

CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Subject Company: Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc.

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**TO: Our Valued Customers, Sales Representatives and Distributors**

**DATE: July 17, 2008**

**SUBJ: Acquisition of Catalyst Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor**

This morning we jointly announced with ON Semiconductor the signing of a definitive merger agreement providing for the acquisition of Catalyst Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor in an all stock transaction. The details are covered in the attached press announcement, which was issued over the BusinessWire this morning.

To compete successfully in today's global marketplace, size and scale are very important. A merger with such a leading global semiconductor company will enable us to better support the needs of our customer base.

We are very pleased at the prospect of becoming a part of the ON Semiconductor team and we will continue to provide the highest levels of service and support you expect.

We will be conducting business as usual, so for all product, business and technical support issues, please continue to work with your local Catalyst Semiconductor Sales Manager ([click here for contact information](#)).

We will keep you informed as we proceed through the acquisition process and invite you to contact our Sales Vice President, [Irv Kovalik](#) (408-542-1100), our Marketing Vice President, [Scott Brown](#) (408-542-1114), or [Gelu Voicu](#) (408-542-1090), with any questions you may have.

**Best Regards,**

**Gelu Voicu**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc.**

Forward Looking Statements

**Keith Jackson**  
**President and CEO**  
**ON Semiconductor**

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements related to the benefits of the proposed transaction between ON Semiconductor Corporation ( ON ) and Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc. ( Catalyst Semiconductor ) and the future financial performance of ON. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to ON and Catalyst Semiconductor as of the date of this release and current

expectations, forecasts and assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include a variety of factors, some of which are beyond ON's or Catalyst Semiconductor's control. In particular, such risks and uncertainties include difficulties encountered in integrating merged businesses; the risk that the transaction does not close, including the risk that the requisite stockholder and regulatory approvals may not be obtained; the variable demand and the aggressive pricing environment for semiconductor products; dependence on each company's ability to successfully manufacture in increasing volumes on a cost-effective basis and with acceptable quality for its current products; the adverse impact of competitive product announcements; revenues and operating performance; changes in overall economic conditions; the cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry; changes in demand for our products; changes in inventories at customers and distributors; technological and product development risks; availability of raw materials; competitors' actions; pricing and gross margin pressures; loss of key customers; order cancellations or reduced bookings; changes in manufacturing yields; control of costs and expenses; significant litigation; risks associated with acquisitions and dispositions; risks associated with leverage and restrictive covenants in debt agreements; risks associated with international operations; the threat or occurrence of international armed conflict and terrorist activities both in the United States and internationally; risks and costs associated with increased and new regulation of corporate governance and disclosure standards (including pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002); and risks involving environmental or other governmental regulation. Information concerning additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained in ON's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 12, 2008, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other of ON's SEC filings, and Catalyst Semiconductor's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on July 3, 2008, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other of Catalyst Semiconductor SEC filings. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing ON's or Catalyst Semiconductor's views as of any subsequent date and neither undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed transaction involving ON and Catalyst Semiconductor. In connection with the proposed transaction, ON plans to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Proxy Statement of Catalyst Semiconductor and a Prospectus of ON and each of ON and Catalyst Semiconductor plan to file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive Proxy Statement/ Prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of Catalyst Semiconductor. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.**

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by ON and Catalyst Semiconductor through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC from ON by directing a request to ON Semiconductor Corporation, 5005 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, Attention: Investor Relations (telephone: (602) 244-3437) or going to ON's corporate website at [www.onsemi.com](http://www.onsemi.com), or from Catalyst Semiconductor by directing a request to Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc., 2975 Stender Way, Santa Clara, CA 94054, Attention: Investor Relations (telephone:408-542-1000) or going to Catalyst Semiconductor's corporate website at [www.catsemi.com](http://www.catsemi.com).

ON and Catalyst Semiconductor, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding ON's directors and executive officers is contained in its annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 4, 2008, as supplemented by a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 17, 2008. Information regarding Catalyst Semiconductor's directors and executive officers is contained in Catalyst Semiconductor's annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on August 24, 2007. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC (when available).