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Silicon Border and Grupo Maiz sign agreements to Partner in the design and construction of Silicon Border Science Park in Mexicali, Mexico

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Silicon Border Development and Grupo Maiz announced their partnership for design and construction of Silicon Border Science Park. This partnership solidifies an award winning team which includes Silicon Border Development's financial and development Partner, ING Clarion. The Science Park will be designed to attract capital-intensive, leading-edge manufacturing operations for semiconductors, flat panel displays, solar panels, and biotechnology products. This Science Park, located in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico will be modeled after science parks in Asia and is expected to be the first of its kind in North America. The border location enables the cost structure to be competitive with those in Asia, including China, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan.

As a result of the partnership, Grupo Maiz will be Silicon Border Development's preferred contractor to design and manage the physical attributes of the Silicon Border Science Park. This includes electrical power distribution, water treatment, waste treatment, streets, sidewalks and storm drains all constructed to electronic industry standard. The parks total investment for these items will exceed \$150 million. Maiz is also the preferred contractor Silicon Border Development will recommend to its customers. The initial fixed contract was signed by both companies on November 8th and will include the initial streets and infrastructure for Phase I which is expected to begin immediately. D.J. Hill, Chairman and CEO of Silicon Border stated, "We are very excited to have Grupo Maiz join us as our construction contractor. As one of the largest industrial park construction firms in Mexico, they bring World Class performance and expertise in the development of industrial parks in Mexico." Grupo Maiz is based in Monterrey, Nueva Leon, Mexico.

Also announced was the appointment of Michael Oliver as an Executive Vice President for Silicon Border Development. Mr. Oliver will be responsible for organizing and building the Silicon Border Sales strategy that will bring the world's major technology manufacturing companies to Silicon Border Science Park. Mr. Oliver has significant experience in leading high technology companies. He has served several medical device companies in Global Sales and Marketing roles as well as Chief Operating Officer. In addition to his experience in high tech, he served with Thomas Group and

PricewaterhouseCoopers, providing consulting services to Fortune 1000 companies. He holds a Bachelor's of Science from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, and an MBA from The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Mr. Hill further said, "Mr. Oliver is the right man at the right time and we are very lucky to have brought him aboard".

About Silicon Border

Silicon Border is a 10,000-acre high-technology science park catering to the specialized needs of the semiconductor process technology and other capital-intensive technology sectors. Planned for development along the U.S.-Mexico border in Mexicali, Silicon Border enables a cost-effective and competitive manufacturing alternative in North America for emerging and global companies. Improving upon the world's leading technology parks, the park's 15 square miles of world-class infrastructure and education will support the stringent requirements of the semiconductor, flat panel display, solar, aerospace and biotechnology industries. More information about Silicon Border is available online at www.siliconborder.com.

About Grupo Maiz

Grupo Maiz, headed by Fernando Maiz, provides companies in Mexico and Latin America with world-class services in the construction industry. Grupo Maiz is formed by the following six companies:

- Maiz Construcciones e Ingenierías
- Maiz Edificaciones
- Maiz Maquinaria Pesada
- Maiz Servicios Integrales
- Maiz Transforma
- PQ Desarrollos

Maiz takes the lead in turning client ideas and designs into realities by means of several specialized construction services. Maiz Edificaciones has extensive installed capacity to execute projects of any size, with the unique quality and service that made our company famous. Since the early 1960s, Maiz Edificaciones has relied upon internal engineering functions for the development of project plans and specifications. More information on Grupo Maiz can be found at www.maiz.com.

About ING Clarion

Founded in 1982, ING Clarion and its affiliates manage more than \$45 billion in

assets in the private equity, public equity, and public debt sectors of the real estate markets. Headquartered in New York, the ING Clarion organization has more than 600 employees located in major markets throughout the United States. The firm is the U.S. investment management arm of ING Real Estate an international real estate company, active in real estate investment management, development and finance. The company ranks among the world's strongest real estate players with offices in 21 countries in Europe, the United States, Asia and Australia. ING Real Estate is part of ING Group, a global financial institution of Dutch origin offering banking, insurance and asset management to over 60 million private, corporate and institutional clients in more than 50 countries. With a diverse workforce of about 120,000 people, ING comprises a broad spectrum of prominent companies that increasingly serve their clients under the ING brand. More information about the firm is available at www.ingclarion.com.

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