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**C,N-chelated organotin(IV) azides: Synthesis, structure and use within the click chemistry**

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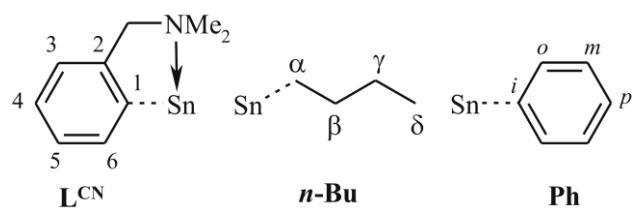
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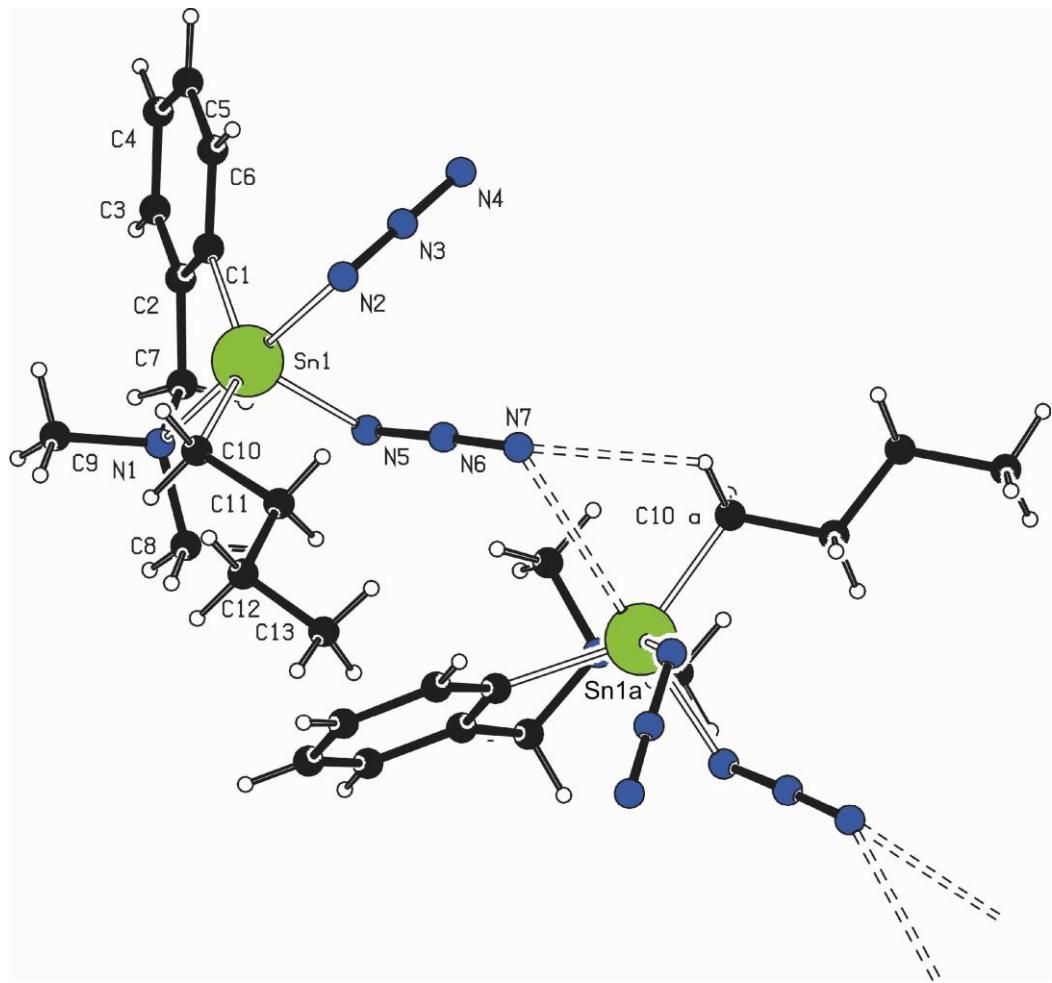
**Scheme S1:** General NMR numbering of organic substituents used in the full paper

Numbering of compounds corresponds with the numbering in the full paper.

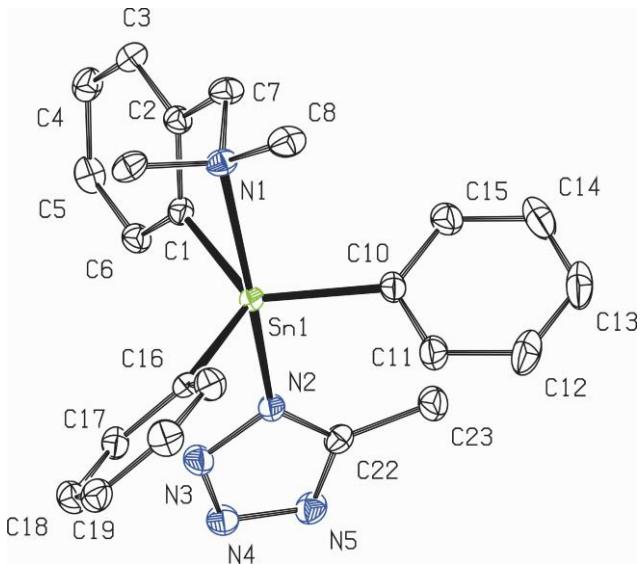
**Table S1:** Important NMR parameters of **1-16** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (unless specified otherwise)

Compound	$\delta(^{119}\text{Sn})$ [ppm]	$\Delta\delta(^{119}\text{Sn})$ [ppm] <sup>a</sup>	$\delta(^{13}\text{C})$ [ppm] <sup>b</sup>	$^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}(1))$ [Hz]	$^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}(6))$ [Hz]
<b>1</b>	-84.2	-32.5	n/a	~ 655	64
<b>2</b>	-196.1	-19.0	n/a	812/775	73
<b>3</b>	-141.1	-23.0	n/a	728/694	~ 70
<b>4</b>	-194.6	-90.3	n/a	n/a	84
<b>5</b>	-243.5	-73.5	n/a	n/a	86
<b>6</b>	-312.6	-59.8	n/a	1219/1164	102
<b>7</b>	-87.5	-3.3	159.6	662/632	65 <sup>c</sup>
<b>8</b>	-222.0	-25.9	158.1	818/782	74
<b>9</b>	-88.4	-4.2	172.3	660/630	65
<b>10</b>	-220.0	-23.9	172.4	n/a	~ 70
<b>11</b>	-84.3	-0.1	163.7	660/631	65 <sup>c</sup>
<b>12</b>	-216.5	-20.4	163.6	n/a	71
<b>13</b>	-85.7	-1.5	161.2	661/633	65
<b>14</b>	-221.9	-25.8	160.4	808/773	~ 72
<b>15</b>	-98.2	-14.0	144.8 (br)	652/622	~ 63 <sup>c</sup>
<b>16</b>	-223.2	-27.1	144.1 (br)	770/740	74

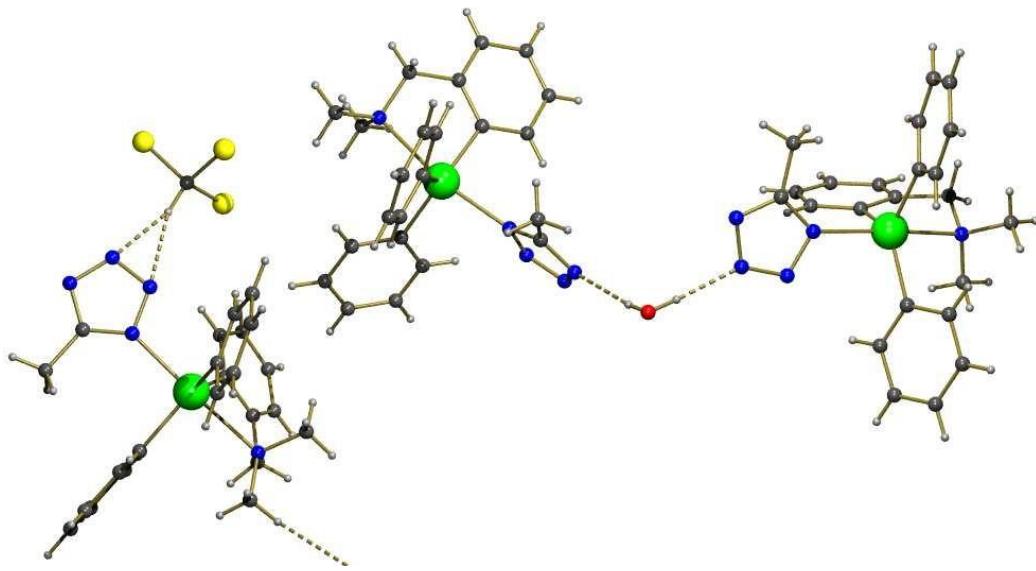
<sup>a</sup>with respect to the starting C,N-chelated organotin(IV) chloride (for **1-6**) or azide (**7-16**);<sup>b</sup>chemical shift value of the tetrazolide or triazolide carbons; <sup>c</sup>measured in benzene-d<sub>6</sub>



