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## **STMicroelectronics Acquires ams' NFC and RFID Reader Assets**

- *Acquisition of IP, technologies, products and business strengthens ST's secure microcontroller solutions embedding NFC connectivity*
- *New products already integrating this technology sampling now to customers and covering a broad range of applications such as next-generation mobile and Internet of Things devices*
- *Acquisition of RFID Readers to complement ST's NFC/RFID EEPROM tag offering*

**Geneva (Switzerland), July 29, 2016** – STMicroelectronics, (NYSE: STM), a global semiconductor leader serving customers across the spectrum of electronic applications, today announced that it has acquired ams' (SIX: AMS) assets related to NFC<sup>1</sup> and RFID<sup>2</sup> reader business. ST has acquired intellectual property, technologies, products and business highly complementary to its secure microcontroller solutions serving mobile devices, wearables, banking, identification, industrial, automotive and IoT markets. Approximately 50 technical experts from ams have been transferred to ST.

The acquired assets, combined with ST's secure microcontrollers, position ST for a significant growth opportunity, with a complete portfolio of best-in-class technologies, products and competencies that comprehensively address the full range of the NFC and RFID markets for a wide customer base.

"Security and NFC connectivity are key prerequisites for the broad rollout of mobile and IoT devices anticipated in the coming years. This acquisition builds on our deep expertise in secure microcontrollers and gives ST all of the building blocks to create the next generation of highly-integrated secure NFC solutions for mobile and for a broad range of Internet of Things devices," said Claude Dardanne, Executive Vice President and General Manager of STMicroelectronics' Microcontroller and Digital ICs Group. "We welcome this highly competent team from ams into ST for the benefit of our customers."

The first NFC controller, leveraging the acquired assets, is already sampling to lead customers, as well as a new high-performance, highly-integrated System-in-Package solution which combines this NFC controller with ST's secure element.

ST acquired the ams assets in exchange for a (i) cash payment of \$77.8 million (funded with available cash), and (ii) deferred earn-out contingent on future results for which ST currently estimates will be about \$13 million but which in any case will not exceed \$37 million.

### **About STMicroelectronics**

ST is a global semiconductor leader delivering intelligent and energy-efficient products and solutions that power the electronics at the heart of everyday life. ST's products are found everywhere today, and together with our customers, we are enabling smarter driving and smarter factories, cities and homes, along with the next generation of mobile and Internet of Things devices. By getting more from technology to get more from life, ST stands for life.augmented.

In 2015, the Company's net revenues were \$6.90 billion, serving more than 100,000 customers worldwide. Further information can be found at [www.st.com](http://www.st.com).

<sup>1</sup> NFC : Near-Field Communication.

<sup>2</sup> RFID : Radio-frequency identification.

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