

PRESS INFORMATION

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XILINX EXPANDS FRANCHISE WITH SILICA IN EUROPE

Leading PLD supplier widens distribution agreement with SILICA to include additional Central and Northern European territories for its programmable solutions.

Munich – 6th September, 2005 -- Semiconductor distributor SILICA, an Avnet Company, and Xilinx Inc. (NASDAQ:XLNX), the world's leading supplier of programmable logic, today announced they have revised their long-term European franchise agreement. With immediate effect, the established strategic partnership, will be extended to UK, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland and Austria

As an effect of Avnet's acquisition of Memec earlier this year, the strategic decision to concentrate resources for Xilinx technology within SILICA will increase efficiency and enhance service to customers. Although SILICA is already strongly positioned as a distributor in Central, Western and Southern Europe for Xilinx, the company plans further heavy investment in additional resources. A significant portion of these resources will consist of dedicated and experienced Xilinx Field Application Engineers and Sales personnel, coming from the Memec organization.

Commenting on the distribution agreement, Miguel Fernandez, SILICA President, said: "This expansion marks a significant milestone in our relationship with Xilinx, since it documents a mutual trust. We will undoubtedly provide first class design-in support and second to none logistic services for their products, helping to develop the Xilinx business across Europe. At the same time, we ensure that Silica's broader customer base can fully exploit the advantages of Xilinx world-class technology. The Xilinx franchise within SILICA will help us for even further growth across the whole electronics distribution value chain. However, our dedication, specialisation and focused line card will remain unchanged".

Alan Woodley, Xilinx Area Director, Business Development Group EMEA, commented: "SILICA represents an excellent distribution partner for Xilinx. They have the right infrastructure, resources and capabilities to meet the technical and commercial needs of our vast number of customers. We are looking forward to now leveraging SILICA 's distribution expertise for our customers on a pan-European basis. I am confident that SILICA will continue to drive the proliferation of our world-class programmable logic portfolio."

Highlights of the Xilinx product and technology range include the FPGA Series Virtex™ and Spartan™, as well as the CoolRunner™ CPLD portfolio. SILICA also provides a line of development boards to help customers develop and test design concepts using Xilinx devices.

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About SILICA

SILICA, a division of Avnet Electronics Marketing EMEA (Europe, Middle-East, Africa), is a highly specialised semiconductor distributor. SILICA has 36 sales & marketing offices throughout Europe and provides a broad portfolio of semiconductor products and solutions from world leading suppliers to all market segments in the electronics industry. The company's Web site is located at www.silica.com.

About XILINX

XILINX is the worldwide leader in complete programmable logic solutions. For more information, visit www.xilinx.com.

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