

Ericsson and STMicroelectronics complete deal to create world leader in semiconductors and platforms for mobile applications

STMicroelectronics (NYSE:STM) and Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) today announced the closing of their agreement merging Ericsson Mobile Platforms and ST-NXP Wireless into a 50/50 joint venture. The deal was completed on the terms originally announced on August 20, 2008.

The new company is designed for long-term stability and is set to become an industry leader in product research, as well as design, development, and the creation of cutting-edge mobile platforms and wireless semiconductors. The JV begins as a major supplier to four of the industry's top five handset manufacturers, who together represent about 80 percent of global handset shipments, as well as to other exciting industry leaders.

Ericsson contributed USD 1.1 billion net to the joint venture, out of which USD 0.7 billion was paid to ST. Prior to the closing of the transaction, ST exercised its option to buyout NXP's 20 percent ownership stake of ST-NXP Wireless.

Alain Dutheil, presently CEO of ST-NXP Wireless and Chief Operating Officer of STMicroelectronics, will lead the joint venture as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Governance is balanced. Each parent appoints four directors to the board with Carl-Henric Svanberg, President and CEO of Ericsson, as the Chairman of the Board and Carlo Bozotti, President and CEO of STMicroelectronics, as the Vice Chairman.

Employing about 8,000 people - roughly 3,000 from Ericsson and approximately 5,000 from ST - the new global leader in wireless technologies is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

The new company will meet its customers at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona from Feb 16 to Feb 19.

Notes to editors:

Announcement on August 20, 2008:

www.ericsson.com/press/releases/20080820-1244729.shtml

Multimedia content from the press conference on August 20 is available at the broadcast room:

www.ericsson.com/broadcast_room

Photos are available at

www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/photos/ericsson_st.shtml

Carl-Henric Svanberg's bio and photos are available at

www.ericsson.com/ericsson/corpinfo/management/carl-henric_svanberg.shtml

Carlo Bozotti's bio and photo is available at
www.st.com/stonline/company/bio/bozotti.htm

About Ericsson

Ericsson is the world's leading provider of technology and services to telecom operators. The market leader in 2G and 3G mobile technologies, Ericsson supplies communications services and manages networks that serve more than 250 million subscribers. The company's portfolio comprises mobile and fixed network infrastructure, and broadband and multimedia solutions for operators, enterprises and developers. The Sony Ericsson joint venture provides consumers with feature-rich personal mobile devices.

Ericsson is advancing its vision of 'communication for all' through innovation, technology, and sustainable business solutions. Working in 175 countries, more than 70,000 employees generated revenue of USD 27 billion (SEK 209 billion) in 2008. Founded in 1876 and headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, Ericsson is listed on OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm and NASDAQ

For more information, visit www.ericsson.com or www.ericsson.mobi.

About STMicroelectronics

STMicroelectronics is a global leader in developing and delivering semiconductor solutions across the spectrum of microelectronics applications. An unrivalled combination of silicon and system expertise, manufacturing strength, Intellectual Property (IP) portfolio and strategic partners positions the Company at the forefront of System-on-Chip (SoC) technology and its products play a key role in enabling today's convergence markets. The Company's shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, on Euronext Paris and on the Milan Stock Exchange. In 2008, the Company's net revenues were USD9.84 billion. Further information on ST can be found at www.st.com.

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Alain Dutheil, President and CEO

In August 2008, in his present role as ST's COO, Mr. Dutheil was appointed CEO of ST NXP Wireless focusing exclusively on the joint venture.

In 2005 Mr. Dutheil was appointed ST's COO and the Vice Chairman of the Corporate Executive Committee, comprised of ten senior corporate executives. Mr. Dutheil also retains the responsibility of President of STS Microelectronics, the joint venture formed with Shenzhen SEG HiTech Industrial Co. (SHIC) in the People's Republic of China

Mr. Dutheil joined Texas Instruments in 1969 and Thomson Semiconducteurs in 1983 as Plant Manager of the Aix-en Provence plant in France. The French company Thomson Semiconducteurs and the Italian manufacturer SGS Microelettronica then gave birth to the Franco-Italian group SGS-THOMSON Microelectronics (now STMicroelectronics).

Mr. Dutheil became Corporate Vice President of the Company in 1989 and combined the positions of Director of Corporate Human Resources and Director for Worldwide Back-End Manufacturing. In 1994, Dutheil was appointed Corporate Vice President, Strategic Planning, in addition to his position as Corporate Vice President, Human Resources.

Alain Dutheil was born in 1945 in Martigues (France) and is an Engineering graduate from the Ecole Centrale of Marseilles, France.