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Following in the footsteps of [Applied Materials](#) in February, Magma Design Automation has joined the SOI Industry Consortium as a technical member, bringing the total number of members of the organization to 21. The Consortium was established in October 2007 with the aim of furthering the adoption of SOI-based technology.

"We welcome Magma's participation in the SOI Industry Consortium," said André-Jacques Auberton-Hervé, Chairman of the SOI Industry Consortium Board. "With Magma's expertise in developing design tools that address the low power, complexity and high-performance requirements of SOI-based chips, there is a natural convergence of interests with the consortium. The widening availability of tools and services is good news for designers in the fabless/foundry arena considering the move to SOI."

The list of SOI Consortium members is as follows: AMD, Applied Materials, ARM, Cadence Design Systems, CEA-Leti, Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing, Freescale Semiconductor, IBM, Innovative Silicon, KLA-Tencor, Lam Research, Magma Design Automation, NXP, Samsung, Semico, Soitec, SEH Europe, STMicroelectronics, Synopsys, TSMC and UMC.

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