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GENUS WINS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ORDER FROM A MAJOR U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURER

Genus *LYNX2*TM Chosen for New Applications

SUNNYVALE, Calif., June 24, 1999 – Genus, Inc. (NASDAQ: GGNS), announced today that it has received a multi-million dollar order from a major U.S. semiconductor manufacturer for a *LYNX2* system, which includes Genus' patented multi-purpose process chamber. The system is scheduled to ship into an advanced R&D environment, and targeted to be qualified for mass production of next-generation devices.

"This purchase order is of particular significance to Genus as it represents a new thin film application and penetration of an emerging, high-growth market segment," said Robert A. Wilson, Genus' vice president of worldwide sales. "We now have market validation of our technology roadmap and multi-film product strategy based on the *LYNX2*."

"Genus' focused thin film equipment strategy has been to target three market segments of thin film deposition which will allow Genus to increase their total available market from \$200 million today, to \$2 billion (forecasted by VLSI Research, Inc. 5/99) by the year 2003," said William W.R. Elder, Genus' chairman and CEO.

Founded in 1982, Genus, Inc. designs, manufactures and markets capital equipment and deposition processes for advanced semiconductor manufacturing. The Company's thin film deposition products are used worldwide to produce integrated circuits for the data processing, communications, medical, military, transportation and consumer electronics industries. Genus' customers include semiconductor manufacturers located throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim including Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Genus' headquarters are located at 1139 Karlstad Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, telephone (408) 747-7120; fax (408) 747-7199. For the most up-to-date company, product and financial information, visit Genus' web site at <http://www.genus.com>.

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