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**VLSI RESEARCH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RANKS GENUS  
AMONG THE 10 BEST CHIP EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS WORLDWIDE**

SUNNYVALE, Calif., June 29, 1999 – Genus, Inc. (Nasdaq: GGNS), announced today that VLSI Research Inc. has named the company to its 1999 ranking of the 10 BEST Chip Making Equipment Suppliers in the world based on customer satisfaction. The 10 BEST, compiled annually by VLSI, is regarded as a leading indicator for customer satisfaction among equipment makers worldwide.

Commenting on the results, Risto Puhakka, VP of Operations at VLSI Research, noted, "We are very pleased to see Genus appear in the VLSI Research 10 BEST which shows their success as a dedicated CVD equipment supplier. Genus received its highest rating in "support after sales" and "overall commitment", demonstrating the company's commitment to customers."

"Genus is honored to be recognized among the 10 BEST chip making equipment suppliers in the world," said Dr. William W.R. Elder, Genus' chairman and CEO. "We take great pride in our on-going commitment to customer satisfaction by focusing on the highest quality service and support. Our company is dedicated to providing customers with new capabilities and manufacturing processes uniquely tailored for their needs, now and in the future.

Despite a difficult year within the semiconductor industry, Genus succeeded in refocusing their efforts on thin film deposition with particular emphasis on customer satisfaction after selling their MeV high-energy ion implantation products to Varian Associates, Inc. last year. The customer satisfaction survey results indicate that customers are pleased with the direction that Genus has taken.

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To determine the 10 BEST semiconductor capital equipment suppliers, VLSI Research sent out more than 37,000 questionnaires to semiconductor companies around the world to rate their suppliers in eight categories. For equipment performance measures these categories include product performance, uptime, software and quality-of-results. Customer service measures include process support, technical leadership, support of sales, and the vendor's overall commitment to supporting its customer's needs.

**About VLSI Research Inc.**

VLSI Research Inc. a market research company located in Silicon Valley, is generally recognized as the leading company covering semiconductor capital equipment. It was founded in 1976, and has performed these annual surveys of customer satisfaction for the past 11 years. The principal purpose of the surveys is to provide a report card on individual suppliers in order to promote improved customer relationships and to identify those issues and trends that are most sensitive to customers' needs.

**About Genus, Inc.**

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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