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**PHOTRONICS APPOINTS ROBERT C. WOLCOTT AS VICE PRESIDENT-TREASURER**

BROOKFIELD, Connecticut July 2, 2004 -- Photronics, Inc. (Nasdaq:PLAB), the world's leading sub-wavelength reticle solutions supplier, today announced that Robert C. Wolcott has joined the Company in the position of Vice President—Treasurer.

As Vice President—Treasurer, Mr. Wolcott will be responsible for all treasury, tax and risk management functions of Photronics including both short- and long-term financing activities, foreign currency activities, tax compliance, tax planning, bank relations, and daily cash management, ensuring that all financial transactions, policies and procedures meet the Company's needs and objectives. He will monitor cash flow forecasts and develop and execute financial strategy for effective allocation of the Company's funding resources.

Mr. Wolcott comes to Photronics from Sotheby's Holdings Corporation, where he most recently held the position of Senior Vice President—Treasurer after serving as Senior Vice President—Director of Tax. Prior to Sotheby's, Mr. Wolcott served as Director of Taxes at Duracell International Inc., Tax Supervisor at Ernst & Young, and Tax Senior at Deloitte & Touche.

Mr. Wolcott will work from Photronics' global headquarters in Brookfield, Connecticut and report to Chief Financial Officer Sean Smith who commented, "Bob's expertise in managing worldwide treasury, tax and risk management functions will be a tremendous asset to Photronics as the Company continues to grow its global network."

Mr. Wolcott, a Certified Public Accountant, earned a Masters of Business Administration degree from Pace University and Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University.

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Photronics is a leading worldwide manufacturer of photomasks. Photomasks are high precision quartz plates that contain microscopic images of electronic circuits. A key element in the manufacture of semiconductors, photomasks are used to transfer circuit patterns onto semiconductor wafers during the fabrication of integrated circuits. They are produced in accordance with circuit designs provided by customers at strategically located manufacturing facilities in Asia, Europe, and North America. Additional information on the Company can be accessed at [www.photronics.com](http://www.photronics.com).

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