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MRC Appoints Phil Roberts Vice President of Strategic Operations

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Orangeburg, New York, April 1, 1999—Materials Research Corporation (MRC), a leading supplier of high purity materials for the worldwide semiconductor, data storage and inkjet printer industries, announced today that it has appointed Phil Roberts to the position of Vice President of Strategic Operations, reporting to the President, Kenneth T. Barry. Roberts returns to MRC after holding sales and marketing management positions with Veeco Instruments in Santa Barbara.

“The wealth of industry experience Phil brings to MRC will contribute to our growth as the semiconductor industry returns to strength in '99,” said Barry. “Additionally, his previous experience with our customers, our product and most importantly, our employees, will facilitate his work to strengthen our marketing team and our technological support for customers.”

Roberts joined MRC in 1990 as General Manager of its United Kingdom operations and subsequently spent two years at MRC's Toulouse, France, facility as European sales and marketing manager. He then served as Global Sales and Marketing Director at the Company's Orangeburg, New York, headquarters. In his new position, he will be based in San Jose, California.

“I'm excited to be back at MRC,” said Roberts, “and to be able to help plot a strategic path for the company into the next century.”

Materials Research Corporation, founded in 1957 and headquartered in Orangeburg, New York, is a world leader in development, manufacture and sale of high purity materials for the semiconductor, data storage and inkjet printer industries. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America, MRC serves its worldwide customers through manufacturing and R&D facilities in the United States, Europe and Asia, backed by dedicated technical support groups as well as a global network of sales and application resources for the entire MRC product line.