



Press release

More space for innovation: Infineon Austria expands its development site in Linz

Linz, 5 April 2019 – The official ground-breaking ceremony for the new site of the Infineon Austria holding company DICE (Danube Integrated Circuit Engineering) took place in Linz today. Infineon Austria is creating space for 400 workplaces in research and development with this new location in Donaufeldstrasse. Another reason to celebrate was an impressive milestone: the sale of over 100 million radar chips with development know-how from Linz.

Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG, and the members of the DICE Management Board Gerhard Riess, Manfred Ruhmer and Peter Zeiner welcomed many guests at the official ceremony, including Thomas Stelzer, Governor of Upper Austria, the Mayor of Linz Klaus Luger, Peter Schiefer, President of the Automotive Division of the Infineon Group, DICE founder Univ.-Prof. Dr. Richard Hagelauer, the Vice President of Johannes Kepler University Linz, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Alexander Egyed, the Managing Director of the Federation of Upper Austrian Industries, DI Dr. Joachim Haindl-Grutsch, and Mag. Doris Hummer, President of the Economic Chamber of Upper Austria.

In addition to the current headcount of 180 people working at the Linz site, Infineon is creating space for a further 220 research and development workplaces. "As one of the leading research-focused industrial companies in Austria, our site in Linz is continuously focusing on the expansion of local expertise and global research tasks in the future-oriented field of high frequency technology", Sabine Herlitschka emphasized. "The local education institutions and research players provide a strong regional knowledge environment that enables outstanding innovations." Highly qualified expert staff are an essential prerequisite for this. To counteract the current shortage of skilled workers, it is important to instill more young people with enthusiasm for technology and make Upper Austria an attractive business location for international experts.

Research strengths: mobility and communication

Infineon helps to build clean, safe and intelligent vehicles and ensure reliable and swift communication of devices on the Internet of things – communication between devices and people and among devices. The Linz site develops solutions for these important future markets, Peter Schiefer, President of the Automotive Division of

the Infineon Group explains: "Infineon is shaping the future of mobility and communication. Microelectronics accounts for the majority of all innovations in the car and in the smartphone. The further development of advanced driver assistance systems, smartphones, tablets and navigation devices is a powerful driver of growth for Infineon. And the semiconductor solutions for all of this are developed in Linz among other locations."

100 million radar chips sold

With its development center for high-frequency components in Linz, Infineon is a pioneer in radar for automated driver assistance systems: The high-tech company launched the world's first 77 GHz radar chip to use silicon-germanium technology in 2009. These radar sensors are used in automated driver assistance systems such as distance warning and automatic emergency braking and make driving safer and more comfortable. With more than 100 million 77 GHz radar chips sold, Infineon is the technology and world market leader in this segment. The aim is to develop this safety technology further, since radar sensors will be part of the standard equipment of every new car in the future. Radar systems are, among other things, a requirement for autonomous driving.

Upper Austria as an attractive site and partner for technology

"Politicians are called upon to act in fields where far-reaching decisions are taken: for example in digitalization or research", the Governor of Upper Austria, Mag. Thomas Stelzer said at the ground-breaking ceremony. "Upper Austria is one of the leading research players in Austria and is making great strides towards assuming innovation leadership. By expanding the development center in Linz, Infineon is making a significant contribution to boosting Upper Austria's role as a research and technology location. This investment falls on fertile ground seeing the cooperation with Johannes Kepler University, the Upper Austrian University of Applied Sciences, the Linz Center of Mechatronics and the newly established cutting-edge research center Silicon Austria Labs."

The Mayor of Linz, Klaus Luger, also referred to the important role the capital of Upper Austria plays as a place for innovation and technology. "Linz is considered the job engine of Upper Austria and the location where Austria's industrial heart beats. We need companies such as Infineon to make this business location fit for the future. The technology group creates the jobs of tomorrow, connects digitalization, business and society and takes the city a major step forward towards our ultimate objective: Making Linz the most innovative city in Austria!"

Facts & Figures - Expansion of the Linz site

Start of construction	March 2019
Completion	Summer 2020
Total space	9,630 m ²
Workplaces	400 R&D workplaces, of which 180 current employees, space for additional 220 new R&D workplaces

About Infineon in Linz

The Infineon Austria holding company DICE (Danube Integrated Circuit Engineering) was created in 1999 as a spin-off from Johannes Kepler University Linz. With DICE in Linz, Infineon Austria operates a development center for high-frequency components. The focus is on 77 GHz radar chips for automated driver assistance systems. High-frequency components for mobile telephony and navigation applications from Linz are another key area of the company's business and are installed in smartphones, tablets and navigation systems.

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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