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To Whom it may concern:

**New Open Policy related to “STARC RTL Design Style Guide”
after Dissolution**

Dear Sirs,

We would like to express our appreciation for your understanding of the STARC's business activities and your enduring support.

As you may be aware, STARC decided to terminate its business operation by May 31, 2016, while, as the one of consortium companies of semiconductor industry, we have been striving to improve and enhance a circuit design methodology of semiconductor. Under this situation, we do recognize it is our responsibility to leave possibility of providing our result with the engineers in the semiconductor industry as well as the potential users of other industrial sectors even after our dissolution.

Given the aforementioned underlying circumstances, we announce today that all the technologies and materials which are incorporated in the STARC RTL Design Style Guide (the “Guide”) and granted to the EDA vendors, except for EDA vendor’s IPs involved in the Guide, are to be placed in the public domain and be opened. Accordingly, it is good for the STARC Clients, the EDA vendors and users to use the Guide for their business or new business as before, provided, however, the existing STARC logo must not be removed from the product concerned.

We also announce that, in accordance with this open policy of STARC technologies in the Guide, it has entered into an agreement with **hd Lab, Inc.** (the “hdLab”) for the handling of the Guide as below;

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