

## PRESS RELEASE

### OMMIC launches a new Centre of Excellence in Belfast

European Microwave Week, la Défense, Paris, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 - OMMIC announces the signing of a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Queen's University of Belfast High Frequency Electronics Research Group (HFE), who will act as an OMMIC European Centre of Excellence for MMIC Research and Design.

The purpose of these Centres of Excellence is to jointly extend the development capacity of the Industrial and University Communities by enhancing the interface between Research, Design, Fabrication and Measurement.

Professor Vincent Fusco, Director of High Frequency Research said "this agreement represents a significant development which will permit joint opportunities for innovation in key areas of advanced microwave telecommunication technology and will grant access to OMMIC's most advanced processes."

Derek Smith, OMMIC Marketing and Sales Director comments "Queen's HFE Group has a significant research, design and prototyping resource and has already demonstrated its ability to successfully design MMIC products using OMMIC's processes. This collaboration will improve time to market, provide additional support for customers and enhance our joint research efforts."

#### About OMMIC

OMMIC, a part of the Philips Group of Companies, is a leading supplier of MMIC circuits, Foundry Service and Epitaxial Wafers based on III-V materials. As a leader in advanced technologies, OMMIC provides its customers with cutting edge performance in Telecommunication, Space and Defence. The design and manufacturing facilities of OMMIC are based near Paris, France and have obtained the International ISO9001:2000 and ISO14001:2004 Quality Awards.

#### About QUB High Frequency Research Group

The High Frequency Electronics (HFE) Research group located within the Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology (ECIT) at Queens University, Belfast is focused on developing novel generic solutions to advanced problems associated with wireless front-end technology. Its work covers many related aspects including custom high performance Gallium Arsenide integrated circuits and self-adapting antenna solutions, monolithic packaging strategies and analytical/computational electromagnetics.

The major research projects aligned with these areas of activities aim to provide associated enabling solutions for next generation mobile wireless products. Funding is derived from a variety of national and international industrial and government sources.

#### Additional Information

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