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Sofics Receives ESD Association Award for Contributions to IC Industry

Award Honors Provider of ESD Solutions for Its Technical Innovations, Service to the Association

GISTEL, BELGIUM (Sept. 8, 2009) – Sofics (www.sofics.com), a leading provider of electrostatic discharge (ESD) solutions to IC designers, producers, and foundries, today announced that it has received the Industry Contribution Award from the ESD Association for outstanding contributions to the IC industry and the association. The award was presented at the EOS/ESD Symposium in Anaheim, California last week by Charvaka Duvvury, chairman of the ESD Association's awards committee.

The award recognizes the company's technical innovations in the field of ESD protection and its involvement in the association's professional activities. Sofics ESD solutions are in use at foundries around the world, and company representatives have served on ESD Association symposia and on committees on standards and technical programs, participated in workshops and expert panels, and been Symposium chair.

“Our participation in association activities reflects our commitment to advancing the state of the art in ESD protection and delivering value to the IC industry,” said Koen Verhaege, CEO of Sofics. “I'm proud of our outstanding staff, whose dedication and expertise won us this award.”

Verhaege noted that Sofics has recently introduced new products to solve industry problems, including a product line that offers ESD, LU, EOS and IEC protection for high-voltage, automotive and power ICs. The company has also created more cost-effective mechanisms for delivering these solutions.

“We can now help IC manufacturers achieve lower development costs and faster time to market regardless of project size,” he said. “Sofics services are available at any level of engagement from one-day consultations to six-month technology transfers.”

Sofics offers product-proven ESD solutions for virtually every process generation, with experience in ASICs, FPGAs, LCD drivers, power, consumer and communication ICs. Its TakeCharge[®] portfolio of on-chip device-level solutions has been implemented in over 600 IC tape-outs.

Sofics solutions for ICs portfolios are licensed world-wide to major producers and smaller companies alike, including Toshiba, Fujitsu, Panasonic, NJR, Altera, PMC-Sierra, Inphi, Epson,

OKI Semiconductor, Renesas, Ricoh, Sony, Infineon, AMIS, Nanotech, Tower, ON, RedMere, Gennum, Actel, CamSemi, THine, and Cissoid.

About Sofics

Sofics bvba (www.sofics.com), formerly known as Sarnoff Europe, provides solutions for ICs. Today, Sofics focuses its product development and worldwide business on licensing, engineering tools and design services derived from the TakeCharge® on-chip device-level ESD protection IP portfolio, and the newly created on-chip system-level ESD protection portfolio for high-voltage ICs. Sofics bvba is an independent IP provider, fully owned by Kogeni bvba.