



## ***EpiGaN Wins Distinguished 2014 Global Cleantech Cluster Association Award***

***Hasselt/Antwerp, Belgium, and Lausanne, Switzerland, 8 December 2014*** – EpiGaN n.v., the leading European manufacturer of large-diameter GaN-on-Si (Gallium Nitride on Silicon) wafers for the worldwide semiconductor industry, has won the prestigious 2014 Global Cleantech Cluster Association (GCCA) Later Stage Award in the category “Energy efficiency”. The 2014 Award was announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014, at the 5th annual CleanTech Investing Seminar in Lausanne, Switzerland.

EpiGaN, based in Hasselt (Belgium), a spin-off of the renowned Belgian nano and micro-electronics research center imec, provides worldwide semiconductor manufacturers with III-nitride epitaxial materials and large-diameter GaN-on-Si wafers for top-performance power switching and radio-frequency communication devices. Gallium nitride on silicon is a very promising emerging technology and an enabler for clean energy generation and efficient power conversion.

EpiGaN's GaN-on-Si wafer development and state-of-the-art production facility at the Hasselt Campus targets worldwide device manufacturers for power supplies, consumer electronic goods, hybrid electric vehicles, smart grid systems, solar inverters and AC drives or RF base stations.

"We are very happy that we were selected by the GCCA among ten powerful and innovative finalists for this prestigious award," said Marianne Germain, founder and CEO of EpiGaN. "It is highly satisfying and motivating to be recognized for the hard work that our very committed research and manufacturing team has put in since the founding of the company in 2010. Right now, we are expanding our production capacity for the volume manufacture of large-diameter wafers that support high-power and high-breakdown voltages. EpiGaN's continuous growth trajectory is propelled by the rising demand from our worldwide industrial customers."

### **About the GCCA Award**

The Global Cleantech Later Stage (GCCA) Award vets the most promising later-stage high-tech companies across the globe and provides the best of them with the public exposure to succeed and grow further. Contenders for the award compete in ten categories, including solar, wind, water, energy efficiency and more.

“Cleantech is thriving throughout the world as a major driver of economic growth,” said Christian Haeuselmann, a cofounder and Chairman of the GCCA, and Cluster Manager for swisscleantech who hosted this year's awards. “The 2014 winners are proving that companies innovating in the new green economy are both investable and thriving.” The global top 10 contenders were selected from the 10,000 companies represented by the GCCA's nearly 52 member clusters. Over 100 companies were nominated in their regions, narrowed to the top-30 semi-finalists using the Keystone Method™, a business and venture development tool developed by GCCA Head Judge Dr Peter Adriaens, CEO of the Keystone Compact Group

EpiGaN is a member company of the Flanders Cleantech Association based in Antwerp, Belgium. FCA provides the Flemish cleantech industry with an effective platform to gain exposure to worldwide business partners, networks and investor communities. FCA nominated EpiGaN to the list of contenders for the 2014 GCCCA award.

**About EpiGaN:**

EpiGaN was incorporated in 2010 by Drs Marianne Germain, CEO, Joff Derluyn, CTO, and Stefan Degroote, COO, as a spin-off of Belgian micro and nano-tech research organization imec. In 2011, EpiGaN was joined by a strong consortium of start-up investment firms, consisting of Robert Bosch Venture Capital, Capricorn CleanTech Fund and LRM, enabling the installation of a state-of-the-art wafer production facility. EpiGaN focuses on providing world-leading III-nitride epitaxial material solutions for top-performance devices. The company offers device manufacturers access to a unique and powerful technology to be used in key market segments such as power supplies for consumer electronic goods, AC drives, UPS systems, hybrid electric vehicles, solar inverters, smart grid applications, RF power systems for base stations and the CATV infrastructure. For more information visit: [www.epigan.com](http://www.epigan.com)

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