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CYMER E-CYCLE RETURNS TO QUALCOMM STADIUM

Free Event Allows San Diegans to Recycle Electronics Safely and Effectively

SAN DIEGO (Aug. XX, 2008)—[Cymer](#), Inc. (Nasdaq: CYMI), a San Diego-based company that develops technology used to create semiconductor chips, announced today that its fourth [Cymer e-Cycle](#), a free electronics recycling event, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium. The event, which has experienced tremendous success—recycling more than 425 tons of electronics during its first three occurrences—will once again provide the community with a free outlet to dispose of old, broken and unwanted household and business electronics.

Cymer e-Cycle will take place in the Northeast section of Qualcomm Stadium's parking lot; participants will "drive-through" while volunteers unload their goods, and all materials collected will be recycled or disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. The event is open to anyone that would like to participate, and more information and a complete list of acceptable recyclables is available at www.cymer.com/e-cycle.

"We are passionate about sponsoring, participating in and hosting events that make our community a better place in which to live and work," said Ed Brown, president and chief operating officer of Cymer. "As a company rooted in the constant evolution of consumer electronics, we saw an opportunity in 2006 to create Cymer e-Cycle, and encourage responsible disposal of unwanted electronics. Since that time, e-Cycle has become an event on which the public can rely, collected and disposed of 850,000 pounds of e-waste, and our e-Cycle event in April 2007 set a national record as the largest one-day electronics recycling event in U.S. history. We're thrilled to help meet our community's need for this type of service."

Some interesting e-waste statistics include:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that more than 235 million units of electronic products sold between 1980 and 2007 are currently sitting idle. In addition, the recently enacted "hands-free law," is prompting many consumers to upgrade their cell phones, and the upcoming shift from analog to digital broadcasts will render older TVs outdated. The need to responsibly dispose of these items via events like Cymer's e-Cycle becomes increasingly evident.

TVs and cell phones are just a small portion of the increasingly immense collection of e-waste that is primarily being discarded in an environmentally unsafe manner. According to the EPA, of the 2.25 million tons of e-waste ready to be disposed, 18 percent (414,000 tons) was collected for recycling and 82 percent (1.84 million tons) was inappropriately discarded, primarily in landfills.

- According to e-takeback.org, 133,000 PCs are discarded each day in the U.S. and e-waste is one of the fastest growing municipal waste streams in the country
- The organization also says that one metric ton of electronic scrap from personal computers contains more gold than that recovered from 17 tons of gold ore

- Greenerchoices.org says that more than two in 10 consumers discarded a cell phone in the trash last year
- EPA research also shows that cell phones contain a number of different metals—gold, silver, platinum, palladium, rhodium, copper, tin, lead, brass and zinc—that can be recovered in the recycling process and used to produce everything from automotive catalytic converters to plumbing faucets and piping to gold and/or silver jewelry
- According to eco-inkjets.com, about 70 percent of the heavy metals (including mercury and cadmium) found in landfills come from discarded electronic equipment. These heavy metals and other hazardous substances found in electronics can contaminate groundwater and pose other environmental and public health risks

About Cymer

Cymer, Inc. was founded and is headquartered in San Diego. The company is the market leader in developing laser light sources, used by chipmakers around the world to manufacture advanced semiconductor chips used in computers, iPods, TV's, cell phones, automobiles, and other electronics devices. The company supports its customers from approximately two dozen offices around the globe. For more than two decades, Cymer has taken pride in being a critical first step in powering the electronics people rely on to work, live and play every day. Cymer assists many educational, environmental, civic, cultural, and health initiatives that enrich the lives of its employees and the San Diego community. Cymer and its employees also sponsor, organize and participate in a range of local events that enhance San Diego's future and the overall well-being of the city's residents, such as the San Diego Zoo's "Celebration for the Critters," Cymer e-Cycle, ArtWalk, and more. Additional information on Cymer may be found at www.cymer.com.

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