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**BALMORAL ADVISORS ACQUIRES SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENTS BUSINESS**

**LOS ANGELES, CA, April 5, 2006** – Balmoral Advisors, a Los Angeles-based private equity firm, together with Tara Capital, a New York-based private equity firm, and key members of management, announced today that they have recently closed on the acquisition of the semiconductor components business of PerkinElmer.

The Daytona, Florida based business will now operate under the name Tara Technologies. The acquisition was completed for approximately \$26.5 million in cash and assumed liabilities.

“This company is a great fundamental value with terrific management and significant growth opportunities. We feel there is tremendous upside to our investment in the years to come,” commented Jonathan Victor, Managing Director of Balmoral Advisors.

“Our research suggests that the semiconductor equipment industry will experience steady growth in the next two to four years. As such, the demand for precision-engineered components will be just as strong. We are confident that Tara Technologies is poised to meet this demand and grow right along with the industry,” added Harald Ludwig, Managing Director of Balmoral Advisors.

*About Balmoral Advisors*

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