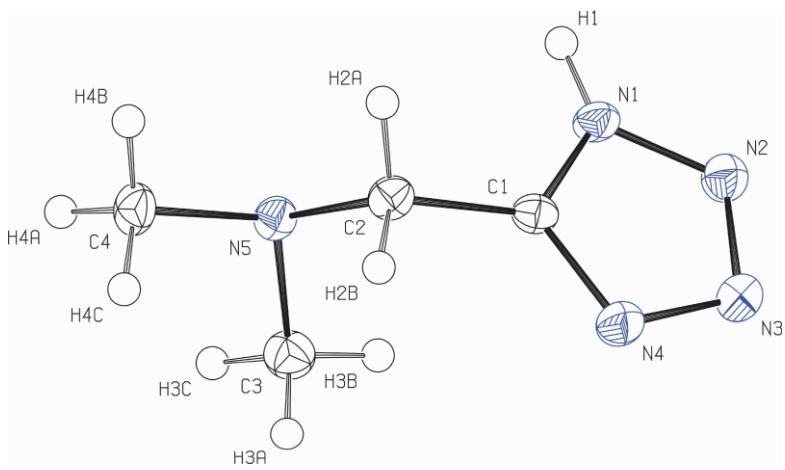
**Fig. S1:** Supramolecular architecture of **4** (PLUTON view). Selected interatomic distances [Å]: N7-Sn1a 3.278, N7-C10a 3.285. N7...H-C10a 122.74°.



**Fig. S2:** Molecular structure of **8** (ORTEP presentation, 40% probability level). Solvating CHCl<sub>3</sub> and water molecules as well as all hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]; values in square brackets are given for another two independent molecules in the unit cell: Sn1-N1 2.466(5) [2.448(5), 2.468(4)], Sn1-N2 2.263(5) [2.254(5), 2.255(4)], N2-N3 1.361(6) [1.353(6), 1.365(6)], N3-N4 1.302(7) [1.304(7), 1.306(8)], N4-N5 1.358(6) [1.343(7), 1.349(8)], N2-C22 1.344(7) [1.341(7), 1.335(7)], N5-C22 1.315(8) [1.322(7), 1.325(7)], Sn1-C1 2.126(5) [2.134(5), 2.130(5)], Sn1-C10 2.126(5) [2.132(4), 2.123(5)], Sn1-C16 2.132(5) [2.121(5), 2.123(6)]; N1-Sn1-N2 169.33(13) [170.97(14), 167.68(15)], Sn1-N2-N3 116.7(3) [114.2(3), 116.2(4)], N2-N3-N4 108.5(4) [108.1(4), 107.0(5)], N3-N4-N5 109.6(4) [110.2(4), 110.9(5)], N4-N5-C22 105.8(4) [105.6(5), 105.1(5)], N2-C22-N5 110.8(4) [110.4(4), 110.7(5)], C22-N2-N3 105.4(4) [105.7(4), 106.3(4)], C1-Sn1-C10 122.89(18) [124.57(18), 112.69(19)], C1-Sn1-C16 123.09(18) [114.60(18), 127.37(18)], C10-Sn1-C16 112.57(19) [119.25(19), 118.4(2)].



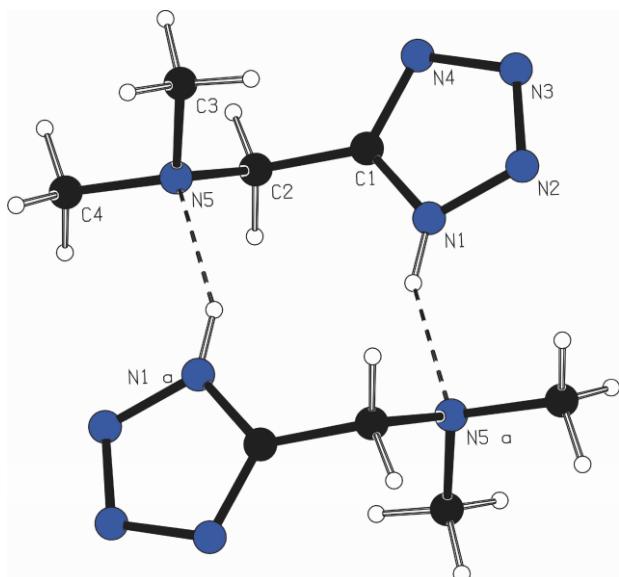
**Fig. S3:** Detail of selected part of the molecular structure of **8** (with solvating  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  molecules) – presentation of the H-bonding. H-bonding: *i*)  $\text{N}\dots\text{H}-\text{O}$   $167.39^\circ$  ( $2.872 \text{ \AA}$ ), *ii*)  $\text{N}\dots\text{H}-\text{O}$   $169.51^\circ$  ( $2.914 \text{ \AA}$ ).



**Fig. S4:** Molecular structure of the monomeric unit of 5-*N,N*-dimethylaminomethyl-1*H*-tetrazole (**14a**) (ORTEP presentation, 50% probability level). Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: N1-N2 1.344(3), N2-N3 1.309(3), N3-N4 1.353(3), N4-C1 1.328(3), N4-C10 1.346(3), N5-C10 1.332(3), Sn1-C1 2.138(2), Sn1-C17 2.144(2), N1-C1 1.330(3); N1-N2-N3 108.82(17), N2-N3-N4 109.56(17), N3-N4-C1 104.72(17), N1-C1-N4 111.37(17), N2-N1-C1 105.52(16).

#### Selected crystallographic data of **14a**:

Empirical formula: C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>; formula weight 127.16; crystal system: monoclinic; Space group: C2/c; a = 16.2012(4) Å; b = 6.1332(5) Å; c = 12.7070(2) Å; β = 97.423(5)°; Z = 8; V = 1252.05(11) Å<sup>3</sup>; D<sub>c</sub> = 1.349 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>; crystal size: 0.23 x 0.13 x 0.06 mm; crystal shape: block; μ = 0.096 mm<sup>-1</sup>; F(000) = 544; h k l range: -20,18; -7,7; -16,16; θ range: 2.536 – 27.497°; 4919 reflections measured (1416 independent, 1074 observed); 82 parameters refined; max/min τ (eÅ<sup>-3</sup>): 0.659 / -0.746; GOF = 1.117; R = 0.0520.



**Fig. S5:** Dimeric presentation of the molecular structure of **14a** (PLUTON view). Hydrogen bond  $\text{N1-N5a} = \text{N5-N1a} = 2.761 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{N1-H}\cdots\text{N5a} = \text{N5-H}\cdots\text{N1a} = 148.54^\circ$ . Other selected interatomic distances [ $\text{\AA}$ ]: N1-N2 1.344(3), N2-N3 1.309(3), N3-N4 1.353(3), N1-C1 1.330(3), 1.328(3).

