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The New Rudolph

Accelerating Growth and Profitability

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Safe Harbor Statement

The following material contains forward-looking statements relating to at least the following matters: industry projections and the company's long term operating model. Other forward-looking statements may be preceded by words such as "expects", "anticipates", and "intends". These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and projections. However, they are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such statements, including the following: cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry, customer concentration, introduction of new products by our competitors, and sole or limited sources of supply. Other risks and uncertainties are detailed in our respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The New Rudolph Mission

Planned profitable growth

Be a clear leader in metrology and inspection with best-of-breed solutions in our chosen niches and be the overall #2 pure-play process control supplier

be a desired stock investment

Transaction Timeline *A Long Road*

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Merger Rationale

SHAREHOLDERS
Value for shareholders

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CUSTOMERS
Benefits for customers

LEADERSHIP
in a fragmented industry

Leadership in a fragmented industry

#1 in metal metrology

#1 in back-end macro defect inspection

Address <15% of a \$4bn market

Complementary products, minimal overlap

Able to lead industry **consolidation**

Supporting industry **choice**

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Benefits to CUSTOMERS

Broader product **Scope**

Increased Global **Scale**

Resources for R&D

Staying power in a dynamic, cyclical and competitive market

Experienced management team with **bench strength**

Providing valued **1st or 2nd** source

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Value for SHAREHOLDERS

#1 small cap pure-play in the space

Small cap semi stocks **outperformed** large caps avg. of 18% for last 2 upturns

RTEC outperformed large cap semis by 24% for last 2 upturns; SOX by 33% for last 2 upturns; large caps by 76% & SOX by 105% in 01- 03 downturn

Accretive in first year / **\$5 mm cost synergies/ \$5 mm in growth synergies**

Strong **balance sheet**; significant cash generation

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Transaction Summary

Transaction Structure: Cash and stock strategic merger with election feature subject to proration
Minimum \$37.2 million cash, and
Maximum \$60.0 million cash

\$10.50 per share of Rudolph value based on June 27, 2005 closing price of \$13.77

Aggregate purchase price approximately \$193 million

Election: Shareholders may select all cash or stock subject to proration

Exchange Ratio: .7625 Rudolph shares per August share; Implied exchange ratio will vary depending on amount of cash received by shareholder through proration

Closing Conditions: Shareholder approvals

Estimated Closing Date: 1st Quarter 2006

Timeline to Close *Creating the New Rudolph*

| | |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1/5 | Record date |
| 1/11 | Transaction goes into effect |
| ~ 1/17 | Proxy statement mailed |
| ~ 2/15 | RTEC/AUGT Shareholder Meetings |
| ~ 2/16 | Closing |

Company Overviews

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Thin film metrology and defect inspection systems

Year Founded: 1940

LTM Revenues*: \$87.8M

Headquarters: Flanders, NJ

Key Product Families:

Copper (Metal) Film Metrology
Transparent Thin Film Metrology
Macro Defect Inspection
Yield Data Management Systems
Integrated Metrology

Employees: 313

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Automated defect detection and review systems

Year Founded: 1992

LTM Revenues*: \$76.0M

Headquarters: Bloomington, MN

Key Product Families:

Macro Defect Inspection
2D & 3D Inspection
Defect Review
Data Management & Analysis

Employees: 255

**LTM as of September 30, 2005 without restatement.*

The >\$4 Billion Inspection/Metrology Market Ripe for Consolidation

| Cumulative Market Share (%) | [LOGO] | 2004 Process Control Revenues |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| 41 | [LOGO] | (1) KLA-Tencor |
| 69 | [LOGO] | (2) Hitachi (3) AMAT (4) <i>The New Rudolph</i> |
| 79 | [LOGO] | (4) FEI (5) ADE (6) Therma-Wave (7) Rudolph (8) Leica |
| 90 | [LOGO] | (9) Veeco (10) Nikon (11) Accretech (12) Nanometrics (13) Accent Optical (14) SII Technologies (15) Nova Instruments (16) August Tech |
| 100 | [LOGO] | (17) JEOL Others |

Source: Gartner Dataquest

**The *New Rudolph* will be able to reduce the 20
Percentage Point Cost Disadvantage**

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Realizing Cost Savings

Reduce unnecessary duplicative expenses

Platform development (stages and automation)

Technology development (software and process control systems)

SG&A expenses

Reduce operating costs and growth synergies

Estimated \$5 million cost synergies and \$5 million in growth synergies in first year

Create operating leverage

Supply chain/purchasing leverage

August s Products

Macro Defect Inspection (Front End)

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Wafer Bump/Probe Inspection (Back End)

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Yield Data Management Systems

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Rudolph's Products

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Opaque (Copper) Film Metrology | <i>Meta</i> PULSE |
| Transparent Film Metrology | S200/300 |
| Macro Defect Detection | WaferView |
| Transparent Film Thickness | FOCUS |
| Integrated Metrology | i-MOD |

Opaque Film Metrology

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Transparent Film Metrology

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Macro Defect Detection

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Transparent Film Thickness

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Strength Through Product Leadership

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|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Metrology | | Macro Defect | | Integrated | Yield |
| Transparent | | Copper | Front End | Back End | Metrology | Data |
| | | (Metal) | | | | Management |

