

CSTG secures multi-million refinance deal

Leading UK III-V Opto semi-conductor manufacturer Compound Semiconductor Technologies Global Ltd (CSTG), has received a \$6 million boost to expand its capabilities through the purchase of new equipment and new technology.

The multi-million dollar finance deal, which comprises of \$3.4million of new investment and the restructuring of long term debt.

The funding will also go towards further development of their unique device process platforms for the defence; medical Industrial and communications markets. The only "pure play" foundry and customisation supplier of III-V wafers and chips will further develop it's quality of service offering to it's OEM and "Fabless" customer base around the world.

The investment follows the recent award of a collaborative £1M development contract in the High speed communications market for next generation local broadband access REF

Neil Martin, Chief Executive of CSTG said:

"Building on a solid performance over a number of years we've had an incredibly successful few quarters of trading and this additional funding will enable us to expand our capabilities and enhance our service offering. In addition it will allow our research and development team to develop platforms for our developing markets including faster compound semiconductor laser products for broadband access devices.

"The ability to buy new equipment will allow us to provide more complex devices with enhanced quality and services enabling us to widen our market access.

There is no doubt that this investment will allow us strengthen our position of being a volume supplier of complex quality products and the only credible "pure play" outsourcing option for III-V Opto devices in the market"

Notes to Editors

1. **CSTG** is a 'pure play' semiconductor foundry specialising in the design, development, and manufacture of discrete and integrated III-V electronic-electronic devices, based in Glasgow, UK. It processes 2; 3 and 4 inch wafers and provides a fully customised chip on submount service to a variety of markets around the world since 1999, CSTG has provided specialist foundry services to clients in the Communications, Defence, Medical, Energy and Industrial sensing markets exporting 90% to it's world wide customer base.

CSTG offers full product support from design to manufacturing, levered off a comprehensive library of qualified fabrication processes and a suite of high performance device platforms. CSTG offers a range of services, which ranges from

blue sky research and development of novel optoelectronic devices, through to second source volume supply of mature, commoditised product. All activities are carried out within an ISO9001: 2008 qualified environment.

Today CSTG serves both fabless and vertically integrated customers in UK, US, Europe and Japan, and is recognised as a flagship project for the UK Opto-electronics industry.

Grant Thornton secured the finance through private equity funders, European Digital Partners (EDP); from Scottish Enterprise's co-investment fund; and the Scottish Government's Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) scheme. Legal Advisors to the company were MacLay Murray and Spens.

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