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PREFACE

Getting to know semiconductors is very important and useful. Semiconductors, the subject of our book, are found in every home. They also have very good connections in different spheres: industrial, scientific and military which are so wide that they are beyond the imagination of an ordinary man.

But it is common knowledge that making somebody's acquaintance and keeping it up just because it is useful is both bad style and dull.

Semiconductors is a very useful and most interesting subject. So we decided to do our best to assist our readers in getting to know them.

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We would like to conclude with the wonderful words from the Gospel: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you (*Matthew 7:7*).

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