

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Besi Upgrades OTC Trading Market to OTCQX International to Increase Visibility and Liquidity of Shares in North American Markets**

Duiven, the Netherlands, February 18, 2011 - BE Semiconductor Industries N.V. ("the Company" or "BesI") (NYSE Euronext: BESI; OTCQX: BESIY), a leading manufacturer of assembly equipment for the semiconductor industry, today announced it has upgraded its New York Registry Share program to the OTCQX International, the premier OTC market tier.

Besi's New York Registry Shares are now traded under the ticker BESIY. Investors in Besi's New York shares can find real-time quotes, disclosure and financial information about BESI at [www.otcqx.com](http://www.otcqx.com) and [www.otcm Markets.com](http://www.otcm Markets.com). OTCQX is home to 171 world-class companies accounting for over US\$ 1 trillion in combined market capitalization. By joining this highest tier in the U.S. OTC marketplace, Besi intends to further increase the market breadth, visibility and liquidity of its shares in North American markets. Trading on OTCQX requires neither SEC registration nor additional reporting costs.

By upgrading to OTCQX International, Besi joins some of the largest European public companies whose American depositary shares are also traded through this market tier, including 30 of the companies listed in the Euro STOXX 600 index. Besi's Principal American Liaison for OTCQX International is Canaccord Genuity, Inc.

#### **About Besi**

Besi is a leading supplier of semiconductor assembly equipment for the global semiconductor and electronics industries. The Company develops leading edge assembly processes and equipment for leadframe, array connect and wafer level packaging applications in a wide range of end-user markets including electronics, computer, automotive, industrial, RFID, LED and solar energy. Customers are primarily leading semiconductor manufacturers, assembly subcontractors and electronics and industrial companies. Besi's ordinary shares are listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam (symbol: BESI) and OTCQX International (symbol: BESIY) and its headquarters are located in Duiven, the Netherlands. For more information, please visit our website at [www.besi.com](http://www.besi.com).

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