

**Microsemi**

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SANTA ANA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 23, 1998--Microsemi Corp [Nasdaq:MSCC - news]. Monday announced that it has entered into a long-term strategic agreement with Gulf Semiconductors of Shanghai, China. Under the agreement, Microsemi will have direct access to Gulf's current and future products in its Sintered Glass Junction Plastic Rectifier (Super Rectifier(tm)) product line, with exclusive sales and marketing rights in North America and nonexclusive elsewhere in the world. The product line uses a solid glass voidless hermetic construction which has proven to have greater reliability for high end industrial applications like automotive, lighting ballast and ruggedized power supplies where demanding environments such as high temperature, salt corrosion and high shock and vibration could cause standard commercial devices to fail. ``This is an example of how Microsemi is expanding its product offering through strategic alliances, while maximizing the effectiveness of our R&D investment through focus on proprietary devices and innovative packaging technology and how we take advantage of our highly effective U.S. and international sales and marketing strength. ``Microsemi's longstanding success as a leading U.S.-based military/defense discrete semiconductor supplier provides the foundation that many companies are looking for to introduce their products or develop their sales into North America," stated Philip Frey Jr., chairman, chief executive officer and president of Microsemi. Microsemi is trying to become a global supplier of high-reliability power semiconductors, surface-mount and custom diode assemblies for the electronics, computer, telecommunications, space defense and medical markets. More information may be obtained by contacting the company directly or by visiting the company's Web site at <http://www.microsemi.com>. Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Any statements set forth in this news release that are not historical in nature are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. Potential risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to such factors as the strength and competitive pricing environment of the semiconductor marketplace, demand for and acceptance of the company's

products, the success of planned marketing and promotional campaigns, realization of backlog, as well as other factors identified in the company's most recent Form 10-K and subsequent Forms 10-Q filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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