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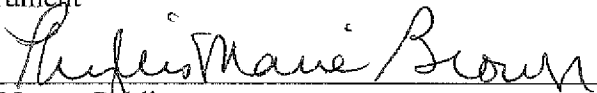
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On the 31 day of January, 2014, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Curtis Montclair, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument

  
Notary Public

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **PATENTS**

#### **ISSUED U.S. PATENTS**

##### **1. SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM**

Patent: 6,957,154 – Non-Provisional Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Steele et al.  
Filed: July 29, 2003  
Issued: October 18, 2005  
Description: Directed to methods and systems for the inspection of semiconductor wafers and other materials such as integrated circuits and any surface benefiting from inspection.

Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

##### **2. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: 7,092,826 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Steele et al.  
Filed: June 17, 2005  
Issued: August 15, 2006  
Description: This continuation patent contains 28 claims that are similar to the claims in Qcept's issued patent no. 6,957,154 as it is a "placeholder" for the priority date of the original patent.

Comments: Continuation of U.S. Utility Patent 6,957,154 issued October 18, 2005.

Assignment: None Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

##### **3. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: 7,103,482 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne et al.  
Filed: August 5, 2004  
Issued: September 5, 2006  
Description: Describes claims that deal with a variety of improvements that have been implemented for scanning systems. Also, claims that deal with the ability to apply bias voltages to the probe and with inspecting the surface of a sample without specifying the type of sample or the type of inspection.

Comments: Continuation-In-Part of Imaging and Analysis of Chemical Contamination on Semiconductor Wafers using a Non-Vibrating CPD Sensor, U.S. Pat 7,308,367.

Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

#### **4. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: 7,107,158 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne  
Filed: March 11, 2005  
Issued: September 12, 2006  
Description: Claims related to combined vibrating and non-vibrating contact potential difference imaging and measurement system  
Comments: Continuation-In-Part of Inspection System and Apparatus, U.S. Pat. 7,103,482. Applications pending for PCT, EPO, Taiwan, Japan, S. Korea and China.  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

#### **5. MEASUREMENTS OF MOTIONS OF ROTATING SHAFTS USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent: 7,152,476 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Jeffrey A. Hawthorne; M. Brandon Steele  
Filed: July 23, 2004  
Issued: December 26, 2006  
Description: Relates to measurement methods and systems using non-vibrating contact potential difference sensors  
Comments: No foreign applications will be filed on this patent.  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

#### **6. WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM**

Patent: 7,308,367 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee: Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne et al.  
Filed: February 3, 2004  
Issued: December 11, 2007  
Description: This continuation patent expands upon the issued patent below in that it includes a method for calculating the scan height and method for determining the height of the sensor.  
Comments: Continuation of U.S. Utility Patent 6,957,154 issued October 18, 2005.  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **7. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: 7,337,076 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne et al.  
Filed: September 12, 2006  
Issued: February 26, 2008  
Description: This continuation patent expands upon the issued patent and makes claim to a method and system for the characterization of microscopic and macroscopic defects through imaging and visualization of the CPD topology on the wafer surface through the use of a non-vibrating CPD sensor in combination with a vibrating CPD sensor.  
Comments: Continuation of U.S. Utility Patent 7,107,158 issued September 12, 2006.  
Assignment: None Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **8. SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM**

Patent: 7,379,826 B2 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne et al.  
Filed: August 15, 2006  
Issued: May 27, 2008  
Description: This continuation patent expands upon the issued patent below in that it provides improved methods of processing CPD data to identify defects on the surface of a wafer.  
Comments: Continuation of U.S. Utility Patent 7,092,826 issued August 15, 2006.  
Assignment: None Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **9. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS UTILIZING VIBRATING & NON-VIBRATING CPD SENSOR**

Patent: 7,634,365 B2 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne, et al.  
Filed: February 25, 2008  
Issued: December 15, 2009  
Description: This continuation patent expands upon the issued patent and is directed to methods and systems for the inspection of semiconductor wafers and other materials such as integrated circuits and any surface benefitting from inspection.  
Comments: Continuation of U.S. Utility Patent 7,337,076 issued February 26, 2008.  
Assignment: None Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**10. SEMICONDUCTOR INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS UTILIZING A NON-VIBRATING CPD SENSOR AND CONTROLLED ILLUMINATION**

Patent: 7,659,734 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne  
Filed: March 7, 2007  
Issued: February 9, 2010  
Description: Method and system for identifying a defect or contamination, using controlled illumination, on the surface of a semiconductor or in a semiconductor.  
Comments: N/A  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**11. CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CPD MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF THE SENSOR MOTION**

Patent: 7,752,000 B2– Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Mark Schulze, William Usry  
Filed: May 2, 2008  
Issued: July 6, 2010  
Description: Method using a non-vibrating CPD probe and a vibrating CPD probe to determine the contact potential difference of a wafer surface.  
Comments: N/A  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**12. DEFECT CLASSIFICATION UTILIZING DATA FROM A NON-VIBRATING CPD SENSOR**

Patent: 7,900,526 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne, Yeyuan Yang, Mark Schulze  
Issued: March 8, 2011  
Description: A method and system for identifying and classifying non-uniformities on the surface of a semiconductor or in a semiconductor.  
Comments: N/A  
Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS**

### **1. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent Application: 12/694116 – Non-Provisional U.S. Utility Patent

Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.

