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To: MPS Customers

RE: IATF 16949 Eligibility for Fabless Organization

This letter is to confirm that Monolithic Power Systems (MPS) does not perform manufacturing and is a fabless semiconductor company. MPS is ISO 9001:2015 certified and the quality management system is aligned with IATF 16949:2016. All manufacturing subcontractors for MPS are IATF 16949:2016 certified.

Please see the addendum for our certification body's letter of IATF 16949 ineligibility for MPS.

Below are excerpts from the IATF 16949 Rules, 6th edition explaining why organizations without manufacturing are ineligible for IATF 16949 certification.

"Manufacturing" shall be understood as a process that includes at least one value-added activity that further transforms the process's input materials and/or parts into a semi-complete or complete state of an automotive product.

Note 1: A manufacturing process may use multiple types of fabrication techniques to make or fabricate an automotive product (e.g., casting, molding, extrusion, soldering, machining, heat treatment, plating, painting, assembly, etc.).

Note 2: "Manufacturing" is the short term used in these Rules to describe "automotive manufacturing". The term "non-automotive manufacturing" is used to describe situations where "manufacturing" does not pertain to the fabrication of automotive products.

"Manufacturing Site" shall be understood as a client location at which manufacturing occurs. A manufacturing site is the only type of client location eligible for independent certification to IATF 16949.

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To whom it may concern

This letter confirms that Monolithic Power Systems Inc., including their final-test site in Chengdu China, is not eligible for IATF 16949 certification as defined in the IATF Rules.

The Rules for Achieving & Maintaining IATF recognition, 6th Edition for IATF 16949, specifically states in section 1.0 that only organizations that manufacture are eligible for certification to IATF 16949. The Rules 6th go on to define manufacturing as a process that includes at least one value-added activity.

If there are any further questions regarding Monolithic Power Systems eligibility, please contact me.

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