



## Quotes

### **Speakers' statements at the press conference "SemI40", May 31, 2016**

#### **Sabine Herlitschka, Chief Executive Officer of Infineon Technologies Austria:**

"The European project will make a major contribution to keeping and strengthening production and jobs in Europe, thus contributing to a stronger business and technology location. From this cross-border cooperation all partners will profit and generate competitive advantages. Infineon Austria will contribute substantial know-how to the project thanks to its pioneering role in Industry 4.0 in Austria. The 'Pilot Room Industry 4.0' in Villach offers ideal conditions for trying out new manufacturing processes in live operation."

#### **Willy van Puymbroeck, Head of Unit Components, Directorate General "CONNECT" at the European Commission:**

"Applying smart production techniques to European semiconductor manufacturing will boost its productivity, efficiency and innovation capabilities. We welcome partnerships in Europe which advance Industry 4.0, just like SemI40 does. An increase in Europe's production capacity in electronic components such as sensors will benefit the digitisation of all sectors."

#### **Bert De Colvenaer, ECSEL JU Executive Director (Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership) Joint Undertaking:**

"Focusing on two crucial domains of the key enabling technologies "production" and "semiconductor technologies", the SemI40 project, with Infineon Technology Austria in the driver seat, will advance the European electronics components and system manufacturing towards "Smart, Sustainable and Integrated Production". It will further strengthen the leadership of the European industry paving the way to "made in Europe" electronics while turning "smart" the manufacturing of the electronics that power the "smart" of everything: smart cars, smart phones, smart cities...."

#### **Peter Schiefer, President Operations Infineon Technologies AG:**

"A strong manufacturing base is essential for a wealthy and economically successful Europe, but to implement sustainable solutions, many stakeholders need to commit to competitive requirements. Infineon initiated and coordinates the innovation project SemI40. With this engagement Infineon underlines the significance of

the European semiconductor industry and emphasizes the utmost importance of competitive conditions compared to the rest of the world.”

**Gaby Schaunig, Carinthias’s Deputy Governor:**

“The closer cooperation with ECSEL will lead to more European projects of high strategic significance and have a positive effect on jobs and growth by innovative projects “Made in Carinthia“. Carinthia undertakes everything to strengthen the competitiveness of companies, above all for small and medium-sized businesses. Innovative companies and research facilities in Carinthia can profit from the advantages of coordinated public support.“

**Michael Wiesmüller, Head of Department ICT/Manufacturing/Nano/Space at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology:**

“Without doubt the digital change process of Industry 4.0 is the most challenging part, but also the biggest potential opportunity for the Austrian manufacturing industry. The control of complex subjects as mutability, intelligent complexity management or data security on the interface to people will be decisive for jobs, growth and competitiveness of our industries. Besides, it is a matter for the location Austria or Carinthia of belonging internationally to the protagonists who are competent to master these challenges. The Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT) tries to open with its programs and initiatives the first routes and paths in this new territory. Microelectronics as a leading branch and Infineon as a leading company are one of the courageous pioneers who put the first steps in it.”