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Αγαπητοί αναγνώστες καλημέρα σας από την Κοιλιάδα της Σιλικόνης,

Αν και έχουμε φτάσει στα μέσα Αυγούστου, μια περίοδο που οι περισσότεροι Έλληνες είναι στις καθιερωμένες διακοπές τους, η Κοιλιάδα της Σιλικόνης προχωρά με σταθερά βήματα και ένα σημαντικό κομμάτι της εργάζεται με αφοσίωση στη δραστηριότητα που πρακτικά γεννήθηκε στην περιοχή αυτή, το entrepreneurship και το venture capital. Οι εκδηλώσεις, τα σεμινάρια, οι συγκεντρώσεις, που διαλέγουν, προετοιμάζουν και προωθούν υποψήφια μέλη ομάδων Startups συνεχίζονται με σταθερούς ρυθμούς, ενώ τα κύρια από αυτά, φαίνεται να έχουν προπωληθεί εβδομάδες πριν.

Όσο καιρό βρίσκομαι εδώ, έχω παρατηρήσει μια ανοδική τάση σε συγκεκριμένους βιομηχανικούς τομείς, που περιστρέφονται κυρίως γύρω από το software, το cloud, τα mobile apps και τα social media. Το hardware, που τώρα φαίνεται να παίζει δευτερεύον ρόλο, εκτιμούμε ότι θα αλλάξει τις ισορροπίες, καθώς σημαντικές αλλαγές βρίσκονται σε στάδιο προετοιμασίας, που περιστρέφονται γύρω από την κατανομή της λειτουργικότητας & επεξεργασίας στα τσιπάκια των ημιαγωγών, στον έλεγχο / ελαχιστοποίηση της κατανάλωσης ενέργειας και στην δυνατότητα αποθήκευσης αυτής.

Τον περασμένο μήνα πραγματοποιήθηκαν 6 επενδύσεις στον τομέα των ημιαγωγών που βρήκαμε να αναφέρονται στις πηγές που παρακολουθούμε. Όπως και στον προηγούμενο μήνα, εξακολουθούν να γίνονται σημαντικές επενδύσεις στα ιατρικά μηχανήματα (10 deals), αλλά και στην ενέργεια, τις ανανεώσιμες πηγές και τις περιβαλλοντολογικές τεχνολογίες.

Σε αυτό το Newsletter θα βρείτε τα ακόλουθα:

1. Λίστα επενδύσεων του Ιουλίου 2011 στον ευρύτερο χώρο της τεχνολογίας
2. Σειρά με άρθρα από τον χώρο του Venture Capital και γενικού ενδιαφέροντος που σας προτείνουμε να διαβάσετε
3. Άρθρα σχετικά με την ενίσχυση της επιχειρηματικότητας στην Ελλάδα και Ευρώπη
4. Παλαιότερα άρθρα που αξίζει να δείτε

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## 1. Επενδύσεις Ιουλίου 2011

Company Name	Url	Industry	Business Activity	Funds Raised	Funding Round	Investors
Nearbuy Systems	<a href="http://www.nearbuysystems.com/">http://www.nearbuysystems.com/</a>	WiFi, wireless	Nearbuy Systems provides WiFi location solutions to retailers enabling location-based services that increase revenue, enhance the brand experience, and reduce operating expenses.	\$1M		Motorola Solutions Venture Capital, Innovation Endeavors, Metamorphic Ventures, LLC
Aquion Energy	<a href="http://www.aquionenergy.com/">http://www.aquionenergy.com/</a>	Energy Storage, Batteries	Aquion Energy is producing a revolutionary battery based on novel ambient-temperature sodium-ion technology.	\$20M		Foundation Capital, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
SolarCity	<a href="http://www.solarcity.com/">http://www.solarcity.com/</a>	GreenTech	SolarCity is a full-service solar provider for homeowners, businesses and government organizations. It provides solar power system design, financing, installation, energy efficiency and monitoring services.	\$14.8M		not disclosed
LightSquared	<a href="http://www.lightquared.com/">http://www.lightquared.com/</a>	Networking	LightSquared's mission is to revolutionize the U.S. wireless industry. Through the creation of the first-ever wholesale-only nationwide 4G-LTE network complemented by satellite coverage, LightSquared offers people the speed, value, and reliability of universal broadband connectivity, wherever they are in the United States.	\$265M		Spectrum Assets, Harbinger Capital Partners

