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SIA Welcomes Research Funding in Supplemental Spending Bill

Industry Calls on Congress and President to Make Science and Engineering Research Funding a Higher Priority for FY 2009 Spending Measures

San Jose, CA – June 30, 2008 – George Scalise, President of the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), released the following statement on the supplemental appropriations bill signed into law today:

“SIA is encouraged by the action of congressional leaders and the President to fund the types of science and engineering research that will help keep our nation at the forefront of innovation. By including \$62.5 million for the Office of Science at the Department of Energy and \$62.5 million for the National Science Foundation in the supplemental appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, Congress affirmed the importance of basic research in physical sciences and engineering to solving America’s long-term energy and economic competitiveness challenges.

“While we applaud today’s action, we urge leaders in Washington to provide funds for science and engineering in the appropriations bills enacted for FY 2009. SIA looks forward to working with Congress to ensure that the commitments to science and engineering leadership included in last year’s America COMPETES Act are adequately funded.

“Restoring America’s historic commitment to scientific and technological pre-eminence is essential to ensuring continued U.S. economic and innovation leadership in the 21st century.”

About the SIA

The SIA is the leading voice for the semiconductor industry and has represented U.S. semiconductor companies since 1977. Collectively, the chip industry employs a domestic workforce of 216,000 people. More information about the SIA can be found at www.sia-online.org.