

Media Release

UTAC Wins "Supplier of the Year" Award from Global Leader in Medical Technology

SINGAPORE, 27 March 2006 – United Test and Assembly Center Ltd ("UTAC" – SGX: UTAC), a leading independent global provider of semiconductor assembly and test services, is proud to announce that it has been awarded the 2005 "Supplier of the Year" award from the Medtronic Microelectronics Center Semiconductor Operations Group, a division of NYSE-listed Medtronic, Inc. ("Medtronic"), a global leader in medical technology.

The Medtronic Microelectronics Center division, a leading global provider of semiconductor solutions in medical and commercial applications, develops and provides full custom integrated circuits ("IC"), IC foundry services and custom microelectronics for a wide range of industries and companies. Started in 1973, they have developed virtually all of the sophisticated microelectronics and circuitry used in Medtronic's implantable medical devices, such as pacemakers, defibrillators and neurostimulation systems.

Medtronic has partnered with UTAC as their first wafer sort customer since early 1999. UTAC provides full turnkey wafer probe, laser trim, assembly and final test services for Medtronic's range of highly reliable semiconductor solutions. UTAC also provides wafer probing and assembly services for several of Medtronic's medical products and is involved in the development of new products.

"UTAC is proud to receive the recognition from Medtronic, a global leader in medical technology and a major customer with whom we have a long-term and close working



relationship," said Ms June Chia, Group Executive Vice President of UTAC. "The award recognises the capabilities and performance of the UTAC Group, and reinforces UTAC's ability to meet the stringent requirements for the use of semiconductor solutions in many industries, particularly in one as critical as the manufacture of life-sustaining medical devices."

"We are particularly proud with the 'Zero-Defect' track record with Medtronic. Since the beginning of our partnership, Medtronic has not experienced any returns from customers for products produced by UTAC. We will endeavor to maintain this track record with Medtronic and all our other customers," added Ms Chia.

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About the Medtronic

Medtronic, Inc. (<u>www.medtronic.com</u>), headquartered in Minneapolis, is the global leader in medical technology – alleviating pain, restoring health, and extending life for millions of people around the world.

About UTAC

United Test and Assembly Center Ltd ("UTAC", SGX-ST: UTAC) is a leading independent provider of semiconductor assembly and testing services for a broad range of integrated circuits including memory, mixed-signal, logic and radio-frequency ICs. The company offers a full range of package and test development, engineering and manufacturing services and solutions to a worldwide customer base, comprising leading integrated device manufacturers ("IDMs"), fabless companies and wafer foundries. UTAC operates manufacturing facilities in Singapore, Taiwan and China, in addition to



its global network of sales offices in the United States, Europe, Japan, Korea, China and Singapore. More information on the company can be found at www.utacgroup.com

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