

## **MSTAR ACQUIRES SPiDCOM'S TECHNOLOGIES**

**Worldwide leader for display and digital home solutions enlarges its technology portfolio**

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MStar Semiconductor, Inc. ("MStar") and SPiDCOM Technologies ("SPiDCOM"), a leading designer of powerline communication (PLC) solutions, today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SPiDCOM's PLC technology.

Being a pioneer of broadband powerline communication technology, SPiDCOM's solutions are HomePlug AV/IEEE 1901 certified. SPiDCOM's products have been deployed in volume worldwide, Ethernet over Coax (EoC) applications in China being its major market. SPiDCOM's other markets include multimedia home networking, broadband-over-powerline (BPL) access, smart grid and smart energy applications. MStar will continue supporting existing SPiDCOM products.

Along with the technology acquisition, the SPiDCOM team who has a very large experience in powerline communication systems has joined MStar. SPiDCOM members have been working on this technology since 2002 and have pioneered the deployment of the EOC market.

Powerline communication technology converts the electrical wires into a broadband communication network. Already widely adopted, it enables the consumer to enjoy seamless connected home experience thanks to a reliable and plug-and-play technology capable of high-definition video streaming.

"With the addition of powerline technology to our product portfolio, we are accelerating MStar strategy to deliver complete Digital Home Networking solutions to the market and enabling new opportunities for MStar in the Smart Metering and Smart Grid markets," said Wayne Liang, CEO of MStar, "The multiple synergies between SPiDCOM's Ethernet-over-coax and MStar set-top box products will enable our combined customer base in China to benefit from a very complete and extremely compelling offering with additional features."

"Since 2002, SPiDCOM is at the forefront of the powerline communication industry," said Radomir Jovanovic, President & CEO of SPiDCOM. "Joining MStar, a fabless semiconductor company with an impressive track record of success, will strengthen our position on the marketplace."

Through this acquisition, MStar will be able to address new opportunities in the powerline communication market and provide additional functionality to its digital TV and set-top box products. Building on the acquired IPs and technologies, MStar is best positioned to develop next generation solutions to link Broadcast and Broadband with even more exciting user experience, and deliver a remarkable breakthrough for cross-platform applications ahead of competition.

### **About MStar Semiconductor, Inc.**

MStar Semiconductor, Inc. ("MStar") is a world-class leader in Application Specific ICs ("ASIC") with a focus on consumer electronic products and communication applications. Since the inception in 2002, MStar has established a strong brand and leadership position in LCD controller, analog and digital TV, and mobile communication applications by fully leveraging its core expertise of cutting-edge design capabilities, continuous innovation and premier customer-focused services. Headquartered in Taiwan, MStar has a comprehensive global footprint covering over 15 international R&D and customer support centers to provide a full range of total solutions for various consumer electronic applications. MStar went public in 2010 and is listed on Taiwan Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit [www.mstarsemi.com](http://www.mstarsemi.com) or contact Investor Relations at +886 3 552 6006 Ext. 5888 or [investorrelations@mstarsemi.com](mailto:investorrelations@mstarsemi.com).

### **About SPiDCOM Technologies**

SPiDCOM Technologies is a fabless semiconductor company, specializing in the design of powerline communication (PLC) system on chips (SoC). Thanks to its unique mix of communication technologies, networking and system expertise, SPiDCOM solutions can convert any wire into a broadband communication network. Applications include HomePlug AV/IEEE 1901 Home Networking, EoC (Ethernet over Coax), Access BPL (Broadband over Powerlines), Smart Grid and Smart Energy. SPiDCOM is a spin-off from ELSYS Design ([www.elsys-design.com](http://www.elsys-design.com)), a services company specializing in hardware and embedded software electronics. Its headquarters are located in the suburb of Paris, France. SPiDCOM is sponsor member of the HomePlug Powerline Alliance. For more information, please visit [www.spidcom.com](http://www.spidcom.com).