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[Agilent To Acquire Varian For \\$1.5B](#)

Agilent Technologies has agreed to buy Varian Inc. for \$1.5 billion. The acquisition expands its product line into atomic and molecular spectroscopy.

[Chartered Increasing 300mm Fab Capacity And Spending](#)

Chartered Semiconductor rebounded capacity utilization in Q2 2009 to 60%, compared 38% in first quarter. The plan is to take Fab 7 capacity to 31,000wspm by March 2010. By the end of 2009, capacity would be reach 29,000wspm.

[Globalfoundries Breaks Ground In Malta](#)

GlobalFoundries held a groundbreaking ceremony for Fab 2 in Malta, NY. The goal is to be in commercial production by the second half of 2012.

[IDT Plans Sale Of Hillsboro Plant](#)

Integrated Device Technology is looking to sell its 15-year-old Hillsboro plant and move production to Asia. It will gradually shift production to an Asian foundry operated by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.

[Intel's NM clean room huge endeavor](#)

When Intel finishes upgrading its Rio Rancho factory next year, it will operate one of the world's largest clean rooms. The \$2.5 billion upgrade to Fab 11X will allow production of Intel's next generation, 32 nanometer chip technology.

[Ahead Of The Bell: Semiconductor Stocks](#)

Semiconductor companies are seeing orders pick up in August, pointing to a strong third quarter for a hard-hit industry.

Other News of Nterest (click title to view original source.)

[California Grower Turns Onion Juice Into Energy](#)

California's Gills Onions, the largest fresh onion processor in the U.S., has found a way to make onion bulbs power light bulbs. The company recently unveiled its Advanced Energy Recovery System, which turns onion waste into ultra-clean electrical energy, heat and high-value cattle feed.



[Car Market Shows 'Signs Of Life' According to Freescale](#)

Freescale Semiconductor, the supplier of semiconductors to General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler, predicted a rise in orders from automakers this quarter as they restart plants.

[General Motors To Sell Cars On Ebay](#)

General Motors Corp. and eBay Inc. announced they will offer cars from California Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Pontiac dealers through the online marketplace. Consumers will be able to browse virtually through showrooms, ask questions, negotiate prices, and arrange financing and payment to purchase a new 2008, 2009 and some 2010 vehicles.

[Ford Seeks More Efficient Charging For Hybrids](#)

Ford Motor Co. plans a system that will let plug-in hybrid cars "talk" to the power grid in order to recharge more cheaply and efficiently. The system will let a car's owner choose when the vehicle will charge itself and at what utility rate. Wireless smart meters will link the cars to the electrical grid. A driver could, for example, choose only to charge the car at night when rates are cheap.

Job Seeker Insight (click title to view original source.)

[Finding Time: Blending Networking Into Your Life](#)

If you're doing it right, networking isn't something that takes lots of extra time in your life. It easily blends into your life and your approach to life.

[Five Tips To Capturing The Job With A Thank You Letter](#)

Studies have shown that only 20% of candidates remember this crucial step, and of that figure, nearly 80% get hired. Here are five pointers.

[Why Would You Say That On Twitter?](#)

Bosses, hiring managers and recruiters are checking out candidates on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites. It is important to think before you tweet.

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[Surfing Since 1991: The Evolution of Web Browsers](#)

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"N" Quotes

NSTAR has been a pleasure to work for. The recruiting process through my first job has been seamless. Quin constantly checks to see if I have any questions or concerns. All my questions are addressed very quickly.

- WG; Pennsylvania

I am a Maintenance Technician in New York. It is a very nice, relaxed, team-oriented atmosphere. I was looking for a position dealing with HVAC and electrical controls, but was excited to learn that these skills transfer to the semicon industry. I realized this was a great opportunity for me to gain experience in a new industry. Thanks to NSTAR, I have a new career that I really enjoy.

- JB, New York

I love my Resource Engineer gig with NSTAR. It's a perfect fit for me because I enjoy repairing things. And, NSTAR is great to work for. As I need information, they are VERY prompt in responding and getting me accurate answers. And the travel was very simple. My hotel is EXCELLENT! NSTAR has great customer service, and treats their employees right.

- CT, California

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The greatest technological advancements tend to be about faster speeds, higher capacities, and smaller packages.

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See the list of 10 Record-Breaking achievements and how long they have held their positions.

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