



## **Press release**

## Soitec announces successful completion of acquisition of Altatech Semiconductor

**Bernin, France, February 1, 2012** – Soitec (Euronext Paris), a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials for electronic and energy industries, today announced the successful completion of its acquisition of all of the outstanding shares composing the capital of Altatech Semiconductor S.A., a French company located in Montbonnot Saint Martin near Grenoble (« Altatech »), as announced on December 23, 2011.

The final purchase price was set to 15 million Euros. The acquisition was financed partly in cash and partly using Soitec stock, purchased by BNP Paribas Exane on the market under the share buy-back program approved by the shareholders during the combined ordinary and extraordinary meetings held on June 24, 2011. Selling shareholders are bound by certain holding requirements for the portion of the purchase price to be paid in Soitec stock.

This acquisition will ensure Soitec a strategic access to specific equipments necessary to deliver its light-emitting diode (LED) strategy as well as to support Soitec's new Plug&Sun™ stand-alone mini solar tracker system manufacturing ramp up.

Altatech Semiconductor was a privately held French company located in Montbonnot-Saint-Martin near Grenoble, France. Based on its advanced knowledge and experience in high-tech semiconductor production systems, Altatech, created in 2004 by a group of semiconductor professionals, currently develops highly efficient, cost-effective technologies and equipments for new applications in emerging markets.

## **About Soitec**

Soitec is an international manufacturing company, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting energy and electronic challenges. Soitec's products include substrates for microelectronics (most notably SOI: Silicon-on-Insulator) and concentrating photovoltaic systems (CPV). The company's core technologies are Smart Cut<sup>TM</sup>, Smart Stacking<sup>TM</sup> and Concentrix<sup>TM</sup>, as well as expertise in epitaxy. Applications include consumer and mobile electronics, microelectronics-driven IT, telecommunications, automotive electronics, lighting products and solar power plants for large-scale utilities. Soitec has manufacturing plants and R&D centers in France, Singapore, Germany, and the United States.

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