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S2K 2007 flies high with help from Welsh Dragons

Cardiff, Wales– 5th July 2007

The 18th & 19th June 2007 saw Cardiff, Europe's youngest capital city, play host to the networking success of S2K 2007. The conference and exhibition created business opportunities for semiconductor professionals whilst updating them on the state of the industry.

Conference organiser, the UK-wide Joint Equipment and Materials Initiative (JEMI), was supported by the Welsh Electronic Forum and Welsh Assembly Government, who are working to ensure an even bigger and better conference when it returns to Wales next year

S2K, formerly Semiconductor 2K, is a well established event in the Semiconductor calendar, which has been running since 2000. The two day conference attracted representatives from some of Europe's leading semiconductor and optoelectronics companies.

The line up of speakers was both varied and comprehensive with presentations from a number of top level professionals including, Malcolm Penn, CEO of Future Horizons, Heinz Kundert, President of SEMI Europe, Jean- Christophe Eloy, General Manager of Yole Developpement, David

Butler, Marketing Director of Aviza, Rob Harper, technical sales manager of IQE and Ashley Evans, CEO of the Electronics Knowledge Transfer Network.

The two days included an Awards Dinner where Drew Nelson, CEO of Welsh based company IQE, received the JEMI award for his contribution to the semiconductor industry. The Decision Makers Lunch was organised by NMI, promoting successful fab/supplier partnerships, whilst the Energy workshop was hosted by NMI and CH2MHILL.

The conference had more than 30 companies exhibiting at the Table Top technology showcase, with several companies taking PO numbers back to the office. Paul Connelly, Business Development Manager of IES commented “I found the level of networking associated with the delegates and exhibitors to be of the highest quality, a valuable resource for IES “

Mike Smyth, chairman of S2K highlighted, “S2K 2007 built on its success since its inception in 2000, provoking discussion and networking within the European semiconductor Industry.

The event has proved itself to be one of Europe’s leading conferences for the industry and as such offers the ideal opportunity to get first hand market information and consequently provides the ideal marketplace to explore potential new partnerships.”

Chris Young, Chief Executive of the Welsh Electronics Forum, added, “there was a real buzz about the conference. I was delighted to be able to welcome so many key players from the semiconductor industry to Wales and look forward to their return next year.”

Note to Editor

For more information on S2K visit: www.semiconductor2k.com

Further details about JEMI UK can be obtained from their website at www.jemiuk.com or by contacting Ingrid on +44 (0) 131 650 7815 or jemi-enquiries@see.ed.ac.uk

Other sponsors included: Euroasia Semiconductor, MKS Instruments, Marks & Clerk, CH2MHILL, SMC, Shimadzu, Compound Semiconductor, Physics World

Speakers and presentations:

Malcolm Penn-CEO, Future Horizons

"State of the Industry - What's Driving the Market"

David Butler- Marketing Director, Aviza

"Challenges facing European/UK suppliers in the Asian Market"

Rob Harper-Technical sales manager, IQE

"The Role of Epitaxy in IC Manufacturing"

Heinz Kundert-President, SEMI Europe

"Mobilizing European Strengths"

Ashley Evans-CEO, Electronics Knowledge Transfer Network

"The Electronics KTN- Knowledge for Growth"

Jean- Christophe Eloy-Founder of Yole Developpment

S2K 2007 is organised by JEMI UK to address the technological and commercial challenges facing the industry, such as advances in miniaturization, on-chip intelligence, MEMS, embedded software, and the advent of pervasive technologies such as ambient intelligence.

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