

Chip-level AI Licensing Partnership Enters Commercial Production

Highlights

- ▶ **Audeara's chip-level AI licensing partnership with Optek has entered commercial production across two customer product programs**
- ▶ **First commercial production purchase orders, valued at approximately A\$31,000 in aggregate, received following development, technical validation and customer acceptance**
- ▶ **Milestone represents the first revenue-generating deployment of Audeara's proprietary AI audio technology under its fee-per-chip licensing model**
- ▶ **Successful commercial deployment validates Audeara's ability to integrate and monetise proprietary AI algorithms on third-party semiconductor platforms**
- ▶ **On-chip deployment of Audeara's AI noise-reduction technology establishes a technical foundation for potential applications across consumer audio, hearables and hearing-health products**
- ▶ **The initial purchase orders are not financially material in isolation; the significance of the milestone is the commercial and technical validation of Audeara's chip-level AI licensing strategy**

Audeara Limited (ASX: AUA) ("**Audeara**" or "the **Company**") is pleased to advise that two customer product programs under its Chip-level AI Audio Licensing Agreement with OPTeK Microelectronics Co., Ltd ("**Optek**") (refer ASX announcements dated 16 & 18 December 2025) have successfully entered commercial production.

The Company has received its first commercial production purchase orders for licensed technology across both customer product programs, following an extensive period of development alongside Optek, as well as validation and customer acceptance, culminating in the commercial deployment of Audeara's proprietary AI audio technologies under the partnership.

This milestone marks the successful transition of the Optek partnership from technology development into commercial deployment and validates Audeara's strategy of licensing its proprietary AI audio technologies to semiconductor partners and global OEM/ODM customers.



The transition into commercial production validates Audeara's ability to:

- ▶ adapt and optimise its proprietary AI audio algorithms for deployment on third-party semiconductor platforms;
- ▶ satisfy the technical requirements of a semiconductor partner and its customer;
- ▶ progress an AI audio program through development, validation and customer acceptance; and
- ▶ monetise its technology through a scalable, capital-light fee-per-chip licensing structure.

The successful deployment includes Audeara's AI noise-reduction technology. Efficient on-chip implementation is an important capability for audio applications that require low latency, constrained processing resources and high-quality speech and sound processing.

The capability demonstrated through these initial programs is relevant to Audeara's broader technology roadmap. The Company is continuing to adapt and optimise its AI technology suite for potential use across consumer audio, wearables, assistive-listening products and hearing aids.

In particular, the ability to deploy AI-enabled noise reduction and speech-enhancement algorithms efficiently on existing semiconductor platforms provides a technical foundation for future applications where processing efficiency, latency and speech clarity are critical.



Peter Li (Optek CEO), Bill Peng (Audeara COO), Steven Heng (Eastech SAVP), and Devy Xie (Optek COO), representing the senior leadership teams of SOC provider and product manufacturer.

**Audeara CEO, James Fielding, commented:**

"This is an important milestone for Audeara as we have demonstrated that our AI Audio technology can be successfully deployed 'on chip' which makes us a valuable provider moving forwards. This first deployment validates both our capital light licensing strategy and proves a pathway for our technology to be deployed efficiently and at scale. Companies who can adapt existing silicon and extract as much capability out of a semiconductor platform as possible will have a competitive advantage. We've just proven we can do that."

Under the Licensing Agreement, Audeara receives licensing revenue on a fee-per-chip basis for each approved production unit incorporating Audeara's proprietary AUAI technologies. The commercial terms of the agreement, including the applicable licence fee, are commercially sensitive and disclosure would be likely to prejudice Audeara's position in current and future licensing negotiations. These initial purchase orders are worth approximately A\$31,000 in aggregate. Future revenue will be recognised as additional licensed products are ordered and are manufactured under approved customer production programs.

About OPTEK

OPTEK is a leading provider of chip-level audio DSP solutions. With over 20 years of expertise in professional audio DSP SoC design, OPTEK delivers end-to-end intelligent audio chipset solutions to the global audio industry. Through the integration of AI and audio technologies, Optek continuously empowers consumer electronics, professional audio, and new-energy vehicles. Its chip products are in use with an array of international consumer electronics companies, including the following brands:

SHARP**PHILIPS****TOSHIBA****F&D 奋达 ONKYO****Anker**
Innovations**JVC****Panasonic****Pioneer****TEAC****seeknature**

Source: OPTEK company website

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We are passionate about redefining hearing health, with a particular focus on delivering products that provide world-class tailored listening experiences.

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All Audeara products are purposefully designed and engineered in Australia with precision detail and state-of-the-art technology. Each product delivers optimum listening experiences to enhance quality of life for people of all ages and abilities.

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