



NMI membership hits 200 with Areva T&D

The membership of the National Microelectronics Institute (NMI), the trade association representing the semiconductor industry in the UK and Ireland, has reached 200. The Institute, which has seen its membership increase by 100% over the last 3 years, has welcomed global energy transmission and distribution company AREVA T&D as its 200th member.

Derek Boyd, CEO, NMI said, “A particular area of activity where we see opportunity for improving synergy with Government policy is low carbon industrial strategy and initiatives. As a result, we’ve expanded our work in power electronics and created a new NMI Network called ‘Electronics Enabling the Low Carbon Economy’. This will embrace companies in sectors actively involved in reducing carbon emissions, such as energy generation, energy distribution and transport. We’re very excited therefore to pass the 200 member landmark with AREVA T&D.”

He added, “It’s become vital that industry works together to enrich the UK’s ecosystem in key application areas such as low carbon and communications for example. Expanding the NMI’s remit therefore to include more companies like

AREVA T&D helps us to achieve this aim by stimulating yet more innovation and investment."

Dr. Norman MacLeod, Technology Director, AREVA T&D PES said, "We chose to join the NMI because it has proven its ability to grow from its micro-electronics roots to embrace a far wider 'mega-electronics' community. By joining we aim to increase our involvement with the UK electronics industry and Government and better compete in the exciting international power electronics arena."

A not-for-profit organisation funded by its members, the NMI was founded in 1996 and provides leadership on industry issues and a range of activities designed to encourage innovation, communication and collaboration. Membership features electronic product companies, fabless semiconductor manufacturers, IDMs, foundries, design services, IP and EDA tool providers, research and academic institutions.

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Note to editors:

The National Microelectronics Institute (NMI) is the premier trade association representing the semiconductor industry in the UK and Ireland.

Its aim is to help build and support a strong micro and nanoelectronics community by acting as a catalyst and facilitator for commercial and technological development.

A not-for-profit organisation funded by its members, the NMI has a membership that spans the supply chain and includes fabless semiconductor manufacturers, IDMs, foundries, design services, IP providers, business associates, research and academic institutions.

The NMI's work includes:

- Encouraging innovation, communication and collaboration through networking, funding, brokering and sign-posting activities.
- Representing the micro and nanoelectronics sector to government, policy makers and regulators.
- Supporting skills development, education and training.
- Improving operational efficiency through benchmarking and best practice initiatives.
- Providing an industry specific information flow.

The NMI also welcomes collaborations on a national and global basis, to ensure it delivers the very best service to its members and partners. More information can be found at: www.nmi.org.uk