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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**SEZ GROUP REDUCES SALES AND PROFIT FORECAST FOR THE CURRENT BUSINESS YEAR**

- Significantly lower order intake of CHF 48 million in third quarter
- Preliminary quarterly sales of CHF 65 million below break-even level
- 2007 sales expectations reduced to approximately CHF 330 million with an EBIT level of roughly 2 percent due to continued market weakness

VILLACH, Austria and ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 9, 2007—In the third quarter 2007, the SEZ Group (SWX Swiss Exchange: SEZN) announced a preliminary order intake of 48 million Swiss Francs (CHF)—26 percent below its expectations due to the absence of expected orders from the DRAM memory segment, which is still under pricing pressures. With preliminary quarterly net sales of CHF 65 million, SEZ Group significantly fell short in reaching break-even level.

Due to continued weakness in demand from the memory as well as the foundry markets, the SEZ Group expects no substantial business improvement in the fourth quarter. Given current market conditions, results in the second half-year will be significantly below break-even level. Accordingly, SEZ's management is reducing its sales expectations for the current business year 2007 from CHF 350 million to approximately CHF 330 million with a reduced EBIT margin from roughly five percent to approximately two percent.

Based on positive indications from the foundry segment, the SEZ Group expects a recovery in demand from first quarter 2008 onward.

Upcoming Financial Dates

October 23, 2007: Press release and conference call on the results of the first nine-months 2007.

About SEZ Group

The SEZ Group is the leading provider of single-wafer wet-clean processing solutions for the semiconductor industry, with an installed base of over 1,200 tools. The company maintains operations in Asia Pacific, Europe, Japan and North America. Since 1996, registered shares of SEZ Holding Ltd. have been traded on the SWX Swiss Exchange under the symbol SEZN. Additional information about the company is available on the Internet at www.sez.com.

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