

## SiPearl: Ian Jenks, Chairman of the Board of Directors

SiPearl, the company building the European energy-efficient HPC<sup>(1)</sup>-dedicated microprocessor, announces the appointment of Ian Jenks - Chairman and CEO of the US listed company SmartKem, Inc. - as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Following its €90m Series-A initial closing, SiPearl has adopted a new governance structure with a Board of Directors reflecting its new shareholder base, and an Executive Committee headed by Philippe Notton, CEO and Founder.

**Maisons-Laffitte (France), October 10, 2023** – SiPearl, the company building the world's first energy-efficient HPC-dedicated microprocessor designed to work with any third-party accelerator (GPU, artificial intelligence, quantum), today announces the appointment of Ian Jenks as Chairman of the Board. Currently Chairman and CEO of the US listed company SmartKem, Inc., Ian Jenks has a record of more than 30 years of board-level experience in the technology industry.

Following its Series-A initial closing, SiPearl has split its governance structure, creating a Board of Directors in addition to its Executive Committee headed by Philippe Notton, CEO and Founder. Reflecting the new shareholder base, the Board of Directors comprises 8 members. In addition to Ian Jenks, Independent Director, it includes:

- Nicolas Berdou, representing French Tech Souveraineté,
- Jean-Michel Deligny, Advisor to CEO of SiPearl,
- Emmanuel Le Roux, representing Eviden, the Atos Group business leading in advanced computing,
- Wayne Liang, Co-founder and former Chairman and CEO of MStar Semiconductor, Independent Director,
- Philippe Notton.

The board of Directors also includes 3 observers:

- Mohamed Awad, representing Arm,
- Dan Hunter, representing Arm,
- Maxime Pawlowski, representing the European Investment Bank.

### Biography of Ian Jenks

Ian Jenks has more than 30 years of board-level experience in the technology industry and has served as CEO of companies operating in the United States and Europe. He was formerly the

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<sup>(1)</sup> HPC: High Performance Computing.

President of Uniphase Inc., Chairman of Oplink Communications Inc. which he took public on the NASDAQ and spent seven years as a partner of Crescendo Ventures llp including investments in Arteris Inc., eSilicon Inc., Spanslogic Inc. and CoreOptics GmbH.

Ian Jenks has been a Director of Techstep ASA, a provider of managed mobile services in the Nordics, Paysafe plc, an international provider of payment processing services, and Brady plc, a provider of commodity trading software. He also has served and continues to serve as a director of a number of private companies. Ian is currently Chairman and CEO of SmartKem, Inc., a publicly listed company in the US.

Ian Jenks holds a B.Sc. in Aeronautical Engineering from Bristol University.

## About... SiPearl

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SiPearl is building the world's first energy-efficient HPC-dedicated microprocessor designed to work with any third-party accelerator (GPU, artificial intelligence, quantum). This new generation of microprocessors will first target EuroHPC Joint Undertaking ecosystem, which is deploying world-class supercomputing infrastructures in Europe for solving major challenges in medical research, artificial intelligence, security, energy management and climate while reducing its environmental footprint.

SiPearl is working in close collaboration with its 27 partners from the European Processor Initiative (EPI) consortium - leading names from the scientific community, supercomputing centres and industry - which are its stakeholders, future clients and end-users.

SiPearl employs 160 people in France (Maisons-Laffitte, Grenoble, Massy, Sophia Antipolis), Germany (Duisburg) and Spain (Barcelona).



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