

**MEI LLC Software Installed on Full Auto Tools**  
***Retrofit provides reliability as well as performance enhancements***

**Albany, OR. October 12, 2006** – MEI LLC has provided their IDX software package for installation on Submicron Systems Rear Mount model wet stations. At sites around the world, the IDX software is providing new production life to old SMS Wet Process Equipment. In many cases the software was provided as part of a larger retrofit to change the process configurations of the tools. In other cases the software was used as a new platform from which to replace the existing obsolete automation components. Each customer has benefited greatly from the new software features such as “auto resume” from robot errors which eliminates the need for a manual recovery of product should a miss-pickup alignment issue occur.

Dan Cappello, CEO of MEI said “We are very pleased that the IDX software has received such broad acceptance on a wide variety of tool sets. Many companies will provide a quote to replace the old wet stations, but few will provide the means to refurbish and restore the older equipment running in a fab. There have been many OEM companies bought or merged over the last seven years. As a result, many OEM names are no longer supported effectively by the acquiring company. MEI has excelled in providing engineering solutions to give these wet stations new life”.

**About MEI LLC**

MEI is a diversified manufacturing and service company serving the semiconductor and high technology industries. The company’s specialties include wet process systems and services; robotics automation software; process tool rigging and crating services; clean room safety, ergonomic and support equipment; as well as a variety of manufacturing services, including machine, metal and plastic fabrication and powder coating. MEI was founded in 1990 and currently employs more than 100 people. For more information about MEI, visit [www.meillc.com](http://www.meillc.com).