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### **ESS TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF DR. GILBERT AMELIO AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

**FREMONT, Calif., July 1, 2013** – ESS Technology, a leading supplier of silicon solutions for digital audio and analog electronics, today announced its board of directors has elected Dr. Gilbert Amelio executive chairman of the board replacing Kenneth Levy who will remain a member of the board. Dr. Amelio has served as a director of ESS since January 2009.

Dr. Amelio has been a leading member of Silicon Valley and has served as a director and chief executive officer of Apple Computer and chairman and chief operating officer of National Semiconductor, as well as serving in key executive roles at Bell Labs, Fairchild and Rockwell Semiconductor. Dr. Amelio also served as a director and chairman of the Semiconductor Industry Association. Dr. Amelio currently serves on the boards of AT&T, InterDigital, and Galectin Therapeutics. Dr. Amelio received his bachelor's, master's, and PhD degrees in physics at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Robert Blair, president and CEO of ESS Technology commented, "I'd like to congratulate Dr. Amelio on his election to executive chairman of the board and I look forward to working with him as the company moves forward. Dr. Amelio brings a huge amount of experience building successful companies and we expect his leadership will help propel ESS into becoming a major player in the analog semiconductor and digital audio marketplace."

Dr. Amelio commented, "ESS is a highly innovative company focused on developing the highest performing analog and digital audio products while simultaneously reducing power requirements and time to market. In the future, ESS's proprietary Digital-Analog and Enigma technologies will become the standard methods to design analog circuits."

"I am excited to help guide our dedicated and talented team as we build on ESS's current successes in the technology and marketplace arenas and expand our products and technologies into other strategic markets. I look forward to working with my fellow directors and the management of ESS to help our company achieve its full potential," said Dr. Amelio.

***About ESS Technology***

ESS Technology, Inc. designs and markets high-performance audio and video products for the consumer market.

ESS's products include the SABRE/SABRE32 series of Hyperstream™ audio DACs and ADCs, the Phoenix-III series of HD-Enhanced DVD Home Theater SoC, Crescendo series of Sound Bar SoC, Radix CMOS TV tuners, 1080p Video Up-converter, and the DMPX Media Processor.

ESS's SABRE<sup>32</sup> audio DAC series is the world's highest performance 32-bit audio D/A converter solution, built upon the original SABRE audio DAC series first introduced in 2008. The SABRE<sup>32</sup> and SABRE audio DACs have been designed into the world's most prestigious consumer, audiophile and professional equipments, including Blu-ray players, CD/SACD players, A/V preamps and digital audio workstations.

ESS is headquartered in Fremont, California, and has R&D, sales, and technical support offices worldwide. ESS Technology's web site address is: <http://www.esstech.com>.

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