MyoPowers Medical Technologies	<a href="http://www.myopowers.com/">http://www.myopowers.com/</a>	Medical Devices	MyoPowers Medical Technologies SA Capitalizing on their long experience in surgery, vascular medicine, and innovative device development, they have developed a unique artificial muscle technology.	\$16M	Series B	Truffle Capital, BlueOcean Ventures, Novartis Venture Fund
Purpose Energy	<a href="http://www.purposeenergy.com/">http://www.purposeenergy.com/</a>	Renewables	Purpose Energy produces renewable energy from organic waste produced by the brewing industry.	\$587k		not disclosed
OPX Biotechnologies	<a href="http://www.opxbiotechnologies.com/">http://www.opxbiotechnologies.com/</a>	GreenTech	OPX Biotechnologies, Inc. is a Colorado-based bioproducts company using proprietary bioengineering technology to convert renewable feedstocks into biofuels and green chemistry products.	\$37M		not disclosed
polight	<a href="http://www.polight.no/">http://www.polight.no/</a>	Hardware	polight is developing micro optics components. The technology is based on proprietary and patented methods for creating active optical components based on deformable polymers.	\$18.5M	Series B	Investinor, Viking Venture Management, Alliance Venture
BlueCat Networks	<a href="http://www.bluecatnetworks.com/">http://www.bluecatnetworks.com/</a>	Network Appliances	BlueCat Networks, Inc. develops and provides network appliances for government, military, financial services, retail, enterprise, and manufacturing sectors. It offers enterprise IP address management appliances; IP address management appliance for the small medium enterprise; and DNS/DHCP security appliances.		Series B	not disclosed

Precision Biopsy	<a href="http://www.alliedminds.com/Portfolio/Precision_Biopsy/index.htm">http://www.alliedminds.com/Portfolio/Precision_Biopsy/index.htm</a>	Medical devices	Precision Biopsy, a Boston, MA-based start up that aims to commercialize an optical biopsy technology designed to improve the accuracy and reliability of prostate biopsies and the diagnosis of prostate cancer.	\$2.5M		not disclosed
Daylight Solutions	<a href="http://www.daylightsolutions.com/">http://www.daylightsolutions.com/</a>	Medical Devices, Imaging	Daylight Solutions, Inc. manufactures molecular detection and imaging instruments for the medical diagnostics, homeland security, military, and industrial/environmental monitoring applications.	\$15M	Series C	Northrop Grumman
CyPhy Works	<a href="http://www.cyphyworks.com/">http://www.cyphyworks.com/</a>	Unmanned Air Vehicles	CyPhy works builds unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) for search and rescue missions as well as bridge inspections	\$1.2M		not disclosed
Vitronet Group	<a href="http://www.vitronet.de/">http://www.vitronet.de/</a>	Glass Fiber Products, Networks	Vitronet Group, an Essen, Germany-based maker of glass fiber infrastructure products. vitronet specializes in the expansion of broadband networks and offers a full range of services from project management consultancy to maintenance and servicing.			RWE Deutschland
Omek Interactive	<a href="http://www.omekinteractive.com/">http://www.omekinteractive.com/</a>	Gesture recognition	Omek is a leading gesture recognition engine available, enabling touchless screens. Using a platform-agnostic solution allows for natural user interfaces to be integrated using any depth sensor on any hardware platform, so that people can interact with computers through their body movements and gestures.	\$7M	Series C	Intel Capital

