## SPECIMEN LOADING PROCEDURE

## **SEM STAGE**

- 1. Prepare bulk sample:
  - a. Always wear gloves
  - b. Do not touch sample stubs or stage base with hands
  - c. Ensure highest point of sample barely fits in height gauge.
- Ensure is closed.
  Ensure stage is at the position.
- 1. Press to vent the sample exchange chamber to atmosphere.
- 2. When the light is lit red and the chamber falls open, thread sample holder onto rod.
- 3. Ensure rod is fully retracted (listen for dull click).
- 4. Ensure front panel vacuum control is set to
- 5. Hold the sample exchange chamber closed and press button.
- 6. Wait until the light is lit green.
- 7. Open gate valve.
- 8. E 0.074 0 0(x(entend)7(.)Toe.)d 004 Tw 23.92 -0.34 0 Td(1)TjTT1 1 Tf0.59 0 Td()Tj0.002 Tc 6
- 4. Retract rod and specimen into sample exchange chamber. Ensure rod is fully retracted (listen for a dull click).
- 5. Close gate valve.
- 6. Set front panel vacuum control to
- 7. Press to vent the sample exchange chamber to atmosphere.