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Press Release

Advanced Diamond Technologies Founders Win Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer

Champaign, IL, February 24, 2006: The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) selected “Ultrananocrystalline Diamond Coating Technology for Advanced Multifunctional Devices” as a winner of the 2006 Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. This award recognizes ADT scientific founders Drs. John Carlisle and Orlando Auciello for their work transferring Ultrananocrystalline Diamond™ (UNCD™) technology from Argonne National Laboratory into Advanced Diamond Technologies (ADT) which was formed to commercialize applications of UNCD.

The Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer is presented annually by the FLC. This award recognizes employees who have accomplished outstanding work in the process of transferring a technology developed by a federal laboratory to the commercial marketplace.

“It’s a privilege to have John Carlisle and Orlando Auciello as partners. While outstanding scientists, their awareness of the need to drive commercial applications of UNCD and their focus on industrial partnerships in support of their scientific programs really distinguishes them. They recognize that great science is made even better when it is applied to solve real problems for real customers,” said ADT co-founder and president, Neil Kane. “Argonne management has been very supportive of John and Orlando’s efforts to help get ADT off the ground, and for that we are appreciative.”

Carlisle and Auciello will be recognized with their award at an award ceremony on May 3, 2006 at the FLC National Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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About Advanced Diamond Technologies, Inc.

ADT is the world leader in exploiting the properties of diamond films for medical and industrial applications. ADT is making diamond a commonplace engineering material that can be chosen by engineers and designed into products thereby opening the floodgates for thousands of new applications. ADT's patented diamond, known as Ultrananocrystalline Diamond™ (UNCD™), is prized for its exceptionally small (2-5 nanometer) grain sizes which are a billion-fold smaller in volume than those in traditional diamond films. It is the exceptionally small grain sizes that make UNCD distinct from other diamond thin-films and, like other nanotechnologies, are the source of its enabling value.

Formed in December 2003, ADT provides diamond thin-films and materials integration solutions to a variety of industry participants in a variety of application areas. It is based in Champaign, IL. Its website is www.thindiamond.com.

About The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer

The FLC is the nationwide network of federal laboratories that provides the forum to develop strategies and opportunities for linking the laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace. The FLC was organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 to promote and to strengthen technology transfer nationwide. Today, more than 700 major federal laboratories and centers and their parent departments and agencies are FLC members. Its website is www.federallabs.org.

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