



## Newsletter August 2006

*Building the Community*

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### Welcome

Welcome to what should really be the July issue of NMI's newsletter—we have delayed this issue to bring you the very latest developments which include an interview with Synopsys CEO Aart de Geus, the 2006 Design Survey, Manufacturing Business Demand Forecast, an office

### Meet the CEO: An interview with Aart de Geus, CEO

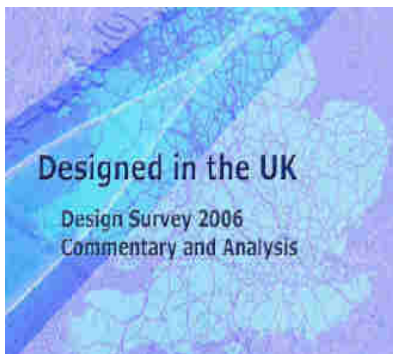
Introducing a regular new feature for the newsletter "*Meet the CEO*" where Derek Boyd, NMI's most senior figure, talks to the movers, shakers and influencers in the global



In this first feature Derek (left) talks to Aart de Geus—the CEO of one of the biggest Electronic Design Automation (EDA) companies on the planet on issues such as innovation, funding and start-ups. You can read more by visiting the [website](#)

### Design Survey 2006 & Business Demand Reports

We're proud to announce the availability of our **Design Survey Report** detailing design activity, employment and



business sentiment in this 55 page report from NMI—the UK's Semiconductor trade association. The great news is that it is available free to members but can also be purchased by non-members too.

For more details on contents and how to get a copy please visit our [website](#). NMI's Quarterly Business **Demand Forecasting**, which examines high-level trends of demand on wafer fabs also shows strong business sentiment now being supported in many cases by increased hiring. Further indication that UK semiconductor manufacturing is alive and kicking matching the strong global industry growth; long may it continue! Contact [David Law](#) for the forecast.

### New Member of Staff

We are extremely pleased to announce a new addition to the NMI team: *Robin Kennedy*. Robin has a great many years experience within the industry and has held technical positions in many leading electronics companies including Altera, Infineon, LSI Logic and Roke Manor (to name a few). Robin's appointment is testament to the interest and engagement we have seen with the Technical Networks and this area provides his initial focus—*welcome Robin, we're very pleased to have you on the team!*

### Speakers Wanted!

We're currently planning the following events and would like to hear from organisations that would like the opportunity of speaking.

[Design for Manufacturing](#)

### Suppliers Information

#### MicroPages



NMI now offers a new service

offering members access to key information about the industry. Currently we have two major offerings.

**Wafer Fab Suppliers** - where members can view the suppliers that wafer fabs use which may lead to cost savings and improved services through our network of contacts.

**Failure Analysis Suppliers** - where members can view the details of companies that offer Failure Analysis capabilities.

**MicroPages** is available to members in the [members area](#).

## September

### 14th, System Level Design, Bristol

The focus and theme for this event will be **IP integration**: legacy IP, new IP and standards. For event details and registration please visit our [website](#)

### 19th (tbc), Power Electronics, Newport

This 4<sup>th</sup> Power network event will cover the **complete supply chain** addressing roadmaps, issues/challenges and novel techniques in Power design and manufacturing.

For event details please check our [website](#) or contact [Paul Jarvie](#)

### 22nd, Mobile TV—making media mobile, Bristol

A [SETsquared](#) event in collaboration with NMI: The TV and Mobile Phone are becoming one. Convergence brings many challenges and opportunities for microelectronic companies—this event brings together entrepreneurs, financiers, analysts and industry representatives to explore the future and contemporary themes. [Click here for registration](#).

## October

### 18th, Design for Manufacturing (DfM), Southampton

Philips Semiconductors are hosting this event and will open with the keynote on “DfX”. The theme and focus for this event will be on Design for Yield, Test and Packaging at existing and advanced process nodes.

For event details please check our [website](#) or contact [Paul Jarvie](#)

## November

### 9th, Annual Dinner, London

This is a **Premier Event** in the NMI calendar and offers industry professionals the opportunity to enjoy a quality evening wining, dining, making new contacts and catching up with old friends right across the industry. NMI always gives you more and members usually attend for free—for more information contact [Nichola Fraser](#)  
As always, a **BIG thank you** to all our event sponsors

### Cleanroom Energy Efficiency

The quarter has seen the start of the latest NMI Project to revive Carbon Trust Funding. Specifically looking at energy efficiency in cleanroom air conditioning, the project aim is to deliver carbon reductions of 45,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e across 15 participating sites, representing 5% of total energy use. The project will run through to completion in March 2007 and there is still opportunity to get engaged in the program by [contacting us](#)

### Reducing Red-Tape: Have your say!

Lord Lindsay, through his position on the Better Regulation Commission has invited NMI's members to contribute suggestions to where red tape and bureaucracy can be removed or reduced in their business areas. This could be anything from spending less time filling in forms, less time responding to government requests for information or less time required for inspections—[let us know](#) what you what you like to say to Lord Lindsay.

## Insight Management Development

Announcing the re-development of our Insight Management Development Program, formally accredited by the Chartered Management Institute to deliver a Diploma in Management. The course, covers such topics as Total Time Effectiveness, Management Systems, Delegation, Project Management and Managing Appraisals, is specifically aimed at developing management and leadership competency. This material and delivery can be tailored to company requirements and workplace delivery results in maximum benefits for individual and company participants. For more details contact [David Law](#)

## European Projects

### EPISTEP

NMI are partners in the EPISTEP programme which is designed to increase engagement with SME's in the European Technology Platforms. A recent survey of 343 SME's enquired how such firms would like to engage in the forthcoming framework 7 programme [the results can be found here](#).

### Manufacturing Activities: New Focus

Based on our benchmarking and data provision for our members we are providing a more focussed service to bring smaller groups together in order to bring tangible benefits. For example we have helped to partner sites to share best practice on productivity, Quartz cost saving and have introduced a new network of small fabs who are working together on various topics.

### We've moved HQ!

Our new head-office address is:  
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