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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

On September 25, 2009, the registrant announces Jazz Semiconductor Offers Industry's First Reliability Modeling Tool to Optimize Device Performance-Lifetime Tradeoff.

This Form 6-K is being incorporated by reference into all effective registration statements filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TOWER SEMICONDUCTOR LTD.

Date: September 25, 2009

By: /s/ Nati Somekh Gilboa

Nati Somekh Gilboa
Corporate Secretary

Jazz Semiconductor Offers Industry's First Reliability Modeling Tool to Optimize Device Performance-Lifetime Tradeoff

Extends design enablement offerings to customers for high reliability applications in Aerospace, Defense, Automotive and Medical markets

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., September 25, 2009 Jazz Semiconductor, Inc., a Tower Group Company (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM), today announced its pioneering Reliability Modeling Tool (RMT), offered free to its customers through its eBizz Web portal. The tool is critical for high reliability applications in aerospace, defense, automotive and medical markets. It allows designers to predict device degradation over the lifetime of the product, identify the vulnerable sub-systems related to device aging, and make design tradeoffs between operating lifetime and performance. In effect, the RMT reduces design spins or the product development time required for higher reliability systems. The RMT integrates into the existing Jazz design flow without the need to purchase any additional simulation tools, and is currently supported in Jazz's 0.18-micron SiGe BiCMOS platform.

The RMT supplements an extensive design enablement infrastructure already in place at Jazz and underscores the company's continued efforts to provide its customers with an analog and RF design environment that improves design optimization and reduces time-to-market. Jazz currently offers Monte Carlo statistical and PCM based models for its processes as well as fully scalable models and robust physical design tools for up front design optimization. This infrastructure used during the design phase, coupled with the RMT, allows circuit designers to truly design high-yielding and high-performance circuits capable of operating reliably for extended operating lifetimes.

We differentiate ourselves with our advanced and proven design enablement solutions and are investing in expanding these offerings to our customer base for high reliability markets such as aerospace and defense as well as automotive and medical for a real time-to-market advantage, said Dr. Samir Chaudhry, Director, Design Enablement at Jazz Semiconductor. With the Reliability Modeling Tool, we have augmented our design for manufacturing platform with a tool that seamlessly integrates into existing design environments and enables accurate simulation of key degradation mechanisms so customers can design reliability into their products up front.

Designing high performance RF and analog circuits often necessitates operating devices at the extreme edge of the allowable bias regime where a quantitative understanding of the impact on circuit performance is largely unknown. The RMT addresses this deficiency by enabling simulation of circuits with a user-specified age parameter. An optional second variable in the tool allows for the customization of the stress that the device is subjected to, enabling optimization of the performance-age tradeoff. The tool includes modeling of key degradation mechanisms, such as Hot Carrier Injection (HCI) for MOSFETs and reverse-beta degradation for SiGe NPN transistors. This was accomplished by fully characterizing the devices at varying degrees of accelerated stress conditions, and using physical extrapolation methods to map this stress to real-time age at operating voltages.

Availability

The RMT is currently available to Jazz customers through eBizz on the company's website for its 0.18um SiGe BiCMOS process (SBC18). The RMT will be available for other RF processes in the future.

About Tower Semiconductor, Ltd. and Jazz Semiconductor, Inc.

Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM) is a global specialty foundry leader and its fully owned subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor, a Tower Group Company is a leader in Analog-Intensive Mixed-Signal (AIMS) foundry solutions. Tower and Jazz manufacture integrated circuits with geometries ranging from 1.0 to 0.13-micron and provide industry leading design enablement tools to allow complex designs to be achieved quickly and more accurately. Tower and Jazz offer a broad range of process technologies including Digital, Mixed-Signal and RFCMOS, HV CMOS, BCD, Non-Volatile Memory (NVM), Embedded NVM, MEMS, and CMOS Image Sensors. To provide world-class customer service, Tower and Jazz maintain two fabrication facilities in Israel and one in the U.S. with additional capacity available through manufacturing partnerships in China. For more information, please visit www.towersemi.com and www.jazzsemi.com.

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This press release includes forward-looking statements, which are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results may vary from those projected or implied by such forward-looking statements. A complete discussion of risks and uncertainties that may affect the accuracy of forward-looking statements included in this press release or which may otherwise affect Tower's and Jazz's business is included under the heading Risk Factors in Tower's most recent filings on Forms 20-F, F-3, F-4 and 6-K, as were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and the Israel Securities Authority and Jazz's most recent filings on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, as were filed with the SEC. Tower and Jazz do not intend to update, and expressly disclaim any obligation to update, the information contained in this release.

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