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STMicro Joins Open Core Protocol International Partnership

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STMicroelectronics today announced it has joined the Open Core Protocol International Partnership (OCP-IP), an association providing a common standard for IP core interfaces for plug-and-play SOC design.

STMicro comes on board as a governing steering committee (GSC) member -- joining the likes of Nokia, TI and UMC -- and is a participant in OCP-IP's working groups. As a working groups participant, STMicro is charged with developing enhancements and support for OCP, and addressing the future needs of the membership in the use of the specification, the organization said.

"Standardization of a socket interface and its broad adoption in the semiconductor industry are key factors to enable development of reusable IP and IP integration in complex SOC products," said Aldo Cometti, director of development at STMicro and OCP-IP GSC member, in a statement. "We count on this to further evolve our system level designs and to reduce complex SOC product design cycles and time-to-market. We look forward to working with OCP-IP members in contributing to the development of this IP socket standard."

OCP-IP members, in particular, receive training and support, software tools and documentation. Leveraging the infrastructure, OCP-IP said, eliminates the need to design, document, train and evolve a proprietary standard and support tools, freeing up resources for the real design work and providing enormous cost savings.

"We welcome ST to the GSC. They clearly understand the need for an industry socket standard for intellectual property cores that are not limited to application specific usage," said Ian Mackintosh, president of OCP-IP, in a statement. "The collective expertise of both our existing and new GSC members, gives us unequalled talent that adds to our ability to provide user-driven enhancements to OCP technology and support for the future."

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