

# Information security and efforts relating to intellectual property

## Information security

Recently, there has been an increase concern with security measures. ROHM always considers security maintenance and improvement as a priority.

### [ 2008 efforts and 2009 targets and topics ]

In 2008, the ROHM Group integrated its systems with Oki Semiconductor, which has a different level of security. In 2009, Oki Semiconductor built an environment that is capable of maintaining security on its own, and will continue to make efforts to improve security.

#### ■ Thorough protection of confidential information

In matters relating to the personal information of customers and privacy, ROHM makes it clear that personal information is obtained properly and managed in a safe and secure manner according to the "Guidelines for the Economic and Industrial Fields Regarding the Act on the Protection of Personal Information." ROHM also makes efforts to establish an information security policy that will appropriately protect our customers' confidential information obtained based on contracts in the same manner as its own company's confidential information, in order to build a structure for the prevention of security accidents as well as raise the consciousness of security among all its employees.

#### ■ Activities for thorough protection of confidential information relating to corporate information in the merger with Oki Semiconductor

A variety of systems had to be eliminated or consolidated in a short period of time during the merger of Oki Semiconductor with the ROHM Group. ROHM has ensured the same level of security for Oki Semiconductor as with the ROHM Group.

##### System changes due to the 2008 merger with Oki Semiconductor

- Expansion of ROHM internal work systems
- Construction of infrastructure, including phone extensions and EDI<sup>1</sup> systems, among others
- Elimination of old Oki Electric internal systems
- Construction of domestic and foreign WAN<sup>2</sup> environment

※ 1 EDI: Electronic Data Interchange—a structure for exchanging information and standardized forms relating to business transactions between companies electronically.  
※ 2 WAN: Wide Area Network—a network with a larger scope than a LAN.

## Efforts relating to intellectual property

ROHM believes that the proper securing and handling of intellectual property rights, with focus on patents, is indispensable to its customers' peace of mind when using ROHM products. ROHM actively promotes the reporting of inventions and files numerous patent applications both in Japan and abroad. ROHM also created a system that will respect the intellectual property rights of other companies while continuing to work with its customers to protect profits against the exercise of intellectual property rights by other companies.

### [ 2008 efforts and 2009 targets and topics ]

In 2008, in accordance with this policy, ROHM actively promoted applications and acquisition of rights. As a result, ROHM acquired numerous useful patents— 2300 patents in Japan and overseas, including approximately 2000 US patents. In 2009, ROHM will continue to push forward in acquiring patents by handpicking specific applications and applying for patents accordingly.

#### Patent education for ROHM employees

ROHM carries out educational activities with the goal of raising consciousness with regard to intellectual property such as patents and establishing consistent rights acquisition from the invention stage to the execution of rights. This includes training of new employees on the necessity of intellectual property during their orientation and intradepartmental training (training conducted by the development division), as required.

#### [ The number of patent applications trend graph ]

