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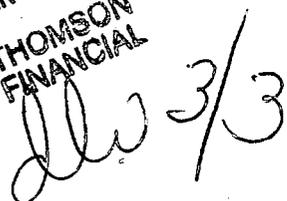
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- **Media Release: February 17, 2003 - Unaxis Board of Directors appoints Asuri S. Raghavan to the Executive Board**



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## Media Release

### Unaxis Board of Directors appoints Asuri S. Raghavan to the Executive Board

***Pfäffikon, February 17, 2003 – Unaxis is expanding its Executive Board with Asuri S. Raghavan (50), an internationally known semiconductor industry expert, effective March 1st, 2003. Asuri S. Raghavan formerly served as Executive Vice President at Novellus Systems, Inc., USA.***

Asuri S. Raghavan was formerly Executive Vice President of the Surface Integrity Group at Novellus Systems, Inc., a semiconductor equipment manufacturer in San Jose, California/USA. His achievements in this post included integrating semiconductor equipment manufacturer Gasonics International with Novellus Corporation in 2001. Asuri S. Raghavan was President and CEO of Gasonics International prior to the company's acquisition by Novellus. Before that, he held various management positions at semiconductor equipment manufacturer Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc. in Pennsylvania/USA. Between 1996 and 1998 he was President of the Equipment Group at Kulicke & Soffa. Earlier, as Senior Vice President, he was in charge of marketing strategy for all of Kulicke & Soffa's product lines. At Unaxis, Asuri S. Raghavan will take responsibility for ongoing development of the company's semiconductor business.

Asuri S. Raghavan is an American citizen. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) from the University of Madras (Chennai), India, and a Master of Arts degree in Computer and Information Science from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

From March, 1, 2003, the Unaxis Executive Board will thus be comprised as follows: Heinz Kundert (CEO), Kaspar Kelterborn (CFO), Kurt Mück, Asuri S. Raghavan.

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