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2020 World Semiconductor Council (WSC) Meeting Successfully Concludes on August 26

Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA) Hosts First WSC Held via Videoconference

The World Semiconductor Council (WSC) successfully concluded its 2020 WSC meeting on August 26. Hosted by the Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA) this year, the meeting was held via videoconference due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

This meeting was chaired by TSIA Chairman Dr. Mark Liu. Participants included (in alphabetical order) Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Advanced Semiconductor Engineering (ASE), Etron Technology, GlobalFoundries, Hermes-Epitek, IBM Research, Infineon Technologies, Intel, Kioxia, Mediatek, NXP, ON Semiconductor, Powerchip, Realtek Semiconductor, Robert Bosch GmbH, Samsung Electronics, SK Hynix, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. (SMIC), STMicroelectronics, Sony, Texas Instruments, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), and United Microelectronics Corp. (UMC). The annual summit provided these companies' chief executives or senior management a rare opportunity for international dialogue.

This year was the third time the WSC was hosted by the TSIA, following the last time the meeting was held in Taiwan six years ago. It was the first time in the WSC's 24-year history that the meeting was held via videoconference. With Dr. Mark Liu as Chairman of the meeting, global semiconductor industry leaders successfully completed the WSC's annual joint statement and recommendations to governments on promoting the healthy development of the worldwide semiconductor industry. Effective today, Dr. Mark Liu will also begin serving a one-year term as Chairman of the WSC. With the TSIA Chairman leading this important international organization, Taiwan's semiconductor industry has an opportunity to make a greater contribution to global technology and culture.

About the World Semiconductor Council (WSC)

The World Semiconductor Council (WSC) is an international organization comprised of the semiconductor industry associations of major semiconductor manufacturing regions, including Taiwan (TSIA), the United States (SIA), Europe (ESIA), Japan (JEITA-JSIA), Korea (KSIA), and China (CSIA). Industry representatives from each association hold regular meetings to discuss issues related to semiconductor industry development including free trade; government measures to support the industry; intellectual property protection; anti-counterfeiting; encryption; environment, safety, and health (ESH); global semiconductor market data and trends; tariffs and customs; and trade facilitation. The WSC provides policy recommendations to the Government/Authorities Meeting on Semiconductors (GAMS) made up of members' governments, and provides the industry's viewpoint to the World Trade Organization and other international organizations when appropriate. Taiwan's Bureau of Foreign Trade of Ministry of Economic Affairs leads a delegation to GAMS each year and discusses WSC policy recommendations with government representatives from the United States, Japan, the European Union, Korea, and China, and joins discussion on execution of regulatory procedures and other issues. The WSC and GAMS is a key activity for the Bureau of Foreign Trade and the Taiwan semiconductor industry to drive global semiconductor development.

About the Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA):

Founded in 1996, the Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA) is a civil organization concerned with semiconductor industry development. It builds consensus on industry development through association activities to promote collaboration in the midst of competition and raises overall industry competitiveness to promote its healthy growth. The more than 130 member companies of the TSIA encompass research, design, manufacturing, packaging, test, equipment, and materials, and account for 80% of the Taiwan IC industry revenue. For more information, please visit www.tsia.org.tw.

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