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UK Application Centre opened in Cambridge

Cambridge, UK – GOPEL electronic, world-class vendor of JTAG/Boundary Scan solutions compliant with IEEE Std. 1149.x, announced at its first Boundary Scan Day® the opening of its UK Application Centre. The main priority of the centre is to assist new and existing customers in implementing JTAG/Boundary Scan as part of a test strategy to support their products from prototype, through production and in-service.

“The opening of the UK centre follows on from the success of the centres in Germany and the US, and it was important to have procedures in place to allow best practices and knowledge to flow between the three centres”, said Thomas Wenzel, managing director of GOPEL electronic’s Boundary Scan division. “Our goal is a new level of customer satisfaction, by being as close to the customer as possible”.

Assistance is provided right at the start of the product life cycle, analysing the schematic to validate the JTAG/Boundary Scan implementation and advising how to maximise test coverage. It is important to start at this early stage, to ensure a clean design is passed to the layout engineer with optimised test access for the chosen test strategy. Working closely with the customer means they are aware of what can be achieved with JTAG/Boundary Scan today, from a standalone solution to GOPEL electronic’s advanced integrations with all the major Flying Probe, In-Circuit Tester and ATE vendors.

ASTER Technologies supplies the market leading Design for Testability (DfT) rule checking and CAD engines that are integrated seamlessly into GOPEL’s CASCON software. This makes it easy for GOPEL and their customers to analyse designs quickly and accurately by identifying any DfT violations at the earliest stage in the design cycle and highlighting the corresponding area within the layout and/or schematic. The benefits in maximising Design-

for-Test are felt right through the product lifecycle, decreasing test times and fault isolation effort. Interested parties may find more information at www.aster-technologies.com.

“The three team members selected were critical to get this right for our customers”, said Karl Miles, Sales Manager (UK) for GOEPEL electronics, “You need different backgrounds and experiences to give the total solution to the customer from design to manufacture”.

Development of VarioCORE® IP for customers is another key responsibility of the UK Application Centre. VarioCORE® is the latest development from GOEPEL, supporting interfaces up to 125MHz and extending test coverage across an even greater number of applications.

“GOEPEL electronic’s capabilities are continually evolving and it is important to work with our customers to ensure they are aware of the latest developments. This allows them to gain maximum value from us”, said Marc Jackson, formally a senior hardware engineer at BAE Systems and now heading up the new centre.

Typically customers start off testing their prototypes with a standalone Boundary Scan system. This can easily be extended, utilising I/O modules including VarioCORE®, to allow extended testing. All this is done with bare hardware (no software or firmware is loaded), giving a high degree of confidence as to the build quality of the prototype.

As the design moves to production, the tests previously developed are re-used, either using the standalone solution, or an integrated solution with one of GOEPEL electronic’s many partners.

About GOEPEL electronic

GOEPEL electronic, founded in 1991 and headquartered in Jena/Germany, is a worldwide leading vendor of innovative JTAG / Boundary Scan / IEEE 1149.x solutions, offering mature software tools in an integrated development environment, high-performance Boundary Scan controllers and accessories, as well as comprehensive product support and value added services. The company of 125 employees generated revenue of more than 16 million EURO (about 20 million US Dollars) in 2006, maintaining support and sales offices in Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States. An extended distribution and service network of more than 300 specialists ensures excellent local and on-site customer support for more than 4,500 worldwide system installations. GOEPEL electronic has been

continuously ISO9001 certified since 1996 and was honoured with TOP-JOB and TOP-100 awards for being one of the best medium-sized companies in Germany. GOEPEL electronic's products have won several awards in recent years and are used by several leading companies in telecommunications, automotive, space and avionics, industrial controls, medical technology, and other industries. Further information about the 2004, 2006 and 2007 "Best-in-Test Award" winner, please visit www.goepel.com or call GOEPEL at +49-3641-6896-739.

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