**List of abbreviations and acronyms**

**TIC** Tumour Initiating Cells

**CSC** Cancer stem cells

**CASE** Computer-aided software engineering

**CCS** Chip Card & Security

**EDA** Electronic Design Automation

**GIMP** GNU Image Manipulation Program

**GNU** GNU's Not Unix!

**IPC** Industrial Power Control

**PMM** Power Management & Multimarket

**RSS** Really Simple Syndication

**SDK** Software Development Kit

**UML** Unified Modeling Language

**VHDL** VHSIC Hardware Description Language

**VHSIC** Very High Speed Integrated Circuit

**XML** Extensible Markup Language