LumiGrow	<a href="http://www.lumigrow.com/">http://www.lumigrow.com/</a>	Light Solutions	LumiGrow manufactures energy-efficient LED grow light solutions for greenhouses, hydroponics and research applications. LumiGrow's LED grow lights improve plant growth, save electricity and reduce carbon emissions.			Clean Pacific Ventures
Circle Cardiovascular Imaging	<a href="http://www.circlecvi.com/site/index.php">http://www.circlecvi.com/site/index.php</a>	Medical Devices, Imaging	Circle Cardiovascular Imaging Inc. develops analytical software for the cardiac imaging community.	\$3.9M		Business Development Bank of Canada, Foundation Equity II LLP
Devcon Security Services	<a href="http://www.devconsecurity.com/">http://www.devconsecurity.com/</a>	Security, Electronic Devices	Devcon Security Services Corp. is a leading provider of installation, monitoring and related electronic security services with more than 50 branches nationwide servicing over 125,000 commercial and residential customers.	\$215M		Capital Source
Advanced Diamond Technologies	<a href="http://www.thindiamond.com/">http://www.thindiamond.com/</a>	Diamonds for industrial applications	Advanced Diamond Technologies, Inc. engages in developing and applying diamond films for industrial, electronic, and medical applications.	\$5.2M	Series D	S-Group Capital Management
Nimble Storage	<a href="http://www.nimblestorage.com/">http://www.nimblestorage.com/</a>	Storage, Semiconductors	Nimble Storage CS-Series iSCSI arrays combine flash memory with low-cost, high-capacity drives, eliminating the need for expensive, high-RPM drives for primary storage and separate disk-based backup solutions.	\$25M	Series D	Artis Capital Management, Accel Partners, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital
DVS Sciences	<a href="http://www.dvsscience.com/">http://www.dvsscience.com/</a>	BioTech, Medical Devices	DVS Sciences, Inc. manufactures and has global distribution of novel bioanalytical solutions for use in biomarker discovery, biological research and possible clinical applications.	\$14.6M	Series A	5AM Ventures, Mohr Davidow Ventures, Pfizer Venture Investments

EpiGaN	<a href="http://www.epigan.com/epigan.php">http://www.epigan.com/epigan.php</a>	Semiconductors	EpiGaN, a Leuven, Belgium-based company that develops Gallium Nitride on Silicon (GaN) on-silicon wafers.			Capricorn Cleantech Fund, Robert Bosch Venture Capital, LRM
TopCat Research	<a href="http://www.topcat-research.com/wordpress/">http://www.topcat-research.com/wordpress/</a>	BioTech, Medical Devices	TopCat Research is a dynamic new company aiming to make waves in food pathogen testing and biomarker testing, for drug discovery.			North West Fund
PowerVision	<a href="http://www.powervisionlens.com/">http://www.powervisionlens.com/</a>	medical devices	Belmont, Calif.-based PowerVision, a device company developing implantable intraocular lenses.	\$24M	Series C	Medtronic, Venrock, Advanced Technology Ventures, Frazier Healthcare Ventures, Panorama Capital
Avantis Medical Systems	<a href="http://www.avantimedical.com/">http://www.avantimedical.com/</a>	Medical Devices	Avantis Medical Systems, Inc. is a medical device company founded to develop and manufacture catheter-based endoscopic devices.	\$18M		not disclosed
Bloom Energy	<a href="http://www.bloomenergy.com/">http://www.bloomenergy.com/</a>	GreenTech	Bloom Energy, formerly Ion America, makes bio- and hydrogen fuel cells.			GSV Capital
Capriza	<a href="http://www.caprizacom/">http://www.caprizacom/</a>	Mobility solutions	Capriza is a provider of mobility solutions for corporations and enterprises.	\$8M	Series A	Andreessen Horowitz
NVELO	<a href="http://www.nvelo.com/">http://www.nvelo.com/</a>	Storage, semiconductors	NVELO, Inc. (NVELO) is a storage software company. NVELO's product (Dataplex™) delivers the performance of Solid State Drives (SSD's), combined with the price and capacity of Hard Disk Drives (HDD's) through kernel-level adaptive caching and data management technologies, to bring significant value to notebook, desktop, server, and other	\$6.56M	Series A	SKS Capital, Cadence Design Systems

computing devices.

