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Si2 was formed in 2006 following the roll-up of four companies – Silitronics, Inc., of San Jose, CA – a RF/Microwave advanced semiconductor packaging company, Sun Electronic Technologies of Bangalore – a turnkey systems manufacturing company, D'gipro Systems of Bangalore – an ASIC and systems design devices company and Allied Data Technologies (ADT) of Netherlands - an upscale triple-play broadband access gateway OEM. Si2 has over 300 employees providing System-in-Package (SiP) enabled microsystem solutions for wireline, wireless and custom applications. Si2 has technology development centers in the Netherlands, Bangalore and San Jose, California. Si2's core expertise and IP are in the area of developing communication systems, integrated multi-service radio and antenna modules, high reliability & high voltage SiP solutions with in house SiP manufacturing technology.

Arya Bhattacharjee, the Chairman & CEO of Si2 said "Our business is built on a strong foundation of stable customer and revenue base. Our SiP technology is unique and disruptive, enabling more than 50% size reduction over existing solutions by integrating dissimilar technologies. This investment will help us complete our state-of-the-art SiP fabrication facility in Bangalore and also accelerate our solutions business in the global market".

"Si2 Microsystems is a highly differentiated opportunity to create a market leader targeting the large global semiconductor market with India based system design talent," said Siddhartha Das, General Partner of VenturEast.

VenturEast is a 'venture style' investment firm with offices in Chennai and Hyderabad. The fund is primarily focused on early and growth stage investments. VenturEast has enabled over 50 businesses in India and overseas in the areas of technology, healthcare & life sciences, cleantech, besides other emerging sectors.

"With increasing system complexity, time-to-market and cost pressures driving the move to SiP based technologies, we are excited to be partnering with one of the leaders in this space. We look forward to helping Si2 management in their efforts to enter the East Asian market," commented RJ Sridhar, Associate Director of JAFCO Asia."

JAFCO Asia is a leading pan-Asian technology focused venture capital firm. Headquartered in Singapore, JAFCO Asia is an operating subsidiary of JAFCO Co. Ltd., which is listed on the Tokyo Stock exchange and is part of the Nomura group of companies.

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