

## **Trigence Semiconductor Announces Investment from Intel Capital Expecting Volume Production of Dnote®-Based Digital Signal Processing LSI and Expansion of Licensing Business**

Tokyo, Japan, May 29, 2012 – Trigence Semiconductor, the inventor of Dnote® full digital audio signal processing technology, announced it has received investment from Intel Capital, Intel's global investment organization. Details of the investment were not released.

Trigence Semiconductor develops advanced digital audio technology that delivers high audio quality to Consumer Electronic, PC and Automotive platforms, and licenses these technologies. Dnote®, its proprietary digital signal processing technology, enables large reductions in power consumption while significantly improving audio quality by driving speakers directly through digital signals, and which Trigence expects to replace current analog audio systems. Trigence's technology has already been licensed to Japanese car-audio manufacturers, and has also earned a good reputation for sound quality.

With the investment from Intel Capital, Trigence Semiconductor will expand integration of Dnote® to computing devices, including Intel® Architecture-based PCs, Ultrabook™, and smartphones, and also expects to expand its LSI and licensing businesses.

“Audio technology is evolving substantially, as a new user interface for computers. We think it will become a key aspect of communication between computers and people, as an interactive user interface using speech recognition, rather than just for listening to music,” said Akira Yasuda, Founder, President & CEO, Trigence Semiconductor. “With the new investment, we aim to step up our licensing of technology for computing devices, and to substantially reinforce our business infrastructure by starting volume production of chips.”

“We are excited about the innovative idea and technical excellence of Trigence's technology that will enhance the value of audio technology and user experience to the next level.” said Kazumasa Yoshida, President, Intel K.K. “We expect this technology will bring an innovative high fidelity experience to the wide variety of digital devices such as PCs, Ultrabook™ and smartphones.”

“Intel Capital has always supported the development of novel technologies in Japan” said Sudheer Kuppam, Managing Director for Asia Pacific at Intel Capital. “Our investment in technology companies, including Trigence, further endorses Intel Capital’s commitment to help accelerate the productization and enable global adoption of such novel technologies.”

#### About Trigence Semiconductor

Trigence Semiconductor specializes in technology which converts analog signals and digital signals and vice versa and in particular mixed-signal LSI circuit technology such as high-precision AD/DA conversion technology and high speed interface technology. The company currently licenses its proprietary digital signal processing technology, Dnote®, for energy-efficient audio equipment, and has concluded license agreements with major Japanese manufacturers of car audio systems and amusement machines. Additional information about Trigence Semiconductor is available at <http://www.trigence.co.jp>.

#### About Intel

Intel is a world leader in computing innovation. The company designs and builds the essential technologies that serve as the foundation for the world’s computing devices. Additional information about Intel is available at <http://www.intel.co.jp>.

#### About Intel Capital

Intel Capital, Intel's global investment and M&A organization, makes equity investments in innovative technology start-ups and companies worldwide. Intel Capital invests in a broad range of companies offering hardware, software, and services targeting enterprise, mobility, health, consumer Internet, digital media, semiconductor manufacturing and cleantech. Since 1991, Intel Capital has invested more than US\$10.6 billion in over 1,234 companies in 51 countries. In that timeframe, 199 portfolio companies have gone public on various exchanges around the world and 296 were acquired or participated in a merger. In 2011, Intel Capital invested US\$526 million in 158 investments with approximately 51 percent of funds invested outside the U.S. and Canada. For more information on Intel Capital and its differentiated advantages, visit [www.intelcapital.com](http://www.intelcapital.com)<<http://www.intelcapital.com>>.

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