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Subject: ASMEC support of ISTRESS Project

Dear Dr. Schwarzer,

we would like to express our strong interest and support for the project "Pre-standardisation of incremental FIB micro-milling for intrinsic stress evaluation at the sub-micron scale", proposal acronym ISTRESS, within the European FP7 framework "Metrology research for the development and validation of design rules for engineering of nanostructured and nano-enabled materials and devices".

As a manufacturer of mechanical test instruments for thin films we are strongly interested in the measurement of stresses of coatings and we would therefore like to become a member of the advisory board of the project. We are not able to support the project with money but we would like to input our expertise and become a consultant to influence the directions of the investigations, if necessary. Further we would offer to make some stress measurements with our instruments for comparison purposes.

We hope, that this letter of support may help to start this project.

Best regards



Dr. Thomas Chudoba
Technical Director / Prokurist