

## **2021 SiEPIC International Silicon Photonics Inverse Design competition series Terms and Conditions**

### **1. Who can enter?**

- a. This competition is open to anyone internationally. The entrant must be a person who is above the age of majority according to their country of residence.

### **2. How to enter?**

- a. No purchase is necessary. Entrants can submit their designs in accordance with the instructions provided by the competition's description at:  
[https://github.com/SiEPIC/SiEPIC\\_EBeam\\_PDK/discussions/232](https://github.com/SiEPIC/SiEPIC_EBeam_PDK/discussions/232)

### **3. How to win?**

- a. All the entrants designs will be fabricated and experimentally tested. The best design, based off of the defined figures-of-merit and experimental results, will be considered the winner.

### **4. What is the prize?**

- a. The winner will be given \$500, provided by CMC and Ansys Lumerical. The prize will be given only if permissible by law.

### **5. General rules**

- a. The winner of the competition agrees that their design may be posted publicly and be shared publicly at the SiEPIC\_EBeam\_PDK GitHub repository.
- b. The decisions of SiEPIC Kits in this contest will be final and binding on all entrants
- c. Each Prize claim is subject to verification by SiEPIC Kits and/or its designated representatives. All contest entries obtained through unauthorized sources or which are incomplete or in any way not in compliance with these Official Contest Rules are automatically void. SiEPIC Kits is not responsible for lost or late entries. SiEPIC Kits is not responsible for any miscommunications, failed communications systems, software malfunctions, or for any human errors in connection with this contest. SiEPIC Kits may suspend or terminate this contest if SiEPIC Kits is of the view this contest's administration or fair play has been compromised.

## 6. No Liability

- a. In the case of the intervention of any outside act, agent or event which prevents or significantly hinders the Promoter's ability to proceed with the competition on the dates and in the manner described in these terms and conditions, including but not limited to vandalism, power failures, tempests, natural disasters, acts of God, civil unrest, strike, war, act of terrorism, the Promoter may in its absolute discretion cancel the competition and recommence it from the start on the same conditions.
- b. SiEPIC Kits Ltd assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries, and reserves the right to take any action that may be available.
- c. If for any reason this competition is not capable of running as planned, including infection by fabrication difficulties, testing difficulties, analysis difficulties, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the promoter which corrupt or affect the administration security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this competition, the promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, take any action that may be available, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition.
- d. By participating in this competition, each entrant and winner agrees to: (a) be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this competition; and (b) release and hold harmless SiEPIC Kits Ltd, and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, cost and expenses (including lawyer's fees and litigation expenses on a solicitor and own client basis) whatsoever to which any of them may become subject arising from any actions or omissions by the entrant.