

Quotes

Statements for the “UltimateGaN” press conference, 13 May 2019

Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG:

“Energy efficiency is one of the greatest energy resources worldwide. With the development of intelligent technologies, we are making a key contribution to dealing with the global challenge of climate change, and new materials and efficient chip solutions play a central role in this process. This research project will establish the prerequisites for making innovative energy-saving chips available for a wide range of future-oriented daily applications. We are joining forces both in terms of content and finances. This means we are bringing together the strategic expertise of the best European partners and strengthening our global competitiveness from bases in Carinthia and elsewhere in Austria and Europe.”

Andreas Urschitz, Head of the Power Management & Multimarket Division at Infineon Technologies AG:

“Semiconductor products made from gallium nitride are revolutionizing the use of energy at many levels. This research project taps into an enormous global market potential. It will enable higher performance and greater efficiency in a variety of applications and will also significantly improve user convenience. Faster charging of electric cars, data exchange between systems, objects and machines in real time, energy-saving feeds of solar power into the grid and lightning-quick video streaming will become reality as a result.”

Olivier Lambinet, Head of Administration ECSEL (Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership) Joint Undertaking:

“UltimateGaN is one of a cluster of projects in the ECSEL JU portfolio which underpins Europe’s leading role in power electronics. This cross-sectional technology is pivotal in connecting the digital world to real-world applications, and in the case of UltimateGaN, these applications relate to managing our collective use of energy and energy efficiency. It is another example of what we do at ECSEL JU, where project partners, participating counties and the EU think together, work together and invest together in order to secure benefits for us all.”

Michael Wiesmüller, Head of the Department for Information and Industrial Technologies and Aerospace at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT):

“With UltimateGaN, a top-level international ECSEL research project with a strong Austrian imprint, Austria as a business location for electronics and Infineon Austria have shown once again that key European bodies are addressing technological development issues and that we intend to build on our existing strengths in power electronics and new high-tech materials.”

Peter Kaiser, governor of Carinthia:

“The international research project under the leadership of Infineon Austria is a new milestone on Carinthia’s path towards becoming one of Europe’s leading research and technology regions. We have been among the top 15 regions in the EU for a number of years now with a research quota of 3.15 percent, and our goal is to exceed the four percent mark by 2022. International cooperative research efforts such as this, the nine-figure investment made by Infineon in Villach and the enormous impetus for innovation it has unleashed along the entire value chain will help Carinthia achieve this goal. With our Smart Specialization Strategy, we are purposefully promoting Carinthia’s strengths as a business and technology location – especially microelectronics with Infineon as a beacon.”

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