Nevro	<a href="http://www.nevro.com/">http://www.nevro.com/</a>	Medical Devices	Nevro has been established with one vision: To provide relief of chronic back pain	\$58M		Johnson & Johnson Development Corporation, Aberdare Ventures, Accuitive Medical Ventures, Bay City Capital, Mayo Clinic Rochester, MPM Capital, Three Arch Partners
SynapSense	<a href="http://www.synapsense.com/go/index.cfm">http://www.synapsense.com/go/index.cfm</a>	Wireless Instrumentation	SynapSense Corporation provides complete wireless instrumentation solutions that offer energy efficiency and carbon footprint reduction for the world's leading data centers and enterprises.	\$16M	Series A	Crosslink Capital, Sequoia Capital, Aeris Capital, Emerald Technology Ventures, GE Energy Financial Services, Nth Power, Robert Bosch Venture Capital
AzulStar	<a href="http://www.azulstar.com/">http://www.azulstar.com/</a>	4G wireless services	AzulStar is a privately held provider of 4G wireless Internet and communications services to commercial and government customers.			Grand Angels, BlueWater Angels

Nuventix	<a href="http://www.nuventix.com/">http://www.nuventix.com/</a>	GreenTech, cooling technology	Nuventix is an active thermal management solutions company located in Austin, Texas. The Nuventix-developed SynJet® module is a newly patented synthetic jet cooling technology that utilizes turbulent pulses of air generated from an electromagnetic actuator.	\$10M		GE Energy Financial Services, Braemar Energy Ventures, Centerpoint Ventures, InterWest Partners, Rho Capital Partners
Tango	<a href="http://www.tango.me/">http://www.tango.me/</a>	Service, Mobile	Tango is a free, high-quality mobile video calling service for iPhone and Android that works on 3G, 4G, and Wi-Fi.	\$42M	Series B	Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Len Blavatnik, Alex Zubillaga
Unity Technologies	<a href="http://unity3d.com/">http://unity3d.com/</a>	Software, 3D content	Unity provides 3D content development solutions, with the Unity platform, its proprietary solution. Unity provides a fully integrated development environment which makes it easier and more cost-effective for content developers for creating and deploying 3D content for online, console & mobile games, virtual worlds and other sectors with creative visual content.	\$12M	Series B	WestSummit Capital Management, iGlobe Partners, Sequoia Capital
Gaikai	<a href="http://www.gaikai.com/">http://www.gaikai.com/</a>	Games, Streaming Platform	Gaikai is a next generation video game streaming platform that utilizes cloud-based gaming technology, allowing users to play major PC and console games instantly, with one click. No download or install required.	\$30M	Series C	New Enterprise Associates, Qualcomm Ventures, Benchmark Capital, Rustic Canyon Partners, Intel Capital
LifeShield Security	<a href="http://www.lifeshield.com/">http://www.lifeshield.com/</a>	Digital Home, Security	LifeShield Security™, formerly called InGrid Home Security, is the world's first all digital home security system.	\$8M		not disclosed



Atlas Genetics	<a href="http://www.atlasgenetics.com/">http://www.atlasgenetics.com/</a>	Medical Devices	Atlas Genetics Ltd develops ultra rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic tests for infectious diseases. The Velox™ system uses patented technology based on the use of a novel electrochemical sensor that combines speed, accuracy and multiplex detection capability.		Series B	Novartis Venture Fund, Life Sciences Partners, BB Biotech Ventures, Johnson & Johnson Development, Consort Medical
Adesto Technologies	<a href="http://www.adestotech.com/">http://www.adestotech.com/</a>	Semiconductors	Low cost, low power alternative to Flash memory for a wide range of embedded applications	\$17.4M	Seed	Undisclosed
Summit Microelectronics	<a href="http://www.summitmicro.com/">http://www.summitmicro.com/</a>	Semiconductors	Power ICs, controllers, A/D converters, imaging	\$3.3M	Seed	Undisclosed

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