## Experimental part – preparation and spectroscopic characterization of **1-16**

### Preparation of $L^{CN}(n\text{-}Bu)_2SnN_3$ (**1**)

$L^{CN}(n\text{-}Bu)_2SnCl$  (403 mg, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (10 mL) and  $NaN_3$  (325 mg, 5.0 mmol) in distilled water (10 mL) was added. The resulting biphasic system was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. The water phase was then separated and washed with diethyl ether (2x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over  $MgSO_4$ . After filtration, the clear diethyl ether solution of the title product was evaporated to dryness in *vacuo* giving pure **1** as yellowish oil. Isolated yield 348 mg (85%).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.90 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 6 Hz,  $^3J(^{119}Sn, ^1H)$  = 64 Hz); 7.30 (m, 2H, H(4, 5)); 7.13 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 7 Hz,  $^4J(^{119}Sn, ^1H)$  = 29 Hz); 3.56 (s, 2H,  $CH_2N$ ); 2.31 (s, 6H,  $NMe_2$ ); 1.67 (m, 4H,  $\alpha\text{-}CH_2$ ); 1.38-1.29 (m, 8H,  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma\text{-}CH_2$ ); 0.90 (t, 6H,  $\delta\text{-}CH_3$ ,  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 5 Hz).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 142.4 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 37 Hz); 139.7 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$   $\approx$  655 Hz, tin satellites are partially overlapped by resonances of C(2) and C(6)); 137.3 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 33 Hz); 129.4 (C(4)); 127.9 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 59 Hz); 127.0 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 55 Hz); 65.2 ( $CH_2N$ ); 45.4 ( $NMe_2$ ); 28.2 ( $\beta\text{-}C$ ,  $^2J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 31 Hz); 26.9 ( $\gamma\text{-}C$ ,  $^3J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 81 Hz); 15.2 ( $\alpha\text{-}C$ ,  $^1J(^{119/117}Sn, ^{13}C)$  = 497/475 Hz); 13.7 ( $\delta\text{-}C$ ).  $^{119}Sn\{^1H\}$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -84.2.  $^1H$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.32 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 6 Hz,  $^3J(^{119}Sn, ^1H)$  = 65 Hz); 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H, H(4, 5)); 6.84 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 7 Hz,  $^4J(^{119}Sn, ^1H)$  = 29 Hz); 2.89 (s, 2H,  $CH_2N$ ); 1.80-1.70 (m, 4H,  $\alpha\text{-}CH_2$ ); 1.57 (s, 6H,  $NMe_2$ ); 1.38 (m, 4H,  $\beta\text{-}CH_2$ ); 1.22-1.12 (m, 4H,  $\gamma\text{-}CH_2$ ); 0.92 (t, 6H,  $\delta\text{-}CH_3$ ,  $^3J(^1H, ^1H)$  = 6 Hz).  $^{119}Sn\{^1H\}$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ , 295 K, ppm): -88.8.  $^{119}Sn\{^1H\}$  NMR (THF-d8, 295 K, ppm): -92.6. IR-ATR ( $cm^{-1}$ , selected bands only): 2055 (vs,  $\nu(N=N=N)$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 50.1; H, 7.6; N, 13.6. Calc. for  $C_{17}H_{30}N_4Sn$  (409.14): C, 49.91; H, 7.39; N, 13.69.

### Preparation of $L^{CN}Ph_2SnN_3$ (**2**)

$L^{CN}Ph_2SnCl$  (443 mg, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and  $NaN_3$  (325 mg, 5.0 mmol) in distilled water (10 mL) was added. The resulting biphasic system was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. The water phase was then separated and washed with dichloromethane (2x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over  $MgSO_4$ . After filtration, the clear dichloromethane solution of the title product was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* giving pure **2** as a crystalline solid. Isolated yield 270 mg (60%). Single crystals of **2** were obtained from its  $CHCl_3$  solution by the slow evaporation of the solvent in

the air. M.p. 188-189°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.17 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 73$  Hz); 7.62 (d, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 68$  Hz); 7.45-7.30 (m, 8H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph moieties); 7.18 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 32$  Hz); 3.51 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.88 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 143.0 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 42$  Hz); 138.0 (*i*-Ph,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 768/727$  Hz); 137.9 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 39$  Hz); 136.2 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 812/775$  Hz); 135.8 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 43$  Hz); 130.3 (C(4)); 129.8 (*p*-Ph)); 129.1 (*m*-Ph),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 66$  Hz); 128.3 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 68$  Hz); 127.5 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 64$  Hz); 64.5 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 45.7 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -196.1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.56 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 73$  Hz); 7.56 (m, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 68$  Hz); 7.27 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.19 (m, 7H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph moieties); 6.84 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 8$  Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 33$  Hz); 2.87 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.31 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): -195.7.  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (THF-d8, 295 K, ppm): -199.9. IR-ATR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , selected bands only): 2050 (vs,  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{N})$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 56.4; H, 5.1; N, 12.3. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{Sn}$  (449.12): C, 56.16; H, 4.94; N, 12.47.

#### *Preparation of (L<sup>CN</sup>)<sub>2</sub>(n-Bu)SnN<sub>3</sub> (3)*

**3** was prepared in the same way as **1** using (L<sup>CN</sup>)<sub>2</sub>(n-Bu)SnCl (480 mg, 1.0 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yellowish oil. Isolated yield 403 mg (83%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.67 (br, 2H, H(6),  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) \approx 70$  Hz); 7.25 (m, 4H, H(4, 5)); 7.16 (d, 2H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.57 and 3.28 (br, 2x 2H, anisochronous  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  moieties); 2.09 (br, 12H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.63 (br, 2H,  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.55 (br, 2H,  $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.38 (m, 2H,  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.86 (t, 3H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 6$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 143.7 (br, C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  could not be read); 140.6 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 728/694$  Hz); 136.6 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 39$  Hz); 129.1 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 128.4 (br, C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  could not be read); 127.3 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 65$  Hz); 65.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 25$  Hz); 45.5 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 28.2 ( $\beta$ -C,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 30$  Hz); 26.8 ( $\gamma$ -C,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 97$  Hz); 16.7 (br,  $\alpha$ -C,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  could not be read); 13.6 ( $\delta$ -C).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -141.1. IR-ATR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , selected bands only): 2056 (vs,  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{N})$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 54.5; H, 6.9; N, 14.3. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{Sn}$  (486.23): C, 54.35; H, 6.84; N, 14.40.

#### *Preparation of L<sup>CN</sup>(n-Bu)Sn(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (4)*

**4** was prepared in the same way as **2** using  $L^{CN}(n\text{-Bu})\text{SnCl}_2$  (381 mg, 1.0 mmol) and  $\text{NaN}_3$  (650 mg, 10.0 mmol). Yellowish oil which slowly solidifies on standing. Isolated yield 295 mg (75%). Single crystals of **4** were obtained from its  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution by the slow evaporation of the solvent in the air. M.p. 74-76°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.87 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 84$  Hz); 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H, H(4, 5)); 7.20 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 38$  Hz); 3.66 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.39 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 1.83 (m, 2H,  $\alpha\text{-CH}_2$ ); 1.70 (m, 2H,  $\beta\text{-CH}_2$ ); 1.44 (m, 2H,  $\gamma\text{-CH}_2$ ); 0.95 (t, 6H,  $\delta\text{-CH}_3$ ,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 141.5 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 47$  Hz); 136.6 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 56$  Hz); 131.0 (C(4)); 128.6 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 82$  Hz); 127.6 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 71$  Hz); 63.5 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 45.0 ( $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 27.3 ( $\beta\text{-C}$ ,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 42$  Hz); 26.5 ( $\gamma\text{-C}$ ,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 100$  Hz); 20.6 ( $\alpha\text{-C}$ ,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 682/651$  Hz); 13.7 ( $\delta\text{-C}$ ); C(1) resonance was not observed.  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -194.6. IR-ATR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , selected bands only): 2066 (vs,  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{N})$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 39.8; H, 5.5; N, 24.7. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7\text{Sn}$  (394.05): C, 39.62; H, 5.37; N, 24.88.

#### *Preparation of $L^{CN}\text{PhSn}(\text{N}_3)_2$ (5)*

**5** was prepared in the same way as **2** using  $L^{CN}\text{PhSnCl}_2$  (401 mg, 1.0 mmol) and  $\text{NaN}_3$  (650 mg, 10.0 mmol). Yellowish oil. Isolated yield 253 mg (61%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.03 (br d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) \approx 86$  Hz); 7.61 (br, 2H, *o*-Ph); 7.55-7.40 (m, 5H,  $L^{CN}$  and Ph moieties); 7.25 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.67 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.23 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 141.6 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 58$  Hz); 137.2 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 56$  Hz); 136.6 (br, *i*-Ph); 134.8 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 55$  Hz); 130.8 (br, C(4)); 129.5 (br, *p*-Ph); 129.1 (br, *m*-Ph); 128.8 (br, C(5)); 127.9 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 41$  Hz); 63.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 45$  Hz); 45.3 ( $\text{NMe}_2$ ); C(1) resonance was not observed.  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -243.5. IR-ATR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , selected bands only): 2055 (vs,  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{N})$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 43.6; H, 4.2; N, 23.5. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_7\text{Sn}$  (414.04): C, 43.51 H, 4.14; N, 23.68.

