



TowerJazz Signs MOU for Process Transfers and Projects in India and Brazil, Targeting India's Emerging Semiconductor Market

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MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 17, 2011-- TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader, announced today it has signed a non-exclusive MOU with a European entity to seek process transfer opportunities and projects in India and Brazil. TowerJazz will supply training, manufacturing know-how, project management and technical support and its partner will supply the intellectual property licenses, supporting services and training.

TowerJazz envisions the Indian and the Brazilian semiconductor markets to be among the highest growth potential markets in the world, and decided to join efforts with a world leader in nanoelectronics research to collaborate in the field of technology transfer to support this growing trend. Both India and Brazil are emerging as promising markets in the semiconductor industry. It is estimated that India will be at hundreds of billions of dollars total semiconductor market by 2020.

TowerJazz and its European partner share over 15 years of collaboration in various process transfer activities and transactions and have derived impressive results. The companies have the capabilities to collaborate on all technology nodes from 1um to 32nm including MEMS. Together, they will target Indian and Brazilian fabless companies and IDMs with India and Brazil as their end markets.

"We are extremely pleased with this continued alliance with our European partner to bring together the competencies of both companies to engage in project transfer opportunities in growing markets such as India and Brazil. With our TOPS business unit (Transfer Optimization Process Services), we are well equipped for such activities and look forward to winning many more successful projects," said Dr. Itzhak Edrei, President of TowerJazz.

About TowerJazz

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM) (TASE: TSEM), its fully owned U.S. subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor Ltd., and its fully owned Japanese subsidiary TowerJazz Japan, Ltd., operate collectively under the brand name TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader. TowerJazz manufactures integrated circuits with geometries ranging from 1.0 to 0.13-micron, offering a broad range of customizable process technologies including: SiGe, BiCMOS, Mixed-Signal and RFCMOS, CMOS Image Sensor, Power Management (BCD), and Non-Volatile Memory (NVM) as well as CMOS and MEMS capabilities. TowerJazz also offers a world-class design enablement platform that complements its sophisticated technology and enables a quick and accurate design cycle. In addition, TowerJazz provides (TOPS) Technology Optimization Process Services to IDMs as well as fabless companies that need to expand capacity, or progress from an R&D line to a production line. To provide multi-fab sourcing, TowerJazz maintains two manufacturing facilities in Israel, one in the U.S., and one in Japan with additional capacity available in China through manufacturing partnerships. For more information, please visit www.towerjazz.com.

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