

SiPearl chooses Germany to open its first international operational subsidiary

SiPearl, the designer of the microprocessor for the European exascale¹ supercomputer, is opening its first international subsidiary in Duisburg, in the Ruhr region, in order to build closer connections with its German partners and future clients. Currently a dedicated R&D centre, SiPearl GmbH will also become a regional hub providing support for connected mobility and high performance computing applications. Frank Gorris, who was previously in charge of digital design for several 3G to 5G system-on-chip (SoC) solutions for Intel, will be appointed to head it up in June, supported by a team of highly experienced engineers.

Maisons-Laffitte, France, 26 May 2020 – SiPearl, the company that is designing the high-performance, low-power microprocessor to secure Europe's technological sovereignty and independence on the strategic markets for high performance computing, artificial intelligence and connected mobility, is setting out its European scale by choosing Germany as the location for opening its first subsidiary.

By setting up its subsidiary in Duisburg, in the Ruhr region, SiPearl will be able to build closer links with its German industrial, scientific and academic partners, which are its stakeholders and future clients. SiPearl GmbH will be the Group's first research and development centre outside of France and will focus specifically on connected mobility applications for the auto industry and high performance computing applications.

Frank Gorris (54, PhD in Physics from Ruhr University, Bochum), previously Digital Design Lead for several 3G to 5G system-on-chip (SoC) solutions with the Intel Group, will be joining SiPearl in June to head up this site. During his career, also spent with Siemens and Infineon Technologies, Frank Gorris has built up more than 20 years' experience in digital design and system-on-chip checks, as well as 10 years' experience leading teams and managing projects in these fields. With SiPearl GmbH, he will set up and lead a team of highly experienced engineers, with the first six members to be appointed in June.

"I look forward to joining SiPearl to head up its German team, who will be strongly involved in designing the microprocessor, and drawing on my experience to support this pan-European project that will help ensure Europe's technological independence in a number of strategic areas", explains Frank Gorris.

"We are very pleased about the establishment of a research and development laboratory in Germany, the second of SiPearl. It will put us in operational proximity to the development of the microprocessor that will enable Europe to achieve an exascale for high-performance computing", adds Professor Thomas Lippert, Head of the Supercomputing Centre at Germany's Forschungszentrum Jülich Institute, one of Europe's leading interdisciplinary research centres.

"We are delighted to be opening the subsidiary SiPearl GmbH, which will enable SiPearl to further strengthen its close connections with key partners from its ecosystem, while establishing itself on one of its future target markets. We are also pleased to confirm the recruitment of Frank Gorris and his team, who will further enhance and consolidate our research and development team's know-how and expertise", concludes Philippe Notton, SiPearl's CEO and founder.

About SiPearl

Created by Philippe Notton, SiPearl is the company that is bringing to life the European Processor Initiative (EPI) project, designing the high-performance, low-power microprocessor for the European exascale supercomputer.

This new generation of microprocessors will enable Europe to set out its technological sovereignty on the strategic markets for high performance computing, artificial intelligence and connected mobility.

SiPearl will develop and market its solutions through close collaboration with its 26 partners from the EPI - scientific community, supercomputing centres and leading names from the IT, electronics and automotive sectors - which are its stakeholders and future clients.

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