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Subject: GLOBALFOUNDRIES support of ISTRESS Project

Dear Dr. Sebastiani,

With great interest, we have read your project proposal "Pre-standardization of incremental FIB micro-milling for intrinsic stress evaluation at the sub-micron scale" (in short, "ISTRESS"). As a representative of one of the largest semiconductor companies in Europe, I would like to express my strong support of this project. Although we are currently not able to secure resources to fully join the consortium, we would be glad to supply specific samples, since the characterization and control of intrinsic stresses in thin films is one of our most important areas in process development and optimization. We will definitely serve as a consultant as well, in addition to acting as a sample supplier. Our long-standing collaboration with the Fraunhofer institutes has been very fruitful and we believe that this project would be one of high quality, leading to better competitiveness of the European semiconductor sector. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further questions.

With best regards,
Dr. Susan Weiher-Telford
Sr. Director AMTD GLOBALFOUNDRIES

