

## **SEMI Europe and AENEAS Collaborate to Support European Electronics Industry Growth**

**Munich, 3 September 2018** – SEMI Europe and AENEAS today announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form a strategic partnership to support the European electronics industry’s growth. Under the agreement, SEMI Europe and AENEAS will collaborate to bolster the industry through joint advocacy and communications, awareness building and the exchange of best practices.



As the global electronics industry enters a new area of digitalisation, Europe is aiming to take the research and development lead in smart applications such as autonomous transportation, augmented and virtual reality, wearables, artificial intelligence and high-performance computing.

“To foster Europe as a centre of excellence in smart applications, we need to strengthen its electronics ecosystem by creating tighter connections among large companies, SMEs, research organisations and academia,” said Reinhard Ploss, AENEAS President. “Our strategic partnership with SEMI Europe will help drive greater technology innovation by bringing these critical players together and enable members of both associations to pursue growth opportunities at the European level.”

“With excellent RD&I institutes, globally competitive materials and equipment businesses, and semiconductor manufacturers, Europe is strategically positioned to lead in the global electronics value chain,” said Laith Altimime, president of SEMI Europe. Together, SEMI Europe and AENEAS are committed to working to drive closer European-level collaboration between industry and research institutions in pre-competitive areas to develop innovative and sustainable solutions for the digital economy.”

### **About AENEAS**

AENEAS is a non-profit industrial association established in 2006. The purpose of the association is to promote Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) in order to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry across the complete Electronics Components and Systems (ECS) value chain. For more information, visit [www.aeneas-office.org](http://www.aeneas-office.org) and follow AENEAS on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About SEMI Europe**

SEMI Europe is the European arm of SEMI®. SEMI® connects over 2,000 member companies and 1.3 million professionals worldwide to advance the technology and business of electronics manufacturing. SEMI members are responsible for the innovations in materials, design, equipment, software, devices, and services that enable smarter, faster, more powerful, and more affordable electronic products. FlexTech, the Fab Owners Alliance (FOA) and the MEMS & Sensors Industry Group (MSIG) are SEMI Strategic Association Partners, defined communities

within SEMI focused on specific technologies. Since 1970, SEMI has built connections that have helped its members prosper, create new markets, and address common industry challenges together. SEMI maintains offices in Bangalore, Berlin, Brussels, Grenoble, Hsinchu, Seoul, Shanghai, Silicon Valley (Milpitas, Calif.), Singapore, Tokyo, and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit [www.semi.org](http://www.semi.org) and follow SEMI on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

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