



TowerJazz and Panasonic Corporation Signed Definitive Agreement Creating Joint Venture for Manufacturing Panasonic and Additional Products

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New JV to include three Panasonic semiconductor manufacturing facilities in Japan;

Facilities to continue manufacturing existing Panasonic production of semiconductor diffusion process, including 12 inch advanced wafer fab with technologies of 65 and 45 nanometers, in addition to manufacturing expansion of new products and technologies from new customers.

MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel & OSAKA, Japan--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 20, 2013-- TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader (NASDAQ/ TASE ticker: TSEM), and Panasonic Corporation, a worldwide leader in the development and engineering of electronic technologies and solutions for customers in residential, non-residential, mobility and personal applications (First Section of TSE and NSE ticker: 6752) today announced the signing of a definitive agreement to create a joint venture (JV) to manufacture Panasonic's products, using Panasonic's three semiconductor manufacturing facilities in Japan, as well as possible expansion of the current operations in those fabs, leveraging TowerJazz's customers and businesses to capture out-of-group sales.

Within the scope of the JV, Panasonic will transfer its semiconductor wafer manufacturing process and capacity tools of 8 inch and 12 inch at its Hokuriku factories (Uozu, Tonami and Arai) to the JV, commit to acquire its products from the JV for the volume production based on long term partnership between TowerJazz and Panasonic of at least five years, and will transfer to TowerJazz 51% of the shares of this JV.

With aforementioned partnership, Tower Jazz and Panasonic will develop the JV to be a global leading specialty foundry leveraging TowerJazz's world class design enablement platform and marketing advantages along with Panasonic's well advanced technology and outstanding quality management capabilities.

About TowerJazz

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM), its fully owned U.S. subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor Inc., 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, offering a broad range of customizable process technologies including: SiGe, BiCMOS, Mixed-Signal/CMOS, RFCMOS, CMOS Image Sensor, Power Management (BCD), and MEMS capabilities. TowerJazz also provides a world-class design enablement platform that enables a quick and accurate design cycle. In addition, TowerJazz provides (TOPS) Technology Optimization Process Services to IDMs and fabless companies that need to expand capacity. TowerJazz offers multi-fab sourcing with two manufacturing facilities in Israel, one in the U.S., and one in Japan. For more information, please visit www.towerjazz.com.

About Panasonic

Panasonic Corporation is a worldwide leader in the development and engineering of electronic technologies and solutions for customers in residential, non-residential, mobility and personal applications. Since its founding in 1918, the company has expanded globally and now operates over 500 consolidated companies worldwide, recording consolidated net sales of 7.30 trillion yen for the year ended March 31, 2013. Committed to pursuing new value through innovation across divisional lines, the company strives to create a better life and a better world for its customers. For more information about Panasonic, please visit the company's website at <http://panasonic.net/>

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