

## NEWS FLASH

### SSMC earns Strategic Goods Export Control – TradeFIRST Premium band

We are pleased to announce that SSMC has been awarded "Premium" band status, the highest amongst five bands (Basic, Standard, Intermediate, Enhanced, and Premium) under Singapore Customs' Integrated Assessment Framework TradeFIRST, valid from 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2015.

This is a recognition for companies with

- **ROBUST** internal export control compliance programme
- **EXCELLENT** screening procedures for end users & product applications
- **GOOD** record keeping practices.

With this achievement, SSMC's customers can be further assured that wafer shipments are delivered at greater efficiency, and faster time-to-market at Best-in-Class export control and security standards.

The 3-year Strategic Trade Scheme Tier 3 Permit, enables SSMC to ship our wafers as designated strategic goods to a broad range of destinations without the need for Singapore Customs approval for each shipment. This will accelerate transport time to customers. Ultimately, the TradeFIRST Premium band status enhances SSMC's corporate image and reputation as a reliable, low-risk trade partner in terms of security controls and business practices.

With the flexibility that this status accredits us, SSMC will deliver advanced semiconductor wafers internationally even more rapidly and reliably. This will help us to enable our customers in responding to the market demand at greater speed, higher quality and cost-effectiveness in today's fast-paced competitive environment.

#### RAISING THE BAR OF EXPORT CONTROL STANDARDS:

With TradeFIRST Premium Band, SSMC is entitled to shipment privileges that helps us to deliver our wafers faster, better and more secured to customer sites worldwide.

- Waiver of Security
- Reduced Container Seating
- Waiver of Factory Inspection
- Waiver of Post-Importation Doc Checks
- Secure Trade Partnership Plus
- Apex Licence
- Consolidated Declaration
- Bonded Track Scheme

