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CORE CAPITAL GROUP'S ESG SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH AURORA SEMICONDUCTOR  
*M&A firm to represent Aurora Semiconductor in acquisition*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – October 17, 2008** – Core Capital Group, through its Electronics and Semiconductor Group (ESG), has signed an agreement with Aurora Semiconductor to assist them in finding and acquiring a facility to launch the only US-based and US-owned crossover wafer foundry. Aurora Semiconductor will launch its “Bridging the Gap” revolutionary approach to connect R&D with flexible manufacturing processes and wafer foundry services. Core Capital Group’s ESG, a specialty investment banking practice focused on middle market electronics and semiconductor companies, will represent Aurora Semiconductor in the acquisition.

Aurora Semiconductor’s unique business approach will provide customer-centric value creation with 100% seamless full turnkey “one stop service” for wafer manufacturing. It will serve the photovoltaic sensor, mixed signal CMOS, high voltage CMOS, MEMS, and military markets. This approach, which will provide customers with actual lab access, can also reduce risk of supply interruption, as well as produce notable savings in product development and supply chain costs to customers.

“Aurora’s executive team and business model are the strongest we have seen in the U.S. semiconductor manufacturing space in many years,” stated Loren Lancaster, managing director of Core Capital’s ESG. “They are offering a powerful business solution to the problems caused by the exponentially rising cost associated with the doubling every two years of the number of transistors that can be placed on a chip...known as Moore’s Law scaling. No one else seems to be directly addressing this and we are excited to be a part of their strategy to bridge the widening gap between creation and production.”

Gary Breton, chief executive officer of Aurora Semiconductor, explains, “More and more potential customers are telling us they want to see exactly this kind of model...and they want it to be US-based. Core Capital’s Electronics and Semiconductor Group was able to quickly recognize the enormous potential of our business model and apply a wide range of resources to achieve it. Core Capital is currently conducting strategic discussions with a number of companies to identify for us a premier U.S.-based facility with the technological and operational capabilities to support our business model.”

### **Core Capital Group**

Core Capital Group’s Electronics and Semiconductor Group focuses exclusively on providing M&A services to middle market electronics and semiconductor companies. Core Capital is a member company of the International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP), a global partnership of 60 leading merger & acquisition advisory firms located in over 40 countries worldwide. For more information, go to [www.ESGibank.com](http://www.ESGibank.com).

### **Aurora Semiconductor**

Aurora Semiconductor, located in Texas, is acquiring and redirecting a semiconductor wafer manufacturing business to exploit a strong and growing demand for US-based, semi-custom, low to medium volume semiconductor manufacturing services.