. The cost of securities sold is based on the average cost of all such securities held at the time of sale.
- The value in the loan fund represents the unpaid principal of employee loans. Loans to participants are valued at cost which approximates fair value.

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- Investment in the Primco Stable Value Fund is valued at contract value as the contracts are fully benefit responsive. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest at the contract rate, less funds used to pay for benefits. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, the contract value approximated the fair value. Fair values for traditional investment contracts were determined by comparing each contract, on a duration basis, to yield curve. The yield curve contains eight data points (ranging 1.74% to 6.13% and 5.84% to 6.51% for 2001 and 2000, respectively) and was established using quotes from the Invesco (Primco) rate desk. Nonparticipating synthetic contract fair values were determined by comparing each contract, on a duration basis, to a Treasury Yield curve at year end plus 40 basis points. A yield was interpolated between the two closest data points for each duration and then used to discount the estimated cash flows of that contract back to a discounted value as of the report date. For those contracts with no stated payment dates, the projected value at the end of the required days' notice period was assumed to pay in full and this payment was then discounted following the process described above. Fair value for security-backed investments is reflected as reported by the contract issuer, internal pricing matrix, or the Trustee of Invesco (Primco) Group Trustee. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The average yield and crediting interest rates ranged from 5.7% to 7.5% in 2001 and 4.9% to 7.2% in 2000.

*(d) Administrative Expenses*

The reasonable expenses incident to the operation of this Plan shall be paid out of the Trust Fund, unless the Employer in its sole discretion elects at any time to pay part or all of such expenses. Prior to June 1, 2000, administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees were paid directly by the Company.

**(3) Trust Fund Managed by the Trustees**

The plan assets are maintained in a trust fund. The investments and changes therein of this trust fund have been reported to the Plan by the Trustees.

**(4) Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

**(5) Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service issued its latest determination letter on June 6, 2001, which stated that the Plan and its underlying trust qualify under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, are exempt from Federal income taxes.

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### (6) Investments

The following table presents investments as of December 31, 2001 and 2000. Investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's assets are separately identified.

	2001	2000
Investments, at fair value:		
Putnam The George Putnam Fund of Boston	\$ 13,663,057	13,985,571
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund	34,244,039	41,349,378
Putnam OTC and Emerging Growth Fund	5,532,657	9,399,620
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. common stock	6,431,919	11,642,933
Loans to participants	5,396,504	6,235,558
Other	8,966,339	7,525,001
	74,234,515	90,138,061
Investments, at contract value:		
Bank of America NT & SA	6,221,814	—
Monumental Life	5,464,342	3,725,885
Other	18,931,179	25,987,063
	30,617,335	29,712,948
Total investments	\$ 104,851,850	119,851,009

### *Net Depreciation in Fair Value*

The Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) depreciated in value by \$17,970,288 in 2001 and by \$17,648,350 in 2000, as follows:

	2001	2000
Investments at fair value as determined by quoted market price:		
Shares of registered investment companies	\$ (6,593,281)	(10,902,216)
Common/collective trusts	(5,053,099)	(3,799,910)
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. common stock	(6,323,908)	(2,946,224)
Net depreciation in fair value	\$ (17,970,288)	(17,648,350)

### (7) Change in Plan

On June 1, 2000, the Plan changed Trustee and recordkeeper from State Street Bank and Trust Company to Putnam Investment Company.

## Schedule 1

## MEMC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

## Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes

December 31, 2001

Description of issue	Current value
PIMCO Total Return Fund	\$ 2,227,597
Putnam The George Putnam Fund of Boston *	13,663,057
Putnam Investors Fund *	1,463,325
Putnam Vista Fund *	2,233,853
Putnam OTC and Emerging Growth Fund *	5,532,657
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund *	34,244,039
Putnam International Growth Fund *	1,099,188
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. common stock	6,431,919
Putnam Fiduciary Trust Short-Term Investment Fund *	1,942,376
John Hancock Mutual Life - #8313, 7.49%	2,656,969
Metropolitan Life - #28451, 7.01%	3,623,549
Union Bank of Switzerland AG - 6.44%	3,849,280
Allstate life Insurance, Co. - 6.56% due 1/24/02	3,231,427
Bank of America NT & SA - #01-131, 4.76%	6,221,814
Monumental Life - #00100TR, 5.8% due 1/9/02	5,464,342
JP Morgan Chase Bank - #441894ZA, 5.82% due 1/10/02	4,790,139
Security Life of Denver - #SA0257, 5.67%	779,815
Participant loans, interest rates ranging from 4.8% to 9.5%	5,396,504
Total investments	\$ <u>104,851,850</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

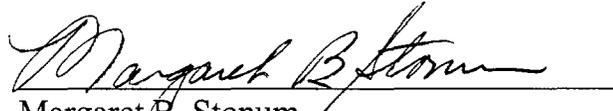
\* Represent party-in-interest allowable by ERISA

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Employee Benefits Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### MEMC Retirement Savings Plan

Date: June 27, 2002

  
Margaret B. Stonum  
Director, Employee Relations  
Plan Administrator

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23	Consent of KPMG LLP

**Independent Auditors' Consent**

Employee Benefits Committee  
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement (No. 333-19159) on Form S-8 of MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. of our report dated June 19, 2002, relating to the statements of assets available for plan benefits of MEMC Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of changes in assets available for plan benefits for each of the years then ended, and the related schedule as of December 31, 2001 which report appears in the 2001 Annual Report on Form 11-K of MEMC Retirement Savings Plan.

KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri  
June 27, 2002