LYON, France – July 26, 2017: The power electronics industry is a key part of the semiconductor history. Power electronics markets are steadily evolving and are continuously diffusing its innovations through the overall semiconductor industry. Numerous mergers & acquisitions (Fairchild Semiconductor and On Semiconductor, Linear Technology and Analog Devices, both in 2016.), the emergence of GaN1 technology, the adoption of SiC2 solutions (BYD is now proposing a SiC-based on-board chargers) illustrate quite well the dynamism of the power electronics industry.

This evolution starts with the development of new active devices and goes through the new packaging techniques up to the performance improvement of the power systems.

Yole Développement (Yole) releases today its Status of the Power Electronics Industry report. In its fourth edition, the “More than Moore” market research and strategy consulting company, Yole reviews the latest technical & market trends and proposes a comprehensive overview of the power electronics markets. Its “Top-down” and Bottom-up” methodologies, industry knowledge and technical expertise enable its analysts to cover the whole power electronics supply chain. The power converter field, the EV/HEV3 industry, the power IC4 market and more… are part of the 2017 edition.

What is the status of the power electronics industry? Yole’s analysts offer you today a snapshot of the markets and highlights the business opportunities.

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1 GaN : Gallium Nitride
2 SiC : Silicon Carbide
3 EV/HEV : Electronic Vehicle/Hybrid Electric Vehicle
4 IC : Integrated Circuits
"The power electronics sectors continue to expand their presence almost everywhere," announces Mattin Grao Txapartegi, Technology & Market Analyst at Yole. “Renewable energies and e-mobility, including EV/EVHEVs, are especially boosting this market. Both solar and EV/HEV converter markets grew by over 20% between 2015 and 2016.”

At the semiconductor level, the power semiconductor market grew by 3.8% compared to 2015. This year, Yole has enlarged its power semiconductor market analysis to all types of power ICs including power management ICs, linear regulators and switching regulators, representing a total market of US$28 billion.

Among all the different types of power devices including thyristors, MOSFETs, IGBTs and power ICs, IGBTs made the greatest progress, with around 8% growth.

Power devices fuel and enable industry mega trends reaching almost US$35 billion in 2022. “Today, much power device novelty comes from a new family of WBG semiconductors, SiC and GaN”, says Ana Villamor Technology & Market Analyst at Yole. And he adds: “WBG benefits such as the performance and market needs accelerate their adoption in more and more applications. At Yole, we expect an increase of WBG market revenues reaching with over 30% CAGR between 2016 and 2022.”

Besides WBG devices, many other innovations are also emerging, as in power module packaging. Needs for higher power density and more highly integrated products have made some traditional technologies and materials outdated. Package evolution is responding to stricter requirements at the system level, and as ever here the automotive industry is driving innovation and growth.

Key results of the Status of the Power Electronics Industry report will be presented at the POWER FORTRONIC conference, taking place on Sep. 20&21. Dr Milan Rosina, Sr Technology & Market Analyst at Yole will review the key technology trends and strategies of the leading power electronics companies. Program & Registration are now available.

A detailed description of this report is available on i-micronews.com, power electronics reports section.

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5 CAGR : Compound Annual Growth Rate
About Status of the Power Electronics Industry report
Power devices fuel and enable industry mega trends reaching almost US$35B in 2022… This report has been performed by Yole Développement (Yole) part of Yole Group of Companies.
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The “More than Moore” company Yole, along with its partners System Plus Consulting, PISEO, Blumorpho and KnowMade, support industrial companies, investors and R&D organizations worldwide to help them understand markets and follow technology trends to grow their business.

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