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PARIS — The recently-launched Eureka Cluster for Application and Technology Research on NanoElectronics (Catrene) has strengthened its management team with the appointments of Enrico Villa as Catrene chairman and Jacques Dulongpont as Catrene office director.

In 1987, Enrico Villa was appointed vice president for External Technological Coordination and general manager of SGS Thomson Microelettronica, the Italian subsidiary of the then newly-merged STMicroelectronics. In January 2000, Villa was promoted corporate vice president for Europe and became five years later executive vice president in ST's corporate executive committee. Villa retired from ST at the end of 2007.

Jacques Dulongpont started his career in 1977 as designer for analog and digital chips for Thomson CSF Telecommunications (now Thales) and joined Alcatel Mobile Communications in 1988 to set up a chip design center for development of GSM chip sets. With the transition of Alcatel's chip design activities to ST in 2002, Dulongpont joined the cellular business unit of STMicroelectronics and became responsible for the design center in Paris.

Catrene is a four-year program, started on Jan. 1 2008, and is extendable by another four years. This program is in line with the changing landscape of the semiconductor industry as well as the present view on technology evolution. Resources required will be annually around 4,000 person-years, equaling about €6 billion (\$8.8 billion) for the extended program.

The Catrene program builds on the ambition of Europe and European companies to deliver nano-microelectronics solutions that respond to the needs of society at large, improving the economic prosperity of Europe and reinforcing the ability of its industry to be at the forefront of the global competition.

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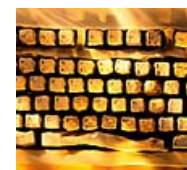
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