#### *Preparation of $(L^{CN})_2\text{Sn}(\text{N}_3)_2$ (6)*

**6** was prepared in the same way as **2** using  $(L^{CN})_2\text{SnBr}_2$  (274 mg, 0.5 mmol) and  $\text{NaN}_3$  (650 mg, 10.0 mmol). Yellowish oil that very slowly crystallizes on standing. Isolated yield 120 mg (51%). Single crystals of **6** were obtained from its  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution by the slow evaporation of the solvent in the air. M.p. 169-171°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.97 (m, 2H, H(6),

$^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 102$  Hz); 7.45-7.40 (m, 4H, H(4, 5)); 7.21 (m, 2H, H(3),  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 48$  Hz); 3.77 and 3.49 (AX spin system, 2x 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $\Delta\delta = 142$  Hz,  $^2J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 14$  Hz); 2.40 and 2.01 (br, 2x 6H, anisochronous NMe<sub>2</sub> groups).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 141.1 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 61$  Hz); 136.7 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 1219/1164$  Hz); 136.0 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 50$  Hz); 130.7 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 18$  Hz); 128.5 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 98$  Hz); 128.2 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 94$  Hz); 64.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 43$  Hz); 46.6 and 46.4 (br, anisochronous NMe<sub>2</sub> groups).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -312.6. IR-ATR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, selected bands only): 2055 (vs,  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}=\text{N})$  stretching vibration). Elemental analysis (%): found C, 46.1; H, 5.3; N, 23.6. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>8</sub>Sn (471.13): C, 45.89; H, 5.13; N, 23.78.

#### *Preparation of C,N-chelated di-n-butyltin(IV) 5-methyltetrazol-1-ide (7)*

**1** (205 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (10 mL) and MeCN (10 mL, excess) was added. The solution was heated to reflux for 150 hours. Volatiles were then removed *in vacuo* giving pure oily **7** in a quantitative yield (225 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.27 (m, 1H, H(L<sup>CN</sup>)); 7.20 (m, 1H, H(L<sup>CN</sup>)); 7.15 (m, 2H, H(L<sup>CN</sup>)); 3.67 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.51 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.42 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.70-1.45 (m, 8H,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.34 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.83 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 6$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 159.6 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 142.4 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 35$  Hz); 138.8 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 662/632$  Hz); 137.5 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 35$  Hz); 129.5 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 128.0 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 62$  Hz); 127.0 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 56$  Hz); 65.4 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 26$  Hz); 45.6 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 28.1 ( $\beta$ -C,  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 26.9 ( $\gamma$ -C,  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 90$  Hz); 15.6 ( $\alpha$ -C,  $^1J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 501/480$  Hz); 13.5 ( $\delta$ -C); 10.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -87.5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.81 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 65$  Hz); 7.08 (m, 1H, H(4)); 6.98 (m, 1H, H(5)); 6.90 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 8$  Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 28$  Hz); 3.11 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.78 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.53-1.43 (m, 8H,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.33 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.82 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 6$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 160.8 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 143.4 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 37$  Hz); 140.0 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 666/636$  Hz); 138.8 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 35$  Hz); 130.0 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 128.7 (C(5)); 127.6 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 55$  Hz); 65.5 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 25$  Hz); 45.4 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 28.9 ( $\beta$ -C,  $^2J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 27.7 ( $\gamma$ -C,  $^3J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 88$  Hz); 16.3 ( $\alpha$ -C,  $^1J(^{119}/^{117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 507/485$  Hz); 14.1 ( $\delta$ -C); 11.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -94.1. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 51.0; H, 7.6; N, 15.3. Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>5</sub>Sn (450.20): C, 50.69; H, 7.39; N, 15.56.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5-methyltetrazol-1-ide (8)*

**8** was prepared similarly as described for **7** using **2** (225 mg, 0.50 mmol) and MeCN (10 mL, excess). Overall reflux time 70 hours. White crystalline solid. Isolated yield 240 mg (98%). M.p. 69-71°C (valid for single crystals with solvating H<sub>2</sub>O and CHCl<sub>3</sub> molecules). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.85 (d, 4H, o-Ph, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 6 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) = 68 Hz); 7.59 (d, 1H, H(1), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) = 74 Hz); 7.50-7.35 (m, 8H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph substituents); 7.28 (m, 1H, H(3)); 3.70 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.96 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 158.1 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 143.0 (C(2), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 42 Hz); 138.2 (C(6), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 42 Hz); 137.9 (i-Ph, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 785/751 Hz); 136.1 (o-Ph, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 44 Hz); 135.0 (C(1), <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 818/782 Hz); 130.4 (C(4), <sup>4</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 14 Hz); 130.0 (p-Ph, <sup>4</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 13 Hz); 129.1 (m-Ph, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 69 Hz); 128.4 (C(5), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 71 Hz); 127.6 (C(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 65 Hz); 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>N, <sup>n</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 30 Hz); 45.5 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 10.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -222.0. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 56.6; H, 5.4; N, 14.1. Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>5</sub>Sn (490.18): C, 56.36; H, 5.14; N, 14.29.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated di-n-butyltin(IV) 5-tert-butyltetrazol-2-ide (9)*

**9** was prepared similarly as described for **7** using **1** (205 mg, 0.50 mmol) and *t*-BuCN (2 mL, excess). Overall reflux time 8 days. Yellowish oil. Isolated yield 234 mg (95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.46 (d, 1H, H(6), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 8 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) = 65 Hz); 7.31 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.18 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.13 (d, 1H, H(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 8 Hz); 3.66 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.41 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.67-1.54 (m, 4H,  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.46 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); 1.36-1.29 (m, 8H,  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.83 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 172.3 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 142.4 (C(2), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 37 Hz); 139.3 (C(1), <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 660/630 Hz); 138.0 (C(6), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 35 Hz); 129.3 (C(4)); 127.9 (C(5), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 61 Hz); 126.9 (C(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 55 Hz); 65.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>N, <sup>n</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 25 Hz); 45.6 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 31.2 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); 30.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); 28.1 ( $\beta$ -C, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 26 Hz); 26.9 ( $\gamma$ -C, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 88 Hz); 15.7 ( $\alpha$ -C, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 500/481 Hz); 13.5 ( $\delta$ -C). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -88.4. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 53.9; H, 8.2; N, 14.0. Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>5</sub>Sn (492.28): C, 53.68; H, 7.99; N, 14.23.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5-tert-butyltetrazol-2-ide (10)*

**10** was prepared similarly as described for **7** using **2** (225 mg, 0.50 mmol) and *t*-BuCN (2 mL, excess). Overall reflux time 14 days. Isolated yield 240 mg (96%). Single crystals of **10** were

obtained from its  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution by the slow evaporation of the solvent from the NMR tube. M.p. 158-159°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.84 (d, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 71$  Hz); 7.78 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) \approx 70$  Hz); 7.48-7.38 (m, 8H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph substituents); 7.34 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.21 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.64 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.98 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 1.36 (s, 9H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 172.4 ( $\text{N}_4\text{C}$  ring); 143.1 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 41$  Hz); 138.9 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 41$  Hz); 138.3 (*i*-Ph,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 788/754$  Hz); 136.6 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 44$  Hz); 136.2 (C(1), due to the low intensity of the resonance the tin satellites were not observed); 130.4 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 14$  Hz); 129.8 (*p*-Ph,  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 128.9 (*m*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 69$  Hz); 128.5 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 71$  Hz); 127.5 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 65$  Hz); 64.9 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 45.9 ( $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 31.3 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ); 30.1 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -220.0. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 59.0; H, 6.0; N, 13.0. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_5\text{Sn}$  (532.26): C, 58.67; H, 5.87; N, 13.16.

