



Press release

## Official kick-off for the expansion of the Infineon Development Center Graz

*Graz, 10 April 2019* – Infineon Austria is expanding its Development Center in Graz to create space for additional 290 research and development workplaces in Rebengasse/Metahofgasse. Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG, and Stefan Rohringer, Head of the Infineon Development Center in Graz, celebrated the official ground-breaking today with many guests, including the Governor of Styria, Hermann Schützenhöfer, Styrian Minister of the Economy, Barbara Eibinger-Miedl, the Mayor of the City of Graz, Siegfried Nagl, and Markus Kovac, Managing Director of Bauwerk Projektentwicklung GmbH.

As one of the Group's largest research and development sites, Infineon in Graz is pushing the worldwide use of microelectronic solutions forwards in the areas of mobility, security and the Internet of things. "In Graz, we develop future-oriented technologies for contactless, security and sensor technologies and we serve important global growth markets from Styria. We are now creating more space for these innovations", Sabine Herlitschka said and also referred to the innovative environment: "Graz, with its research and educational institutions including Graz University of Technology, the JOANNEUM University of Applied Sciences, the Silicon Alps Cluster or Silicon Austria Labs, makes world-renowned cutting-edge research possible."

### **More space for the mobility of the future in Metahof V**

Infineon Graz currently has around 9,000 sqm office and laboratory space in four buildings: Schloss Metahof, Metahof II, III and IV. Building Metahof V will provide an additional 4,500 sqm – space for 290 R&D workplaces; some 880 sqm will be used for measuring technology. Bauwerk Projektentwicklung GmbH is constructing the new building and Infineon will be the tenant. Completion is planned for summer 2020.

The 430 employees at the Infineon Development Center in Graz work intensively on technologies for tomorrow: autonomous driving, augmented reality or encryption technologies that will live up to the requirements of future quantum computers. "The new building will primarily provide work areas for researchers from the automotive sector," says Stefan Rohringer, Head of the Infineon Development Center Graz. "Microelectronics accounts for the majority of all innovations in cars. The focus here in Graz is on the development of new and safer solutions for automated and

autonomous driving. These include in particular LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) components for the use in driver assistance systems that are an essential requirement for autonomous vehicles besides radar chips."

### **Know-how from Styria in global demand**

"Today's ground-breaking ceremony underlines the important role of Styria as a place for high technology. With our focus on education, training, science and research we are preparing the ground for the workplaces of the future of the kind that are being developed here at Infineon", Governor Hermann Schützenhofer said, adding that Styrian know-how is in demand worldwide, especially in the automotive industry. "Infineon's expansion of its site here in Graz opens another chapter in the success story of initiatives such as Silicon Alps and Silicon Austria Labs", Schützenhofer said, who emphasized the good cooperation with Infineon and congratulated the Infineon management on the outstanding development.

The Mayor of the City of Graz, Siegfried Nagl, emphasizes the positive synergy effects: "The expansion of the Infineon site will increase our knowledge base in Styria and the future potential of Graz in the area of research and development. Our city provides great opportunities to benefit from synergies generated by innovative universities, research institutions and companies. Infineon is a major and future-oriented player in the team of technologies and I would like to express my special thanks to Sabine Herlitschka and Stefan Rohringer for their commitment."

### **Facts & Figures - Expansion of the Infineon Development Center Graz**

#### **"Metahof V":**

Start of construction	March 2019
Completion scheduled for	Summer 2020
Total space	4,500 sqm, of which 880 sqm for measuring technology
Workplaces	Space for 290 R&D workplaces, some 200 R&D workplaces will be taken up by current employees

### **About Infineon Austria**

Infineon Technologies Austria AG is a group subsidiary of Infineon Technologies AG, a world-leading provider of semiconductor solutions that make life easier, safer and greener. Microelectronics from Infineon reduce the energy consumption of consumer electronics, domestic appliances and industrial facilities. They make a major contribution to the convenience, security and sustainability of vehicles, and enable secure transactions in the Internet of Things.

Besides Germany, Infineon Austria is the only subsidiary within the group that pools competencies for research and development, production as well as global business responsibility. The head office is in Villach, with further branches in Graz, Klagenfurt, Linz and Vienna. With its 4,201 employees from around 60 countries (including 1,813 in research and development), the company achieved a turnover of € 2.9 billion in the financial year 2018 (ending on 30 September). An R&D expense rate of € 498 million makes Infineon Austria one of the strongest industrial research companies in Austria.

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