



## **TowerJazz Completes Acquisition of Maxim's Fabrication Facility in San Antonio, Texas**

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### **Acquisition to expand TowerJazz's worldwide manufacturing capacity and capabilities; Supporting Company's excess customer demand**

MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel and SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 2, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader, announced today that it completed its previously announced acquisition of an 8-inch wafer fabrication facility in San Antonio, Texas, United States from Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. (NASDAQ:MXIM). This acquisition will expand TowerJazz's current worldwide manufacturing capacity, cost-effectively increasing its production by about 28,000 wafers per month. The availability of capacity is needed to serve the Company's current and forecasted robust customer demand.

As part of the transaction, the companies signed a long-term supply agreement of 15 years, under which TowerJazz will manufacture products for Maxim in the San Antonio facility, in quantities which will allow for a gradual ramp of third party products. As previously announced, Maxim received as consideration \$40 million paid with approximately 3.3 million ordinary shares of TSEM, representing approximately 3% of company's fully diluted share count. This was calculated based on the average closing price of TSEM in NASDAQ during the last 15 trading days.

Russell Ellwanger, TowerJazz Chief Executive Officer, commented: "We already performed first qualifications of our high demand and high volume flows, with Maxim's approval, confirming the outstanding engineering and manufacturing capabilities of the San Antonio fab personnel. We are now excited to have San Antonio staff and geography join us; they are a great addition to the TowerJazz family. We look forward to continuing to drive customer success and company growth through committed performance and execution."

"We needed a trusted partner to manage our proprietary process technology who also shared our commitment to the employees in San Antonio. TowerJazz has a proven track record with Maxim and similar beliefs about employees, so this is a natural fit. I look forward to our continued partnership over the coming years," said Vivek Jain, Senior Vice President of Maxim Integrated's Technology and Manufacturing Group. "With this arrangement, we will continue to support our customers for years to come, improve utilization in our Oregon fab, and advance our manufacturing flexibility."

**Save the date: TowerJazz to host Investor and Analyst day on March 8, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas. Additional information will be provided shortly.**

#### **About TowerJazz**

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM) and its fully owned U.S. subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. 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, RF CMOS, CMOS image sensor, integrated power management (BCD and 700V), and MEMS. TowerJazz also provides a world-class design enablement platform for a quick and accurate design cycle as well as Transfer Optimization and development Process Services (TOPS) to IDMs and fabless companies that need to expand capacity.

To provide multi-fab sourcing and extended capacity for its customers, TowerJazz operates two manufacturing facilities in Israel (150mm and 200mm), two in the U.S. (200mm) and three additional facilities in Japan (two 200mm and one 300mm) through **TowerJazz Panasonic Semiconductor Co.** (TPSCo), established with Panasonic Corporation of which TowerJazz has the majority holding. Through TPSCo, TowerJazz provides leading edge 45nm CMOS, 65nm RF CMOS and 65nm 1.12um pixel technologies, including the most advanced image sensor technologies. For more information, please visit [www.towerjazz.com](http://www.towerjazz.com) or [www.tpsemico.com](http://www.tpsemico.com).

#### **About Maxim Integrated**

Maxim is bringing new levels of analog integration to automotive, cloud data center, mobile consumer, and industrial applications. We're making technology smaller, smarter, and more energy efficient, so that our customers can meet the demands of an integrated world. Learn more at <http://www.maximintegrated.com>.

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