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COMBINED

No Presence

Leadership

The New Rudolph Addressable Market (20k WSPM)

| | | Fab | | Bump Fab | | Test Floor |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Etch FEOL | Thin Films FEOL/BEOL | CMP BEOL | | Diffusion/ Implant | UBM [GRAPHIC] | Incoming QC (foundries) |
| [GRAPHIC] | [GRAPHIC] | [GRAPHIC] | | [GRAPHIC] | Litho [GRAPHIC] | [GRAPHIC] |
| | | Litho FEOL/BEOL | CMP FEOL | | Plating [GRAPHIC] | Post-Probe [GRAPHIC] |
| | | [GRAPHIC] | [GRAPHIC] | Outgoing QC | | |
| Etch BEOL | | | | [GRAPHIC] | Etch [GRAPHIC] | Post-Saw [GRAPHIC] |
| [GRAPHIC] | | | | | Reflow [GRAPHIC] | |
| Total Tools = 63 | Transparent | Opaque | Macro | Advanced Macro | 2D/3D Metrology | |
| 90 nm Cu Fab | 19 sys 25% | 12sys 35% | 3 ; 6% | 25sys 28% | 4Sys 5% | |
| ≈\$60MM | | | | | | |

Addressable Market for *The New Rudolph*

Copper metrology and automated macro defect inspection

are two of the fastest growing market segments

#1 in metal metrology #1 in back-end macro defect inspection

| Market Segment | Primary Players | Segment Share | | | | % Change 03-04 | Market Segment Size (\$M) | | | | CAGR 03-06 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------|------|------|----------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------------|
| | | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | | | 2003 | 2004 | 2005E | 2006E | |
| Thin Film Metrology | KLA-Tencor | 37% | 30% | 33% | 3% | | | | | | |
| | Rudolph | 15% | 11% | 14% | 3% | \$ 365 | \$ 477 | \$ 561 | \$ 548 | 15% | |
| | Veeco | 11% | 18% | 13% | -5% | | | | | | |
| Automated Macro Defect Inspection (Front End) | KLA-Tencor | 95% | 57% | 45% | -12% | \$ 33 | \$ 72 | \$ 72 | \$ 87 | 38% | |
| | August | 0% | 25% | 32% | 7% | | | | | | |
| | Nikon | 0% | 1% | 13% | 12% | | | | | | |
| Total Addressable Market | | | | | | \$ 590 | \$ 891 | \$ 941 | \$ 976 | 18% | |

Source: Gartner Dataquest and Bear Sterns & Co.

Industry Growth Drivers

Macro Defect Inspection

Transition from manual to automated macro defect inspection in both the back end and the front end.

Increased sensitivity to defects as feature sizes continue to shrink.

Metrology

Transition of memory (flash) to copper.

Increased number of metallization layers

Adoption of low and ultra low-k materials and advanced salicides

Continued solid growth of the \$450 million transparent metrology market

Merger Rationale

SHAREHOLDERS will benefit short and long term by owning RTEC stock.

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CUSTOMERS want and will support *The New Rudolph* with their business.

INDUSTRY benefits from a strong #2 and a consolidator.

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Thank you

and please remember to vote in favor of the merger on the February 15th

About August Technology

August Technology's automated inspection and data analysis solutions provide critical product and process enhancing information, which enables microelectronic device manufacturers to drive down costs and time to market. With the first all-surface advanced macro inspection solution, August Technology has incorporated frontside, backside and wafer edge inspection in a single system. Following detection August Technology's decision tools correlate the defect data across surfaces and provide the comprehensive information necessary for device manufacturers to make process-enhancing decisions. Headquartered in Bloomington, Minnesota, August Technology supports its customers with a worldwide sales and service organization. Additional information can be found on the company's web site at www.augusttech.com.

About Rudolph Technologies, Inc.

Rudolph Technologies is a worldwide leader in the design, development, manufacture and support of high-performance process control metrology and defect inspection systems used by semiconductor device manufacturers. The Company's products provide a full-fab solution through its families of proprietary systems, which are used throughout the device manufacturing process. Rudolph's product development has successfully anticipated and addressed many emerging trends that are driving the semiconductor industry's growth in order to enhance the competitiveness of its products in the marketplace. The Company's success in creating complementary metrology and inspection applications through aggressive research and development is key to Rudolph's strategy for continued technological and market leadership.

Forward Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, you can identify those so-called forward-looking statements by words such as may, will, would, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, potential, or continue, or the negative of those words and other comparable words. Rudolph and August wish to take advantage of the safe harbor provided for by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and you are cautioned that actual events or results may differ materially from the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of Rudolph and August. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (1) cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry; (2) customer concentration; (3) introduction of new products by Rudolph's competitors; (4) sole or limited sources of supply; (5) the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby may not be approved by the companies' shareholders; (6) conditions to the closing of the transaction may not be satisfied; (7) the businesses of Rudolph and August may not be integrated successfully, which may result in the combined company not operating as effectively and efficiently as expected or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; (8) expected combination benefits from the merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; (9) revenues following the merger may be lower than expected; (10) costs, customer loss and business disruption, including,

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between Rudolph Technologies, Inc. and August Technology Corporation, on August 10, 2005, Rudolph Technologies filed preliminary materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including a registration statement on Form S-4 that contains a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus. These materials are not yet final and will be amended. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF RUDOLPH AND AUGUST TECHNOLOGY ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE VERSION OF THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RUDOLPH, AUGUST TECHNOLOGY AND THE BUSINESS COMBINATION TRANSACTION. The preliminary materials filed on August 10, 2005, the definitive version of these materials and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Rudolph or August Technology with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Rudolph or August Technology, without charge, by calling The Proxy Advisory Group of Strategic Surveillance, LLC at (866) 657-8728 or (212) 850-8150. Investors and security holders are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials when they become available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the business combination transaction.

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Rudolph's 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 22, 2005. Information about the executive officers and directors of August Technology and their ownership of August Technology common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for August Technology's 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 29, 2005. Investors and security holders may obtain additional information regarding the direct and indirect interests of Rudolph, August Technology and their respective executive officers and directors in the business combination transaction by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the business combination transaction when it becomes available.

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