

### **SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL VAT Treatment on SEMI Services in Germany**

Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (hereinafter: "SEMI<sup>®</sup>") is an international industry association, headquartered in the USA. SEMI organizes the SEMICON<sup>®</sup> Europa Trade Show which is held in Germany. Within the framework of the show, SEMI provides various services to German and non-German businesses, and to other industry affiliated participants. These services comprise rental of floor and meeting space at the trade show, conference seminars, education programs and the sale of publications/informational material.

Under the German VAT Law (**§ 13b Sec. 3 No. 4 German VAT Act / § 13b Sec. 3 No. 5 German VAT Act**), SEMI is obligated to collect VAT on the supply of services in connection with the organization of trade fairs and exhibitions in Germany to non-resident exhibitors. The current VAT rate is 19%. SEMI will add VAT to all non-German based companies' invoices for services provided in Germany. Depending on your current VAT registration status and other services received in Germany, you may qualify for refund of your VAT paid to the German Tax Authority.

For all German based companies who are residents of Germany, the "reverse charge mechanism" will be applied, in accordance to the German VAT Law. SEMI will not include VAT on our invoices, since VAT liability and payment is the responsibility of our exhibitors.

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#### Additional References:

- German Consular Services in the United States  
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