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Eclipse Takes Lead Role in Hollywood's HD-DVD Launch

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Eclipse took a leading role in the release of the HD-DVD movies during April's much anticipated launch. All retail titles shipped to stores in the US were manufactured using Eclipse's newly announced EclipseSuite HD and ESP7000 HD formatter.

Eclipse's tools were developed in close cooperation with Toshiba and the major US replicators during the past six months. The end result was a suite of efficient and simple-to-use HD-DVD process tools backed by Eclipse's renowned customer support team.

"We are extremely proud of the fact that all launch titles were produced using our HD-DVD products. Our customers put us through a demanding evaluation," stated Bob Edmonds, Eclipse's Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "We went head-to-head with the competition and won."

Products used in the manufacture of the HD-DVD releases include EclipseSuite HD which consists of ImageAnalysis, ImageCopy, ImageVerify, and an AACS encryption module used to apply the new HD copy-protection.

Eclipse also developed a Certificate Management Utility to accommodate the new requirements placed on manufacturers by the AACS process. The CMU provides customers an efficient means to complete premastering and later finalize and validate the image before mastering.

The ESP7000, Eclipse's all-in-one formatter was chosen because of its superior signal quality and advanced pulse-shaping capabilities. It is designed to connect easily to any LBR.

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About Eclipse Data Technologies:

Eclipse is the leader in optical disc premastering and mastering products. Their rules-based analysis engine revolutionized testing in the optical disc industry and is used by virtually every disc replication plant in the world. For more information about Eclipse and its products, please visit their website at www.eclipsedata.com.

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