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## **Atmel Announces 2007 Annual Stockholder Meeting Company Expects to File its 2006 Form 10-K by Early June 2007**

**SAN JOSE, CA, March 7, 2007** . . . Atmel® Corporation (NASDAQ: ATML), a global leader in the development and fabrication of advanced semiconductor solutions, today announced that its 2007 annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 2:00 pm Pacific time, at the Company's offices located at 2325 Orchard Parkway, San Jose, California 95131.

The Company also announced that it anticipates filing its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 by early June 2007 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company expects to file its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, and September 30, 2006 as well as March 31, 2007 as soon as practicable after filing its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. As previously announced, the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors initiated an independent investigation in July 2006 regarding the timing of past stock option grants and other potentially related issues. The Company has delayed filing its recent financial reports pending the completion of that investigation.

### **About Atmel**

Atmel is a worldwide leader in the design and manufacture of microcontrollers, advanced logic, mixed-signal, nonvolatile memory and radio frequency (RF) components. Leveraging one of the industry's broadest intellectual property (IP) technology portfolios, Atmel is able to provide the electronics industry with complete system solutions. Focused on consumer, industrial, security, communications, computing and automotive markets, Atmel ICs can be found Everywhere You Are®.

### **Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding the expected timing of filing with the SEC of the Company's Annual Report on

Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the anticipated date of the Company's 2007 annual stockholder meeting. Factors that could cause these dates to change include, but are not limited to: the discovery of additional information relevant to the independent investigation, the timing of the conclusions of the Audit Committee concerning matters relating to the Company's stock option grants and the impact of the independent investigation on the amount and timing of previously awarded stock-based compensation and other additional expenses to be recorded, the timing of review and conclusions of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding the Company's stock option grants and related accounting, accounting adjustments to the Company's financial statements for certain periods, the application of accounting or tax principles in an unanticipated manner or an unanticipated delay in the preparation and filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q with the SEC. The stock option grant practices under review and related matters have led and could also lead to potential claims and proceedings relating to such matters, including shareholder or employee litigation and action by the SEC and/or other regulatory agencies, and negative tax or other implications for the Company resulting from any accounting adjustments or other factors.

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