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Aspex Technology Chooses European Heavyweight Foundry – Philips Semiconductors to Guarantee Supply

Buckinghamshire, UK – 27 February 2004 – Aspex Technology, a fabless semiconductor company delivering ultra high-performance, programmable processors, today announced that it is using Philips Semiconductors to manufacture its Linedancer family of devices, and in doing so guaranteeing supply.

Within the semiconductor industry, analysts are reporting an upturn in chip manufacturing and as fabs reach capacity there is an increased business risk without a strong foundry supply chain relationship. Aspex recognises as a fabless company focused on designing unique devices it is important to be able to provide a guaranteed supply chain for their customers. Philips Semiconductors have signed a manufacturing agreement which guarantees this to Aspex end customers and more.

Philips Semiconductors use of internationally recognised quality standards for production and testing and their ability to support Aspex with backend technical issues such as crosstalk means Aspex is able to provide a superior quality product to their customers.

The Aspex Linedancer device was ported from a 0.18µm process to Philips manufacturing on a 0.13µm process and in doing so has achieved an increase in speed to 400MHz. Philips Semiconductors are also able to provide Aspex with a future roadmap to 0.90µm, 0.65µm and 0.45µm. This ensures Aspex stays at the forefront of market evolution.

“Aspex chose Philips Semiconductors because of its foundry technology leadership and world-class manufacturing footprint. These qualities, along with its excellent customer service and support convinced Aspex Technology that Philips Semiconductor was the right foundry partner,” commented Paul Greenfield, CEO, Aspex Technology.

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About Aspex Technology

Aspex Technology is a leading edge fables semiconductor company specializing in the delivery of high performance programmable processors.

Aspex enable customers to reduce component costs, shorten time to market and reduce risk by moving to software defined applications. In addition, the company offers services to speed adoption of Aspex products. Aspex Technology has successfully demonstrated its architecture in the market place and by optimising the unique benefits of the Aspex processor family, customers are able to keep pace with the most demanding market conditions.

Headquartered in Buckinghamshire, UK Aspex serves clients and partners worldwide.

For further information visit the Aspex Technology website at www.aspextechnology.com.

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