Inventors: Jun Liu, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne, Mark Schulze

Filed: January 26, 2010

Description: A method and system for identifying and classifying non-uniformities that are not part of a repeating pattern on the surface of a semiconductor or in a semiconductor.

Comments: N/A

Assignment: Recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Liens: None recorded with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **ISSUED FOREIGN PATENTS:**

### **1. SEMICONDUCTOR INSPECTION SYSTEM UTILIZING NON-VIBRATING CPD SENSOR AND CONTROLLED ILLUMINATION**

Patent: KR 0929768

Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.

Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne

Issued: February 28, 2008

Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,659,734

### **2. WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM**

Patent: FR 1711801

Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.

Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne

Issued: June 17, 2009

Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,308,367

### **3. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: European Grant No. 1 869 436 B1

Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.

Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne

Issued: October 7, 2009

Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

### **4. WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM**

Patent: DE 602004021637.2

Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.

Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne

Issued: October 7, 2009

Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,308,367



#### **5. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: FR 1869436  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne  
Issued: October 7, 2009  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

#### **6. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: DE 602006009637.2-08  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey A. Hawthorne  
Issued: October 7, 2009  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

#### **7. SYSTEM FOR INLINE PROCESSING OF A MATERIAL**

Patent: R.O.C. (TAIWAN) I317809  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne  
Issued: December 1, 2009  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

#### **8. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: JP 4 459 289  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne  
Issued: February 19, 2010  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

#### **9. SYSTEM FOR INLINE PROCESSING OF A MATERIAL**

Patent: KR 0950641  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne  
Issued: March 24, 2010  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

#### **10. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: R.O.C. (TAIWAN) I350914  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne  
Issued: March 24, 2010  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

### **11. INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS**

Patent: CHINA - ZL200680001263.8  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne  
Issued: October 21, 2011  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,107,158

### **12. METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING NON-UNIFORMITIES OF A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER**

Patent: R.O.C. (TAIWAN) I346776  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne, Yeyuan Yang, Mark Schulze  
Issued: April 24, 2011  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,659,734

### **13. SEMICONDUCTOR INSPECTION SYSTEM AND APPARATUS UTILIZING A NON-VIBRATING CPD SENSOR AND CONTROLLED ILLUMINATION**

Patent: JAPAN 4 783 801  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: M. Brandon Steele, Jeffrey Alan Hawthorne, Yeyuan Yang, Mark Schulze  
Issued: July 15, 2011  
Comments: Based on U.S. Patent No. 7,659,734

### **FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS**

#### **1. CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SENSOR MOTION**

Patent TAIWAN - 9 811 437 5  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Usry William R.  
Filed: April 30, 2009  
Comments: Based on U.S. Application No. 12/151,054

#### **2. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent PCT/US2010/022139  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan.  
Filed: January 26, 2010  
Comments: Based on Provisional Appl. No. 61/149605

3.           **PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**  
Patent       TAIWAN – 9 910 240 8  
Assignee     Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors:   Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan.  
Filed:       January 28, 2010  
Comments:   Based U.S. Application No. 61/149605
4.           **DEFECT CLASSIFICATION UTILIZING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**  
Patent       EPO - 0 885 7056.9  
Assignee     Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors:   Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan; Steele M. Brandon; Yang Yeyuan; Schulze Mark A.  
Filed:       November 25, 2008  
Comments:   Based on U.S. Application No. 7900526
5.           **CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SENSOR MOTION**  
Patent       CHINA – 2009/80115697.4  
Assignee     Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors:   Schulze Mark A.; Usry William R.  
Filed:       April 28, 2009  
Comments:   Based on U.S. Application No. 7752000
6.           **CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SENSOR MOTION**  
Patent       EPO - 09739580.0  
Assignee     Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors:   Schulze Mark A.; Usry William R.  
Filed:       April 28, 2009  
Comments:   Based on U.S. Application No. 7752000
7.           **CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SENSOR MOTION**  
Patent       SOUTH KOREA – 10-2010-7023566  
Assignee     Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors:   Schulze Mark A.; Usry William R.  
Filed:       April 28, 2009  
Comments:   Based on U.S. Application No. 7752000

**8. CALIBRATION OF NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE MEASUREMENTS TO DETECT SURFACE VARIATIONS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF SENSOR MOTION**

Patent JAPAN - 2011-507577  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Usry William R.  
Filed: April 28, 2009  
Comments: Based on U.S. Application No. 7752000

**9. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent EPO - 10738973.6  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan  
Filed: January 26, 2010  
Comments: Based on Provisional Application No. 61/149605

**10. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent JAPAN - 2011-548235  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan  
Filed: January 26, 2010  
Comments: Based on Provisional Application No. 61/149605

**11. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent SOUTH KOREA - 10-2011-7017506  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan  
Filed: January 26, 2010  
Comments: Based on Provisional Application No. 61/149605

**12. PATTERNED WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM USING A NON-VIBRATING CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**

Patent CHINA - 201080005600.7  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Schulze Mark A.; Liu Jun; Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan  
Filed: January 26, 2010  
Comments: Based on Provisional Application No. 61/149605

**13. DEFECT CLASSIFICATION UTILIZING A NON-VIBRATING  
CONTACT POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE SENSOR**  
Patent TAIWAN – 9 714 590 8  
Assignee Qcept Technologies Inc.  
Inventors: Hawthorne Jeffrey Alan; Steele M. Brandon; Yang Yeyuan; Schulze Mark A.  
Filed: November 27, 2008  
Comments: Based on U.S. Utility Application No. 11/948518