



**MOSAID Technologies Incorporated**

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**Hitachi licenses MOSAID patent portfolio  
DRAM manufacturer becomes fourth to sign broad patent agreement**

**OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada – July 5, 2000** - MOSAID Technologies (TSE:MSD) announced today that it has signed its latest worldwide, non-exclusive patent licensing agreement, with semiconductor manufacturer Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT) of Tokyo, Japan. Under this agreement, Hitachi obtains a license to MOSAID's patent portfolio for production of its semiconductor products worldwide.

This is the fourth broad patent licensing agreement that MOSAID has entered into with a major semiconductor company since the signing of its first licensee 16 months ago. MOSAID has previously announced similar agreements with Fujitsu, NEC and Toshiba.

"We continue to build the momentum of our patent licensing program with this latest agreement," said **George Cwynar**, President and CEO of MOSAID Technologies. "These agreements are each individually negotiated with our licensees and announced as they are signed. We are currently in discussions with eight other semiconductor companies regarding similar patent licensing agreements. We expect to continue adding to our list of licensees, resulting in steadily increasing licensing fees over the next decade."

Financial details of the agreement were not disclosed; however, Mr. Cwynar stated, "the monetary consideration to be paid by Hitachi will contribute to MOSAID's objective of delivering consistent quarterly earnings growth."

"The cornerstone for the success of our patent licensing program is our strong patent portfolio, which we continue to strengthen. We believe it is impractical for anyone to design a competitive embedded or commodity DRAM without using MOSAID's intellectual property," said **Dan Mathers**, Senior Vice President of MOSAID and General Manager of its Semiconductor Division. "These technologies, particularly embedded DRAM, are very important for the rapidly growing high performance system-on-a-chip market. This patent licensing program also puts MOSAID in a unique position, with our intellectual property being a source of tremendous competitive advantage. Not only do these agreements protect us from future patent infringement claims from these licensees in our fabless semiconductor activities, but they represent a significant source of research and development funding for our networking chips."

During the negotiations, MOSAID was represented by The Consortium for Technology Licensing, Ltd., of Nissequogue, New York, U.S.A.

MOSAID currently has 78 issued patents and more than 125 pending, many relating to semiconductor memory and networking integrated circuits.

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### **About MOSAID**

MOSAID Technologies Incorporated is an independent semiconductor company with a 25-year history of design innovation. MOSAID's Semiconductor Division is a fabless provider of high performance products for the networking market. The company's Systems Division is the leading supplier of engineering memory test and analysis systems for memory device design and quality. MOSAID is based in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada with offices in Austin, Texas, Santa Clara, California, London, U.K., and Tokyo, Japan. For more information, visit the Company's web site at [www.mosaid.com](http://www.mosaid.com).

### **About The Consortium for Technology Licensing, Ltd.**

The Consortium for Technology Licensing, Ltd. of Nissequogue, New York, U.S.A. is an organization that works closely with leading academic institutions and corporations around the world and assists them in licensing their semiconductor-related intellectual property rights.