

**GERRY EDWARDS OBE****VICE PRESIDENT WORLD WIDE FAB OPERATIONS & QUALITY
NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION**

Gerry Edwards has spent most of his working life in the semiconductor industry. He has held many prominent roles within this sector both in the UK and internationally – For Inmos/SGS-Thomson in the UK, for Philips in Europe and Texas Instruments in the USA.

Gerry joined National Semiconductor in Greenock in 1996 as Operations Director.

Early on in his career at Greenock, National Semiconductor Corporation decided to rationalize its manufacturing operations. This had significant implications for the Greenock site and Gerry, as part of a small team, played a key role in the turnaround and upgrading of the Greenock operations.

In early 2000 Gerry was appointed Managing Director of the site and later that year became Vice President of Operations in the UK. In March 2009 he was appointed VP for Fab Operations world-wide and National's Quality organisation world-wide. This new post involves relocating to National Semiconductor's HQ in Santa Clara which is at the centre of California's Silicon Valley.

During his period of leadership, Gerry has overseen the Greenock site's significant progress in cost performance, productivity and on-time delivery. In addition to this the Greenock site has attracted major investments to expand its operations including the introduction of new high value processes and the establishment of R & D activities.

Gerry holds a BSc (Hons) in Physics from Lancaster University and an MBA from the University of Wales. He is a past President of Scottish Engineering, a Director of the National Microelectronics Institute. He is also a past Chairman of the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Board.

An Honorary Doctorate was bestowed upon him by the University of Paisley in 2002 in recognition of his contribution to manufacturing. At the 2007 Birthday Honours Awards, he received an OBE for his services to Scottish business.

Gerry lives in Kilmacolm with his wife Keren and young son Rhys. In his spare time he enjoys riding his motorcycle and scuba diving.