#### *Preparation of C,N-chelated di-n-butyltin(IV) 5-phenyltetrazol-2-ide (11)*

**11** can be prepared by two methods using **1** and PhCN: *i*) **1** (205 mg, 0.50 mmol) is mixed with PhCN (1 mL, excess) in toluene (5 mL) and the reaction mixture is then heated to reflux for ten days. Afterwards, excess of PhCN is distilled off *in vacuo* (ca. 150°C, 100-200 Pa) giving pure **11** as a yellowish oil in a quantitative yield (256 mg); *ii*) **1** (102 mg, 0.25 mmol) is mixed with PhCN (26  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.25 mmol) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (0.6 mL) and the mixture is sealed in the NMR tube under vacuum. The NMR tube is then heated to 100°C for two weeks which results in the quantitative conversion of reagents to pure **11**. The sample may be remeasured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Single crystals of **11** were obtained by the slow evaporation of its dichloromethane solution in the air. M.p. 116-118°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.23 (d, 2H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 8$  Hz); 7.47-7.40 (m, 3H, H(6) and *m*-Ph); 7.34 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.24 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.13 (t, 1H, *p*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 7.10 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.63 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.38 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 1.72-1.62 (m, 4H,  $\alpha$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.57 (m, 4H,  $\beta$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.34 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 0.83 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 163.7 ( $\text{N}_4\text{C}$  ring); 142.4 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 37$  Hz); 139.1 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 660/631$  Hz); 138.0 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 36$  Hz); 130.1 (*i*-Ph); 129.5 (C(4)); 128.8 (*p*-Ph); 128.6 (*o*-Ph); 128.2 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 60$  Hz); 127.0 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 54$  Hz); 126.9 (*m*-Ph); 65.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 29$  Hz); 45.7 ( $\text{NMe}_2$ ); 28.3 ( $\beta$ -C,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 27.1 ( $\gamma$ -C,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 90$  Hz); 15.9 ( $\alpha$ -C,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 501/478$  Hz); 13.6

( $\delta$ -C).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -84.3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.62 (d, 2H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 8 Hz); 7.82 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H})$  = 65 Hz); 7.32 (m, 2H, *m*-Ph); 7.32 (m, 2H, *m*-Ph); 7.19 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.12 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.01 (t, 1H, *p*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz); 6.91 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 8 Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H})$  = 28 Hz); 3.12 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.82 (s and m, 8H,  $\text{NMe}_2$  and  $\alpha$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.70-1.50 (m, 6H,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.38 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ); 0.89 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): -88.1. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 56.5; H, 7.1; N, 13.5. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_5\text{Sn}$  (512.27): C, 56.27; H, 6.89; N, 13.67.

#### *Preparation of C,N-chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5-phenyltetrazol-2-ide (12)*

**12** can be prepared similarly as described for **11** using **2** [*i*] 225 mg, 0.50 mmol; *ii*) 60 mg, 0.13 mmol] and PhCN [*i*] 1 mL, excess; *ii*) 14  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.13 mmol]. *i*) overall reflux time ten days or *ii*) two weeks at 100°C. Quantitative yield of a white solid **12** is achieved upon evaporation of all volatiles *in vacuo*. M.p. 53-55°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.07 (d, 2H, *o*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz); 7.83 (d, 5H, H(6) and *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 8 Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H})$  = 71 Hz, signals are completely overlapped by coincidence); 7.35-7.25 (m, 4H,  $\text{L}^{\text{CN}}$  and Ph substituents); 7.18 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz); 3.61 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.94 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 163.6 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 143.0 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 41 Hz); 138.8 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 41 Hz); 138.1 (*i*-Ph,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 787/753 Hz); 136.5 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 43 Hz); 135.8 (C(1), due to the low intensity of the resonance the tin satellites were not observed); 130.5 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 14 Hz); 130.0 (*p*-Ph,  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 14 Hz); 129.9 (*i*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring); 129.1 (*m*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 69 Hz); 128.8 (*p*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring); 128.7 (C(5)); 128.5 (*o*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring); 127.6 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 64 Hz); 127.0 (*m*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring); 64.8 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C})$  = 32 Hz); 45.9 ( $\text{NMe}_2$ ).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -216.5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.48 (d, 2H, *o*-Ph of the tetrazolide ring,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz); 8.22 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H})$  = 74 Hz); 7.72 (m, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H})$  ≈ 70 Hz); 7.15-6.99 (m, 11H,  $\text{L}^{\text{CN}}$  and Ph substituents); 6.82 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H})$  = 7 Hz); 2.95 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 1.32 (s, 6H,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): -219.1. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 61.1; H, 5.0; N, 12.5. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_5\text{Sn}$  (552.25): C, 60.90; H, 4.93; N, 12.68.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated di-n-butyltin(IV) 5-(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)tetrazol-1-ide (**13**)*

The synthesis was carried out under an argon atmosphere because of the sensitivity of the product towards the moist air. **13** can be prepared similarly as described for **11** using **1** [i) 205 mg, 0.50 mmol; ii) 102 mg, 0.25 mmol] and Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CN [i) 1 mL, excess; ii) 24 µL, 0.25 mmol]. i) overall reflux time ten days or ii) 20 days at 100°C. Quantitative yield of an oily yellowish **12** is achieved after evaporation of all volatiles *in vacuo*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.32 (d, 1H, H(6), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) = 65 Hz); 7.27 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.19-7.10 (m, 2H, H(5) and H(3)); 3.86 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the tetrazolide ring); 3.67 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 2.42 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the tetrazolide ring); 2.30 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 1.64-1.44 (m, 8H, α- and β-CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.33 (m, 4H, γ-CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.82 (t, 6H, δ-CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 161.2 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 142.3 (C(2), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 36 Hz); 139.2 (C(1), <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 661/633 Hz); 137.8 (C(6), <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 36 Hz); 129.5 (C(4), <sup>4</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 13 Hz); 128.1 (C(5), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 61 Hz); 127.0 (C(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 55 Hz); 65.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>N, <sup>n</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 26 Hz); 53.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>N of the tetrazolide ring); 45.7 and 45.1 (NMe<sub>2</sub> moieties); 28.2 (β-C, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 31 Hz); 27.0 (γ-C, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 91 Hz); 15.8 (α-C, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>119/117</sup>Sn, <sup>13</sup>C) = 500/477 Hz); 13.6 (δ-C). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -85.7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.85 (d, 1H, H(6), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) = 65 Hz); 7.08 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.00 (m, 1H, H(5)); 6.90 (d, 1H, H(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz); 4.02 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the tetrazolide ring); 3.10 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 2.33 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the tetrazolide ring); 1.77 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 1.60-1.40 (m, 8H, α- and β-CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.33 (m, 4H, γ-CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.83 (t, 6H, δ-CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -93.0. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 51.4; H, 7.9; N, 16.9. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Sn (493.27): C, 51.14; H, 7.77; N, 17.04.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5-(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)tetrazol-1-ide (**14**)*

**14** was prepared under an argon atmosphere similarly as described for **11** using **2** [i) 225 mg, 0.50 mmol; ii) 67 mg, 0.15 mmol] and Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CN [i) 1 mL, excess; ii) 15 µL, 0.15 mmol]. i) overall reflux time eight days or ii) 18 days at 100°C. Quantitative yield of an oily yellowish **14** is achieved after evaporation of all volatiles *in vacuo*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.80 (m, 5H, H(6) and o-Ph, <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>119</sup>Sn, <sup>1</sup>H) ≈ 72 Hz, signals are completely overlapped by coincidence); 7.47-7.37 (m, 7H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph substituents); 7.34 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.22 (d, 1H, H(3), <sup>3</sup>J(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H) = 7 Hz); 3.63 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 3.41 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N of the tetrazolide ring); 1.93 (br, 12H, NMe<sub>2</sub> fragments, signals are completely overlapped by

coincidence).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 160.4 (N<sub>4</sub>C ring); 143.2 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 42$  Hz); 139.1 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 41$  Hz); 138.6 (*i*-Ph,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 791/758$  Hz); 136.5 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 44$  Hz); 136.1 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 808/773$  Hz); 130.4 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 130.0 (*p*-Ph,  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 14$  Hz); 129.1 (*m*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 69$  Hz); 128.6 (C(5)); 127.6 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 63$  Hz); 65.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 31$  Hz); 53.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  of the tetrazolide ring); 45.9 and 45.0 (NMe<sub>2</sub> moieties).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -221.9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.30 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 6$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) = 71$  Hz); 7.70 (m, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) \approx 68$  Hz); 7.20-7.10 (m, 8H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph substituents); 6.85 (m, 1H, H(3)); 3.60 (br, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  of the tetrazolide ring); 2.97 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand); 1.96 (br, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the tetrazolide ring); 1.33 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub> of the L<sup>CN</sup> ligand).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): -225.3. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 56.5; H, 5.8; N, 15.6. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Sn (533.25): C, 56.31; H, 5.67; N, 15.76.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated di-n-butyltin(IV) 4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocycloocta[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-ide (15)*

