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**TÜVRHEINLAND EARNS SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE AWARD
FROM NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR**

Team Effort Helps Facilitate SolarMagic Time to Market

NEWTOWN, CT/July X, 2009 – When National Semiconductor Corp. was looking to test and certify its innovative new photovoltaic product for safety and emissions, the company chose TÜVRheinland®, the leading provider of testing and certification services for companies entering the global marketplace. As a result of this successful partnership, the TÜVRheinland® team was recently recognized with a “Supplier Excellence Award” for its valuable effort to successfully and expeditiously complete the safety and emissions compliance testing and certification for the SolarMagic™ product to meet National’s aggressive schedule..

“TÜVRheinland® was truly a partner for us in this difficult undertaking of certifying our SolarMagic power optimizer for safety and electro magnetic compliance. Since this was such an important product for National, our team dedicated significant effort, and TÜVRheinland® matched us stride for stride in helping us accomplish our goal,” said Malcolm Humphrey, Vice President of Infrastructure Power Products for National Semiconductor. “We wanted to recognize the tremendous teamwork that was realized in this process.”

Built on National Semiconductor's 50-year history in reliable, power management analog circuit technology, the SolarMagic power optimizer provides great benefits to photovoltaic system owners by dramatically improving the design flexibility of solar installations. These optimizers mitigate power loss, enable installers to design more aesthetically pleasing arrays, and enhance the predictability and lifetime of the installation itself.

“Over the course of the nearly five-week process, the National Semiconductor engineers worked diligently and tirelessly with our team to obtain this crucial certification,” said Matthias Heinze, Director of Technology of TÜVRheinland®. “To achieve this certification in the short time allotted is testament to the capabilities of both teams and indicative of what can be achieved when all parties share the same objective and an equal amount of dedication.”

About TÜVRheinland®

TÜVRheinland® delivers premier independent testing, assessment, and certification services to help companies gain access into global markets. Boasting an international network across six continents, the company's in-country experts ease the path to compliance with cost-effective pricing and quick turnaround times. The \$1.5 billion corporation is comprised of an international network of more than 13,300 employees in 61 countries and serves most industry sectors and markets worldwide. For more information, visit www.us.tuv.com.

About National Semiconductor

National Semiconductor is a leader in analog power management technology. Its products include easy-to-use integrated circuits, PowerWise products that enable more energy-efficient systems, and SolarMagic™ products which improve the energy output of solar arrays. The company celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., National reported sales of \$1.46 billion for fiscal 2009. Additional information is available at www.national.com.