

Think Silicon Completes Ambitious 2.5 Year Plan with the Successful Finalization of the EU Funded GPU-WEAR Project

PATRAS, GREECE, November 15, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Think Silicon](#), a leader in ultra-low power graphics IP technology, announced the completion of an ambitious 2.5 year plan with the culmination of an array of innovative ultra-low power Graphics-Processing-Unit (GPU) IP-technology, together with a complete ecosystem of development-tools. Key highlights for the company include filing 10 international patents (six granted, four pending) and extending the sales channel in Europe, North America, Taiwan and Japan. The impressive project goals, established in 2015, resulted in numerous exhibits at major trade events such as the International Consumer Electronics Show, Mobile World Congress, Embedded World and executive speaking opportunities at the Synopsys ARC Processor Summit, Linley Processor Conference 2017, HiPEAC 2018, DATE Conference, and many more.



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During the Horizon 2020 program, Think Silicon achieved a variety of technology achievements including:

- Holistic power reduction techniques

The main objective of the project was to develop holistic power reduction techniques by reducing power not only on ASICs (Chip) level, but also for the entire system (Display device). To achieve this, the company developed and

implemented multiple techniques, such as value- memorization, new image/texture/z-buffer compression methods, smart clock gating, power gating, and adaptive backlighting.

□ Transparent “display-aware” and “QoS-aware” graphics libraries

One of the biggest challenges that graphics application developers face is the lag of transparency accessing graphics libraries. Think Silicon implemented a “Run-time system” in the GPU driver as well as a QoS (Quality-of-Service) extension to graphics APIs. In addition, the cross-platform middleware [GLOVE™](#) has been developed, which translates at runtime, OpenGL® ES / EGL calls and ESSL shaders to Vulkan® commands and SPIR-V Shader.

□ NEMA® | SDK

As an essential toolbox for developers to develop power-aware yet still high-performance software applications for Wearable, IoT and Embedded display devices, NEMA® | SDK is a complete ecosystem of tools providing the utmost access to the GPU hardware. The NEMA® | SDK tool-box is comprised of six tools: NEMA® | GFX-API, [NEMA® | GUI-Builder](#), NEMA® | Bits, NEMA® | PIX-Presso, NEMA® | SHADER-Edit and GLOVE™.

□ Heterogeneous GPU

NEMA® | tS (tiny-small) helps to achieve an optimal combination of power-performance load balancing.

□ NEMA® | xNN

Because Machine Learning and Deep Neural Networks (DNN) are complexity intensive models that require vast processing power, NEMA® | xNN was developed to address the 1000x gap (in terms of power and/or performance) compared to what competitive solutions offer.

Think Silicon has been recognized by global news outlets including Electronics Weekly, Packt, Microcontroller Tips, Programmable Web, the prestigious John Peddie Research and many more. Additional news about Think Silicon is available online at <https://think-silicon.com/category/news/>.

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