**1** (102 mg, 0.25 mmol), cycloctyne (31  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.25 mmol) and benzene-d<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) were sealed under vacuum in the NMR tube. The tube was heated to 100°C for two days in order to achieve a complete conversion of reagents to **15**. Quantitative yield of an oily yellowish **15** is obtained after evaporation of all volatiles *in vacuo*. The sample was remeasured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  in the air.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 7.21 (m, 2H, H(6) and H(4)); 7.11 (m, 1H, H(5)); 7.06 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.56 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ); 2.87 (t, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>CC=CCH<sub>2</sub> fragment of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 2.32 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.72 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.65-1.45 (m, 12H,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.32 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.83 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): 144.8 (N<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> ring); 142.9 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 37$  Hz); 140.6 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 652/622$  Hz); 138.0 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 33$  Hz); 129.0 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 127.8 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 59$  Hz); 126.9 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 56$  Hz); 65.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ,  $^nJ(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 24$  Hz); 45.7 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 28.3 ( $\beta$ -C,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 28$  Hz); 27.1 ( $\gamma$ -C,  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 87$  Hz); 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 15.4 ( $\alpha$ -C,  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 503/481$  Hz); 13.7 ( $\delta$ -C).  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 295 K, ppm): -98.2.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 295 K, ppm): 8.05 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1\text{H}) \approx 63$  Hz); 7.12 (m, 2H, H(5) and H(4)); 6.88 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}) = 7$  Hz); 3.10 (t, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>CC=CCH<sub>2</sub>

fragment of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 3.04 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 1.91 (m, 2H,  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.78 (br, 6H,  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.70 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.65-1.55 (m, 4H,  $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.51 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.51 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.43 (m, 4H,  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.92 (t, 6H,  $\delta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>,  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 7$  Hz). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -101.9. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 58.2; H, 8.30; N, 10.7. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Sn (517.33): C, 58.04; H, 8.18; N, 10.83.

*Preparation of C,N-chelated diphenyltin(IV) 4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocycloocta[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-ide (**16**)*

**2** (112 mg, 0.25 mmol), cycloctyne (31  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) and benzene-d6 (1.0 mL) were sealed under vacuum in the NMR tube. The tube was heated to 100°C for two days in order to achieve a complete conversion of reagents to **16**. Quantitative yield of an oily yellowish **16** is obtained after evaporation of all volatiles *in vacuo*. The sample was remeasured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in the air. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 7.83 (d, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1H) = 69$  Hz); 7.50 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1H) = 74$  Hz); 7.48-7.30 (m, 7H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph moieties); 7.26 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.15 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 8$  Hz); 3.57 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.65 (br, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>CC=CCH<sub>2</sub> fragment of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.80 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.51 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.31 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 144.1 (br, N<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> ring); 143.5 (C(2),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 43$  Hz); 139.1 (C(1),  $^1J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 770/740$  Hz); 138.8 (C(6),  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 39$  Hz); 136.6 (*o*-Ph,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 43$  Hz); 136.0 and 135.9 (*i*-Ph, due to the low intensities of both signals the tin satellites could not be read); 130.0 (C(4),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 13$  Hz); 129.5 (*p*-Ph),  $^4J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 14$  Hz); 128.8 (*m*-Ph),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 67$  Hz); 128.3 (C(5),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 68$  Hz); 127.5 (C(3),  $^3J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 65$  Hz); 64.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>N,  $^2J(^{119/117}\text{Sn}, ^{13}\text{C}) = 32$  Hz); 45.6 (NMe<sub>2</sub>); 29.0 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 25.7 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 23.8 (CH<sub>2</sub> of the C<sub>8</sub> ring). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -223.2.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): 8.36 (d, 1H, H(6),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1H) = 72$  Hz); 7.86 (d, 4H, *o*-Ph,  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 7$  Hz,  $^3J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1H) = 67$  Hz); 7.23 (m, 1H, H(4)); 7.19-7.10 (m, 7H, L<sup>CN</sup> and Ph moieties); 6.86 (d, 1H, H(3),  $^3J(^1H, ^1H) = 8$  Hz,  $^4J(^{119}\text{Sn}, ^1H) = 29$  Hz); 2.98 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N); 2.98 (t, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>CC=CCH<sub>2</sub> fragment of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.58 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring); 1.35 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>); 1.31 (br, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> fragments of the C<sub>8</sub> ring). <sup>119</sup>Sn{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 295 K, ppm): -225.2. Elemental analysis (%): found C, 62.7; H, 6.2; N, 10.0 Calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Sn (557.31): C, 62.50; H, 6.15; N, 10.05.

### ESI-MS measurements of selected compounds

<b>1</b>	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 433.1387 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	433.1383	(3.94%);
	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 368.1397 [M-N <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	368.1397	(100%).
<b>2</b>	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 473.0762 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	473.0750	(2.87%);
	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 408.0772 [M-N <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	408.0770	(100%).
<b>3</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 510.1653 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	510.1638	(9.26%);
	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{Sn}^+$	calc. 445.1664 [M-N <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	445.1653	(100%).
<b>4</b>	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 418.0774 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	418.0772	(7.00%);
	$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{H}^+$	calc. 653.1367 [2M-4(N <sub>3</sub> )+O <sub>2</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>	found	653.1355	(100%).
<b>5</b>	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_7\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 438.0461 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	438.0461	(8.24%);
	$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{H}^+$	calc. 693.0742 [2M-4(N <sub>3</sub> )+O <sub>2</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>	found	693.0736	(100%).
<b>6</b>	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_8\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 495.1041 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	495.1045	(19.20%);
	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_5\text{Sn}^+$	calc. 430.1051 [M-N <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	430.1042	(100%).
<b>7</b>	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 474.1653 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	474.1673	(10.56%);
	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 368.1397 [M-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	368.1395	(100%).
<b>8</b>	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_5\text{SnH}^+$	calc. 492.1208 [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	found	492.1202	(1.07%);
	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 408.0772 [M-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	408.0772	(100%).
<b>10</b>	$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_5\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 556.1498 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	556.1500	(0.74%);
	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 408.0772 [M-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	408.0772	(100%).
<b>11</b>	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_5\text{SnNa}^+$	calc. 536.1810 [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	found	536.1804	(4.33%);
	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{NSn}^+$	calc. 368.1397 [M-C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	found	368.1398	(100%).

MS spectra in the positive mode exhibit [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> peaks with characteristic isotopic tin envelope. In the compounds containing one azido group (**1-3**) (even after the incorporation of nitriles - compounds **7**, **8**, **10** and **11**) very stable cations of [M-N<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> or [M-RCN<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, respectively, are formed. The formation of dimeric cationic species with coordination of oxygen or carbon dioxide molecules (*i.e.* [RL<sub>2</sub>Sn-O-SnL<sub>2</sub>R+H]<sup>+</sup>) is common. In the MS spectra of compounds containing two azido groups (**4-6**), the preferential loss of -N<sub>3</sub> was observed only in the case of **6**. In **4** and **5**, except [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> peaks, the dimeric structures with coordination of various neutral species are more pronounced.

The MS/MS studies revealed, that after release of  $-N_3/-RCN_4$  group, in the *n*-butyltin derivatives (**1**, **3**, **4**, **7** and **11**, respectively) the butyl group is lost first leading to the formation of  $L^{CN}Sn^+$  cations. When two ligands are present (**3**),  $L^{CN}SnTropylium^+$  cation can be observed. In the phenyltin derivatives (**2**, **5**, **8** and **10**), after the loss of the  $-N_3/-RCN_4$  group, the loss of dimethylamine and formation of the  $PhSnTropylium^+$  species is preferred. In the case of compound **6**, similar ionisation mechanism (*via* the release of the dimethylamine group) was observed.

