

Kiwi Semiconductor Secures Funding to Further Develop its Analog System-On-Chip for Advanced CCTV and IP Cameras

Funding will accelerate deployment of New Analog System-On-Chip for Advanced CCTV and IP Cameras solutions and will enable expansion of the product line and the development of its sales channels.

Auckland, New Zealand, 12 January 2011 - Kiwi Semiconductor Ltd., a developer of analog semiconductor solutions used in security cameras and emerging applications, today announced the completion of a successful capital raising totaling \$1.75 million New Zealand Dollars.

The Funding round was lead by Movac Ltd. and included K One W One Limited, NZVIF (Seed Fund) Limited and Lewis Holdings Ltd., lead by David Levene.

“Growing the overall New Zealand technology industry is our goal, and we are pleased to see new companies like Kiwi Semiconductor bring technologies, such as fabless semiconductors, to the New Zealand market. We are putting our capital to good use,” stated Mr. David Beard of Movac Ltd.

Kiwi Semiconductor has also received critical support in the form of funding from TechNZ, the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology's business assistance programme.

Richard Bentley, Group Manager of Manufacturing & High-Growth Firms at the Foundation says that TechNZ funding allows leading technology firms such as Kiwi Semiconductor to continue to innovate and to gain the competitive edge in the international marketplace.

"Kiwi Semiconductor's commitments to innovation and expertise in using R&D to create products that have given them a competitive advantage have, in turn, benefited New Zealand," Mr Bentley says.

“Kiwi Semiconductor is extremely pleased to have new backing of proven successful capital firms as well as the continued support of our initial funding partners, K One W One Limited. The support that we received from both Stephen Tindall, as our initial Angel investor and the support of TechNZ has been critical in our first year business,” says Luc Lussier, CEO and founder of Kiwi Semiconductor. “The combination of world class venture capital and government sponsored research & development programs makes New Zealand a great place to build innovation and knowledge based companies. This will contribute to bringing many skilled Kiwis back home from Europe and North America, as well as to the creation of a more diversified economy for New Zealand in years to come.”

The funding has enabled Kiwi Semiconductor to deliver the world's first single-chip CCTV lens

controller, as well as our new chip KA310, which is used to detect ambient light levels for smarter image exposure control in advanced CCTV cameras.

ABOUT KIWI SEMICONDUCTOR

Kiwi Semiconductor has pioneered the concept of the companion IC's and is focused on security cameras and networked CCTV systems. Our Companion IC's help to reduce time-to-market, bill-of-material costs and the size of camera boards while improving product quality and performance. Designed on a robust and cost-effective Analog CMOS process. Kiwi Semiconductor Ltd. is a privately held company based in Auckland, New Zealand. For more information, visit www.kiwisemi.com.

ABOUT Movac Partners

Movac is an investment manager that backs New Zealand businesses with the potential for rapid and large-scale growth. The philosophy of the Movac Investor Group is to back high growth potential businesses that will provide the foundations for the next wave of prosperity for the New Zealand economy. Movac has a track record of investment success, most notably in Trademe. For more information, visit www.movac.co.nz.

ABOUT TechNZ

TechNZ is the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology's business investment programme. Through TechNZ, up to NZ\$77 million is available to businesses to discover and develop new technologies and build people's skills and knowledge to carry out leading edge research and development (R&D). <http://www.frst.govt.nz/techNZ>