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ESS TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2004 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

FREMONT, Calif., October 18, 2004—ESS Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: ESST) will hold a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2004 results on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The Company will release its third quarter 2004 results on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, after the close of market, prior to the conference call. The third quarter results as well as other financial information will be available after the close of market at http://www.esstech.com/IR/earnings_releases.shtm.

To access the listen-only live webcast of the conference call, go to <http://www.esstech.com> or <http://www.prnewswire.com/> (Search: ESST) approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. No password is necessary. A replay of the webcast will be available at <http://www.esstech.com> or by telephone at (800) 633-8284 (U.S./Canada) / (402) 977-9140 (International), Reservation #21211231 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, October 27, 2004.

About ESS Technology

ESS Technology, Inc., designs and markets high-performance digital video processor and imaging sensor semiconductors for the consumer digital entertainment, camera phones and digital home markets. ESS products include highly integrated chips for DVD players, DVD

recorders, VCD players, digital media players, digital audio systems, and camera phones.

ESS, headquartered in Fremont, California, has over 400 employees in North America and over 100 employees in Asia providing R&D, sales, and technical support worldwide. For more information, please visit the company's web site at: <http://www.esstech.com>.

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