**Table S2:** Selected crystallographic data of **2**, **4** and **6**

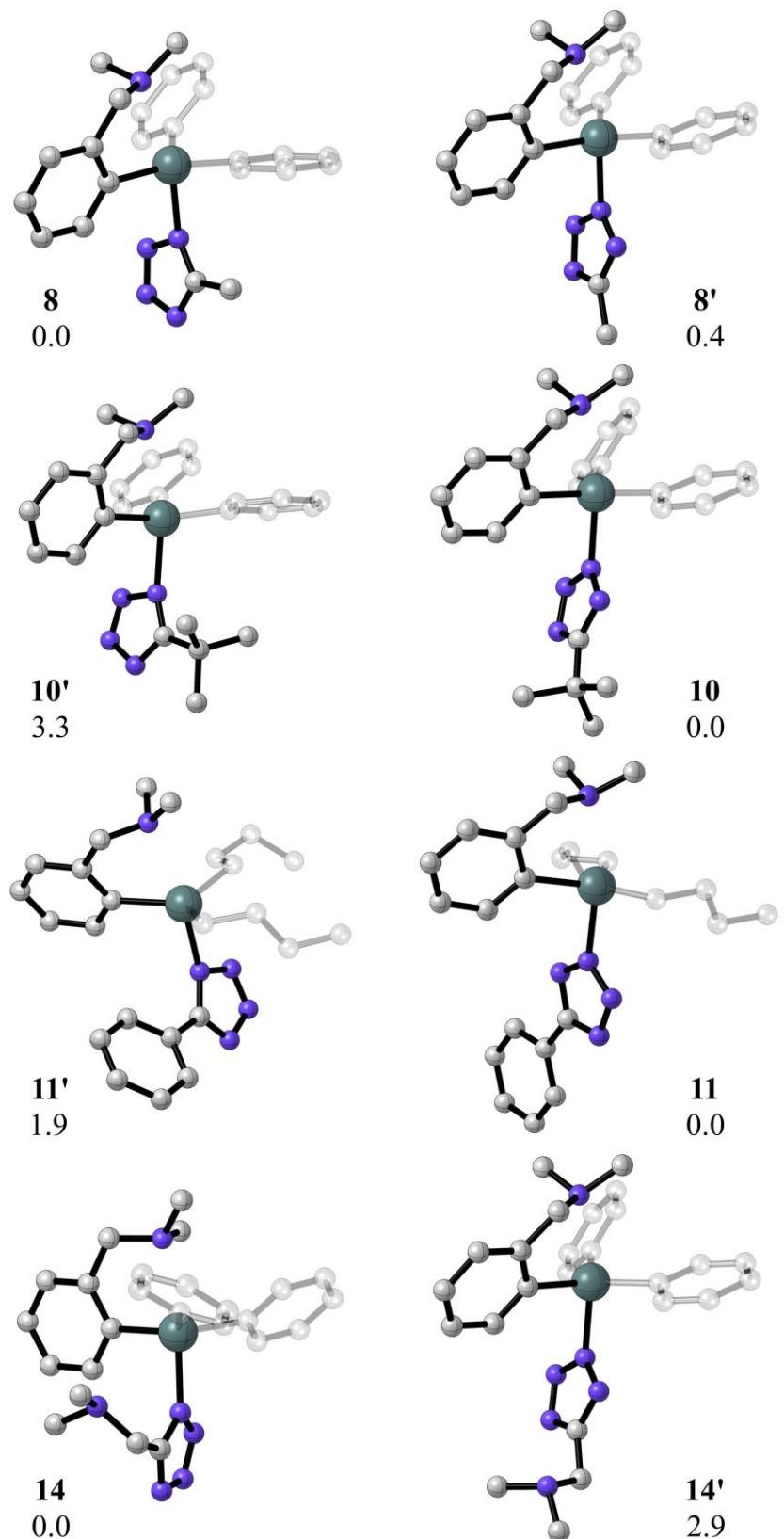
<b>Compound</b>	$L^{CN}Ph_2SnN_3$ <b>(2)</b>	$L^{CN}(n\text{-Bu})Sn(N_3)_2$ <b>(4)</b>	$(L^{CN})_2Sn(N_3)_2$ <b>(6)</b>
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{22}N_4Sn$	$C_{13}H_{21}N_7Sn$	$C_{18}H_{24}N_8Sn$
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
Formula weight	449.12	394.06	471.14
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$Pbca$	$P2_1/c$
$a$ (Å)	8.7010(5)	13.3890(9)	9.9650(6)
$b$ (Å)	14.8150(6)	15.3861(13)	14.0700(6)
$c$ (Å)	17.4601(9)	15.9340(7)	16.8031(11)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	118.559(5)	90	120.993(6)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90	90
$Z$	4	8	4
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1976.9(2)	3282.5(4)	2019.6(2)
$D_c$ (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.509	1.595	1.550
Crystal size (mm)	0.58 x 0.44 x 0.27	0.46 x 0.10 x 0.10	0.57 x 0.40 x 0.32
Crystal shape	block	needle	block
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.304	1.562	1.285
$F(000)$	904	1584	952
$h; k; l$ range	-11, 11; -19, 17; -22, 20	-15, 17; -19, 18; -20, 17	-11, 12; -18, 17; -21, 20
$\theta$ range (°)	2.99 - 27.48	2.39 - 27.50	2.02 - 27.50
Reflections measured	23121	20863	16394
- independent ( $R_{int}$ ) <sup>a)</sup>	4442	3739	4568
- observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	3974	2724	4049
Parameters refined	235	190	244
Max/min $\tau$ (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.598 / -0.524	0.887 / -0.847	1.325 / -0.646
GOF <sup>b)</sup>	1.216	1.168	1.195
$R$ <sup>c)</sup> / wR <sup>c)</sup>	0.0189 / 0.0441	0.0246 / 0.0486	0.0298 / 0.0691

<sup>a</sup>  $R_{int} = \sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2| / \sum F_o^2$ , <sup>b</sup>  $S = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / (N_{\text{diffs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$ , <sup>c</sup> Weighting scheme:  $w = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (w_1P)^2 + w_2P]^{-1}$ , where  $P = [\max(F_o^2) + 2F_c^2]$ ,  $R(F) = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|$ ,  $wR(F^2) = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / (\sum w(F_o^2)^2)]^{1/2}$

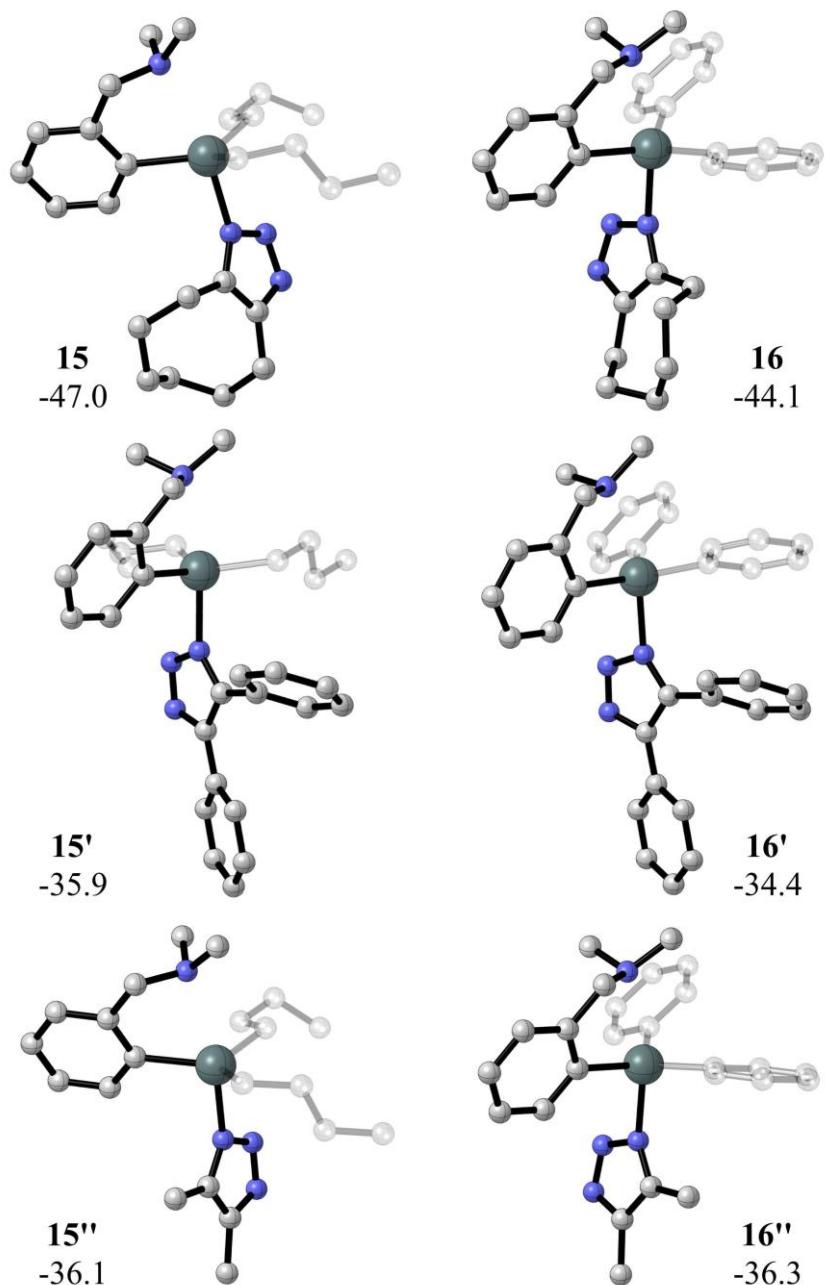
**Table S3:** Selected crystallographic data of **8**, **10** and **11**

