



Audio Pixels and TowerJazz Announce Agreement for Volume Production of Groundbreaking, High Performance MEMS-based Loudspeaker Chip

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MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel, July 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Audio Pixels Ltd.](#), the global leader in the digital transition of loudspeakers, announced today that it has chosen [TowerJazz](#), the global specialty foundry leader, for the mass production of its first generation high performance MEMS-based loudspeaker chip. The silicon chip loudspeaker is expected to introduce an entirely new generation of groundbreaking device applications that exceed the sound performance specifications and design demands of the world's consumer electronics, industrial and medical device manufacturers.

TowerJazz was chosen as a manufacturing partner for Audio Pixels due to its superior MEMS technology, including particle free deep silicon etch technology and thick films with controlled low stress. TowerJazz is an ideal partner for this project due to its ability to move quickly from development to mass production while providing strong project support and insight from its vast experience in servicing large consumer electronics customers.

"TowerJazz has a dedicated team with the proven technology and design enablement capabilities to meet our advanced process requirements for high performance, quality and technological support for our revolutionary product," says Shay Kaplan, Audio Pixels Chief Scientist. "In addition, their demonstrated commitment to provide expansive capacity and multi-fab sourcing makes TowerJazz an ideal partner to augment our future mass production requirements."

Audio Pixels has taken sound reproduction down an evolutionary path similar to transition display technologies which have moved from large and bulky analog tube-based monitors to the slim digital flat panel hi-resolution displays of today. The company has developed a technological platform that generates sound waves directly from a digital audio stream using micro-electromechanical structures rather than conventional loudspeaker elements. The underlying Digital Sound Reconstruction (DSR) techniques allow for the production of a chip based audio loudspeaker that is smaller, thinner, clearer sounding, more power-efficient and far more compatible in meeting the demands of modern electronic manufacturing and devices. Audio Pixels is focused on producing a single type of MEMS-based silicon chip that can be used either as a standalone micro-speaker or cascaded in any multiples in order to achieve virtually any loudspeaker application.

TowerJazz provides world-class "Foundry MEMS Enablement" solutions which combine rapid implementation and ramp-up high volume production of both 150mm and 200mm MEMS manufacturing capabilities. "Audio Pixels' MEMS-based loudspeaker is expected to have a significant impact on the multitude of industries and applications that currently consume billions of analog loudspeakers," says Nachi Vofsy, Director of R&D at TowerJazz. "We are extremely pleased to be Audio Pixels' foundry of choice for MEMS manufacturing to address these vast market opportunities."

About Audio Pixels Ltd.

Audio Pixels Limited, founded in 2006, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Audio Pixels Holdings Limited, listed in Australia under the stock code of AKP (ADR's on NASDAQ International under the code ADPXY). Backed by exceptional multidisciplinary scientific research, design, and production capabilities, Audio Pixels has become a world leader in digital loudspeaker technologies. Audio Pixels' patented technologies employ entirely new techniques to generate sound waves directly from a digital audio stream using micro-electromechanical structures (MEMS). Its revolutionary technological platform for reproducing sound enables the production of an entirely new generation of speakers that will exceed the performance specifications and design demands of the world's top consumer electronics manufacturers. For more information, visit www.audiopixels.com.au/.

About TowerJazz

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM) and its fully owned U.S. subsidiaries Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. and TowerJazz Texas Inc., operate collectively under the brand name TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader. TowerJazz manufactures integrated circuits, offering a broad range of customizable process technologies including: SiGe, BiCMOS, mixed-signal/CMOS, RF CMOS, CMOS image sensor, integrated power management (BCD and 700V), and MEMS. TowerJazz also provides a world-class design enablement platform for a quick and accurate design cycle as well as Transfer Optimization and development Process Services (TOPS) to IDMs and fabless companies that need to expand capacity.

To provide multi-fab sourcing and extended capacity for its customers, TowerJazz operates two manufacturing facilities in Israel (150mm and 200mm), two in the U.S. (200mm) and three additional facilities in Japan (two 200mm and one 300mm) through **TowerJazz Panasonic Semiconductor Co. (TPSCo)**, established with Panasonic Corporation of which TowerJazz has the majority holding. Through TPSCo, TowerJazz provides leading edge 45nm CMOS, 65nm RF CMOS and 65nm 1.12um pixel technologies, including the most advanced image sensor technologies. For more information, please visit www.towerjazz.com or www.tpsemico.com.

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