

## Pintail Technologies Secures \$4 Million in Funding From Austin Ventures

**PLANO, Texas – November 18, 2002** – Pintail Technologies, Inc. today announced that it has secured \$4 million in Series A financing from Austin, Texas-based Austin Ventures. Pintail Technologies develops test management software that enables semiconductor companies to deliver high-quality products to market faster and at lower cost. This funding round, which follows an initial seed investment made by STARTech Early Ventures earlier this year, will be used to expand sales, marketing, and product development for Pintail's core product line – the Pintail TestVision Suite.

"Pintail Technologies has the building blocks of a company poised for success – a strong ROI-driven value proposition, solid customer traction and a management team with significant domain expertise," said Rob Adams, Partner, Austin Ventures. "We believe these important traits will help Pintail capitalize on the enormous market opportunity offered by software testing solutions that lower the spiraling costs of back-end semiconductor product manufacturing."

Pintail TestVision Suite employs an innovative application of real-time statistical process control (SPC) that enables semiconductor companies to analyze, simulate, optimize, monitor, and sample their worldwide test operations in real-time. It's the first solution to combine sophisticated analytical tools with real-time test process control capabilities in an integrated software suite. The TestVision Suite is currently being used by test and product engineers at some of the world's leading semiconductor companies, including Texas Instruments, Intersil, Silicon Labs, STATS and Agilent, who estimate annual savings on average of \$300,000 to \$600,000 per tester.

"Attracting the early support of a world-class investor like Austin Ventures is powerful validation of the vision we have for the semiconductor test market," said Jeff Bibbee, CEO of Pintail Technologies. "With Austin Ventures' financial backing and our ability to leverage the extensive software and semiconductor industry experience of our management team, we're poised to significantly expand on the early success."

### About Pintail Technologies

Pintail Technologies is a semiconductor test improvement and yield learning company that provides breakthrough software to reduce the cost of test and increase production output and quality through existing test equipment and programs. Pintail has created the first test improvement solutions to combine real-time test process control capabilities with innovative analytical programs in an integrated software suite designed for speed and accuracy. Fabless and integrated device manufacturers worldwide, in collaboration with leading assembly and test suppliers use Pintail tools to increase competitive advantage and improve responsiveness to test issues. Pintail has sales offices in Dallas, Austin, San Jose, Seoul, Singapore, Taiwan, Munich and Switzerland. See more information at [www.pintail.com](http://www.pintail.com).

