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Preface

This issue of *ECS Transactions* includes 23 papers that were presented at the Fifth International Conference on Semiconductor Technology for Ultra Large Integrated Circuits and Thin Film Transistors (ULSIC vs. TFT 5), held in Tahoe City, CA, from June 15-18, 2015. This symposium was sponsored by the Engineering Conferences International.

Following the tradition of the last four conferences, this is a forum for the open discussion on the latest progress of the two largest semiconductor technologies - ULSIC and TFT. Global experts from universities, companies, and national laboratories exchanged experience, knowledge, and visions through technical presentations and discussions. Participants and authors were from France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, UK, and USA.

There were two plenary speeches dedicated to “Solving the Metallization Challenges in Semiconductor Manufacturing” by S. Ramamurthy of Applied Materials Inc. and “Wide band gap semiconductors transistors for power devices and FPD” by E.-S. Nam of ETRI. The conference also included two panel sessions on 1) challenges in oxide applications in IC, displays, etc. and 2) challenges in nano transistors. In total, 43 papers were presented during the following sessions:

- Plenary
- Oxide TFTs
- Memories and materials
- Oxide TFT fabrications
- Etching & Deposition Processes
- Oxide and Si TFTs and GaN
- New Devices
- New Devices Applications
- Posters

In order to present subjects in a coherent manner, papers in this issue of *ECS Transactions* have been arranged into six chapters. All manuscripts are published as originally received, without alteration of technical content, except minor formatting corrections.

The success of this conference is contributed by the following people and organizations:

- Plenary, invited, oral, and poster speakers for presentations and panel discussions
- Session chairs for conducting the meeting
- Scientific advisory committee members for contributions in planning and discussions.
- Dr. N. Li for valuable advice as the conference ECI liaison
- ECI staff for effective management of the conference
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Thin-film transistor (TFT) and ultra-large scale integrated circuit (ULSIC) have been compared and discussed with respect to the development history, technology trends, and applications. Detailed issues on materials, processes, and devices in the large-area TFT array fabrication and nano-size metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistors (MOSFETs) composed ULSIC on large wafers were also examined. The TFT fabrication processes were originally derived from ULSIC. However, there are many unique large-area processes and theories developed during the study of the TFT array fabrication, which