Compound	<i>C,N</i> -chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5-methyltetrazol-1-ide ( <b>8</b> )	<i>C,N</i> -chelated diphenyltin(IV) 5- <i>tert</i> -butyltetrazol-2-ide ( <b>10</b> )	<i>C,N</i> -chelated di- <i>n</i> -butyltin(IV) 5-phenyltetrazol-2-ide ( <b>11</b> )
Empirical formula	3(C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>5</sub> Sn)·2CHCl <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>5</sub> Sn	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>5</sub> Sn
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Formula weight	1727.26	532.25	512.26
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C</i> 2/c	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.9088(9)	32.4123(5)	10.0490(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.3100(7)	9.6582(3)	13.4371(12)
<i>c</i> (Å)	28.147(3)	16.3820(3)	18.4539(10)
$\alpha$ (°)	81.282(7)	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	80.812(8)	103.131(2)	103.310(4)
$\gamma$ (°)	68.233(8)	90	90
<i>Z</i>	2	8	4
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3727.8(6)	4994.2(2)	2424.9(3)
D <sub>c</sub> (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.539	1.416	1.403
Crystal size (mm)	0.54 x 0.36 x 0.25	0.33 x 0.24 x 0.20	0.25 x 0.25 x 0.22
Crystal shape	block	block	block
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.266	1.045	1.073
F(000)	1740	2176	1056
<i>h</i> ; <i>k</i> ; <i>l</i> range	-14, 14; -17, 17; -36, 36	-41, 42; -12, 12; -20, 21	-13, 11; -15, 17; -23, 23
$\theta$ range (°)	1.473 - 27.499	2.21 - 27.50	1.89 - 27.48
Reflections measured	68944	20709	24210
- independent (R <sub>int</sub> ) <sup>a)</sup>	16321	5625	5443
- observed [I>2σ(I)]	15203	4845	4517
Parameters refined	868	289	271
Max/min $\tau$ (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	3.743 / -3.528	0.979 / -0.878	0.524 / -0.546
GOF <sup>b)</sup>	1.054	1.142	1.146
R <sup>c)</sup> / wR <sup>c)</sup>	0.0548 / 0.1229	0.0244 / 0.0539	0.0256 / 0.0506

<sup>a</sup>  $R_{\text{int}} = \sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}^2| / \sum F_o^2$ , <sup>b</sup>  $S = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / (N_{\text{diffs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$ , <sup>c</sup> Weighting scheme:  $w = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (w_1P)^2 + w_2P]^{-1}$ , where  $P = [\max(F_o^2) + 2F_c^2]$ ,  $R(F) = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|$ ,  $wR(F^2) = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / (\sum w(F_o^2)^2)]^{1/2}$



**Fig. S6:** M06 /cc-pVDZ(-pp) optimized geometries of compounds **8**, **10**, **11** and **14** along with relative Gibbs free energies (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) for different regioisomers.



**Fig. S7:** M06 /cc-pVDZ(-pp) optimized geometries of compounds **15** and **16** along with corresponding Gibbs free energy of its formation (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table S4:** Energy and Gibbs free energy differences for reaction steps displayed in Scheme 2 and Scheme 3

	$\Delta E$ (cc-pVDZ) [kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta E^{\text{solv}}$ (cc-pVDZ) [kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta E$ (cc-pVTZ) [kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta G$ (cc-pVTZ) [kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Delta G^{\text{solv}}$ (cc-pVTZ) [kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
<b>2@8</b>	-26.1	-27.2	-18.0	-0.6	-1.7
<b>2@8'</b>	-27.3	-27.2	-18.7	-1.4	-1.3
<b>2@10</b>	-29.3	-28.8	-20.5	-2.5	-2.0
<b>2@10'</b>	-26.6	-26.5	-18.5	1.3	1.3
<b>1@11</b>	-33.3	-33.9	-24.2	-4.6	-5.2
<b>1@11'</b>	-29.1	-30.0	-21.2	-2.3	-3.2
<b>2@14</b>	-33.2	-33.0	-24.7	-5.4	-5.3
<b>2@14'</b>	-29.5	-29.5	-20.7	-2.3	-2.3
<b>14@14a</b>	-11.0	-13.4	-12.3	-13.6	-16.0
<b>14'@14a'</b>	-14.7	-15.4	-15.5	-16.0	-16.7
<b>1@15</b>	-75.4	-75.5	-67.3	-46.9	-47.0
<b>1@15'</b>	-64.8	-63.8	-56.0	-36.9	-35.9
<b>1@15''</b>	-61.9	-62.2	-53.6	-35.8	-36.1
<b>2@16</b>	-72.7	-72.4	-63.6	-44.4	-44.1
<b>2@16'</b>	-64.6	-63.8	-54.7	-35.3	-34.4
<b>2@16''</b>	-62.6	-62.8	-53.6	-36.1	-36.3

**Table S5:** Comparison of theoretical and experimental values of the relevant geometrical data for compounds **8**, **10** and **11**.

	Distance [Å] / Angle [°]		Distance [Å] / Angle [°]				
	Exp.	Calc.	Exp.	Calc.			
<b>8</b>	Sn1-N1	2.448(5)	2.648	N1-Sn1-N2	167.50(7)	164.219	
	Sn1-N2	2.254(5)	2.183	Sn1-N2-N3	126.52(15)	126.16	
	N2-N3	1.353(6)	1.355	N2-N3-N4	107.59(18)	107.64	
	N3-N4	1.304(7)	1.292	N3-N2-N5	111.43(18)	112.01	
	N4-N5	1.343(7)	1.348	N3-N4-C10	105.82(18)	105.76	
	N2-C22	1.341(7)	1.349	N2-N5-C10	103.41(18)	102.75	
	N5-C22	1.322(7)	1.325	C1-Sn1-C15	123.10(8)	123.25	
	Sn1-C1	2.134(5)	2.150	C1-Sn1-C21	117.80(9)	116.70	
	Sn1-C10	2.132(4)	2.140	C15-Sn1-C21	116.66(9)	115.50	
	Sn1-C16	2.121(5)	2.145	N1-Sn1-N2	167.50(7)	164.22	
	N1-Sn1-N2	170.97(14)	165.79				
	Sn1-N2-N3	114.2(3)	113.92	<b>11</b>	Sn1-N1	2.480(2)	2.634
	N2-N3-N4	108.1(4)	107.92	Sn1-N2	2.280(2)	2.220	
	N3-N4-N5	110.2(4)	110.64	N2-N3	1.319(3)	1.322	
	N4-N5-C22	105.6(5)	105.69	N3-N4	1.332(3)	1.310	
	N2-C22-N5	110.4(4)	109.55	N2-N5	1.344(3)	1.331	
	C22-N2-N3	105.7(4)	106.19	N4-C10	1.346(3)	1.352	
	C1-Sn1-C10	124.57(18)	127.19	N5-C10	1.332(3)	1.335	
	C1-Sn1-C16	114.60(18)	113.81	Sn1-C1	2.138(2)	2.155	
	C10-Sn1-C16	119.25(19)	114.407	Sn1-C17	2.144(2)	2.164	
				Sn1-C21	2.141(2)	2.159	
<b>10</b>	Sn1-N1	2.522(2)	2.684	N1-Sn1-N2	166.37(7)	169.21	
	Sn1-N2	2.2218(19)	2.193	Sn1-N2-N3	123.29(15)	125.43	
	N2-N3	1.321(3)	1.326	N2-N3-N4	108.21(19)	107.75	
	N3-N4	1.331(3)	1.310	N3-N2-N5	111.22(19)	112.13	
	N2-N5	1.343(3)	1.333	N3-N4-C10	105.20(19)	105.76	
	N4-C10	1.345(3)	1.354	N2-N5-C10	103.21(18)	102.65	
	N5-C10	1.329(3)	1.330	C1-Sn1-C17	126.61(9)	117.53	
	Sn1-C1	2.123(2)	2.151	C1-Sn1-C21	117.30(8)	117.41	
	Sn1-C15	2.126(2)	2.143	C17-Sn1-C21	119.85(9)	122.67	
	Sn1-C21	2.119(2)	2.139				