



TowerJazz Announces Availability of 0.18um Power Management EPI Platform Design Kit at APEC 2011

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TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader, today announced the release of its 0.18um power management EPI Platform Design Kit at the 2011 Applied Power Electronics Conference (APEC). The kit is an extension of its successful TS18PM platform which includes the industry's only scalable Rds(on) versus breakdown voltage LDMOS which enables 10-40% smaller die sizes and faster design cycle times. It also adds up to 40V EPI/NBL isolated devices providing even greater design flexibility and IP reuse.

The TowerJazz TS18PM EPI design kit meets the strong noise isolation required by today's leading power products and addresses 80% of the multi-billion dollar power management IC market. The TS18PM platform targets applications such as leading-edge Buck and Boost/Buck convertors, motor controllers, Class-D amplifiers and PMICs. According to semiconductor industry analyst firm, iSuppli, power management ICs are forecasted to be \$25 billion in 2014.

The TS18PM EPI platform design kit includes all the previous released elements; high voltage LDMOS FETs, Y-FLASH, and a complete ESD library while adding isolation structures capable of reducing noise injection of sensitive analog blocks by five orders of magnitude over standard EPI-less BCD technologies with no NBL. The design kit includes EPI/NBL devices (5V, 12V and 20-40V scalable Rds(on) NLD MOS/PLD MOS), 20-60V scalable Rds(on) NLD MOS/PLD MOS devices as well as advanced 0.18-micron CMOS and bipolar NPN devices needed in today's complex power management chips. It also includes industry leading RF and thermal modeling, predictive parasitic extraction switch, full featured high voltage ESD solutions, and extremely dense 5V and 1.8v digital cell libraries for "digital intensive" designs.

TowerJazz will be exhibiting at APEC on March 7 - 9, 2011 at the Ft. Worth Conference Center in Ft. Worth, TX (booth #640) and will present a session on Tuesday, March 8th at 2:15 on its "Cost Effective 700V Integrated Circuit Platform for Lighting and Offline Power Applications."

"The TowerJazz power platform exceeded our expectations and allowed us to deliver a more robust solution at smaller die size over our previous generation product," said Dr. Dong-Youl Jeong, Chief Technology Officer of DMB Tech. "The strong customer service provided by both the fab and the local sales office along with their superior design kit and models was critical to our success."

"Our new EPI design kit was developed to enhance our leading TS18PM platform and is yet another step in our strategy to provide the most complete power management offering in the industry," said Dr. Avi Strum, VP and GM, Specialty Business Unit, TowerJazz. "Combined with our already released TS100PM 700V offering, we can provide our customer base with technology for a vast majority of the forecasted \$25 billion power management IC market in 2014."

About TowerJazz

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM)(TASE: TSEM), the global specialty foundry leader and its fully owned U.S. subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor, operate collectively under the brand name TowerJazz, manufacturing integrated circuits with geometries ranging from 1.0 to 0.13-micron. TowerJazz provides industry leading design enablement tools to allow complex designs to be achieved quickly and more accurately and offers a broad range of customizable process technologies including SiGe, BiCMOS, Mixed-Signal and RFCMOS, CMOS Image Sensor, Power Management (BCD), and Non-Volatile Memory (NVM) as well as MEMS capabilities. To provide world-class customer service, TowerJazz maintains two manufacturing facilities in Israel and one in the U.S. with additional capacity available in China through manufacturing partnerships. For more information, please visit www.towerjazz.com.

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