



European Semiconductor Industry Association

## ***Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release***

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### **WSTS European sales up 8.1% in the third quarter**

European semiconductor sales significantly accelerated, month-on-month, from August to September, resulting in a healthy growth for the third quarter, +8.1% over Q2 (comparable to the worldwide market growth of +8.0%).

The good performance of the European market in Q3 was primarily due to Microprocessors and DRAM memory which grew together 21% over Q2, representing 70% of the total dollar market increase.

NOR Flash memory market, boosted by robust seasonal demand for cellular phone, grew 24% and accounted for 9% of the total increase. DSP, mainly driven by cellular phone, and specific ICs for digital consumer devices such as set-top box, also recorded a strong growth in Q3. Discrete, Sensors, Standard Linear ICs and Microcontrollers decreased moderately in Q3 after a strong performance during the first half of the year.

European Semiconductor sales in September 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.412 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 6.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 3.7% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased in 2006 by 0.3% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ continues its impact on the growth data in the recent month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in September were EURO 2.675 billion, up 6.1% on previous month and down 0.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 1.7% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September were US\$ 21.370 billion, up 4.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.3% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 8.9%.  
(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

**About ESIA:** The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.6 bn in 2005.

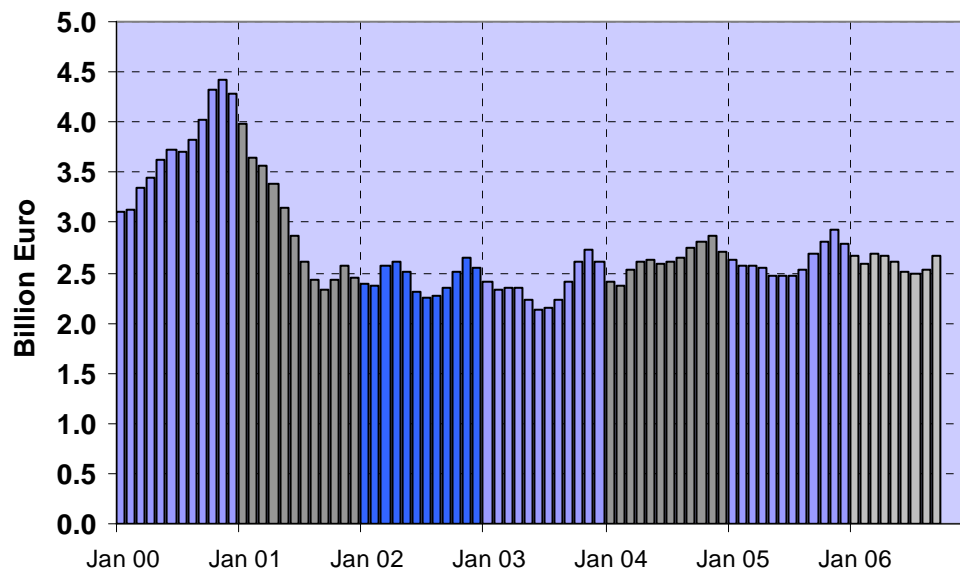
**About WSTS:** Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS members are 74 semiconductor companies from all over the world, representing 85% of the world semiconductor market. More information on the WSTS website at [www.wsts.org](http://www.wsts.org)

## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

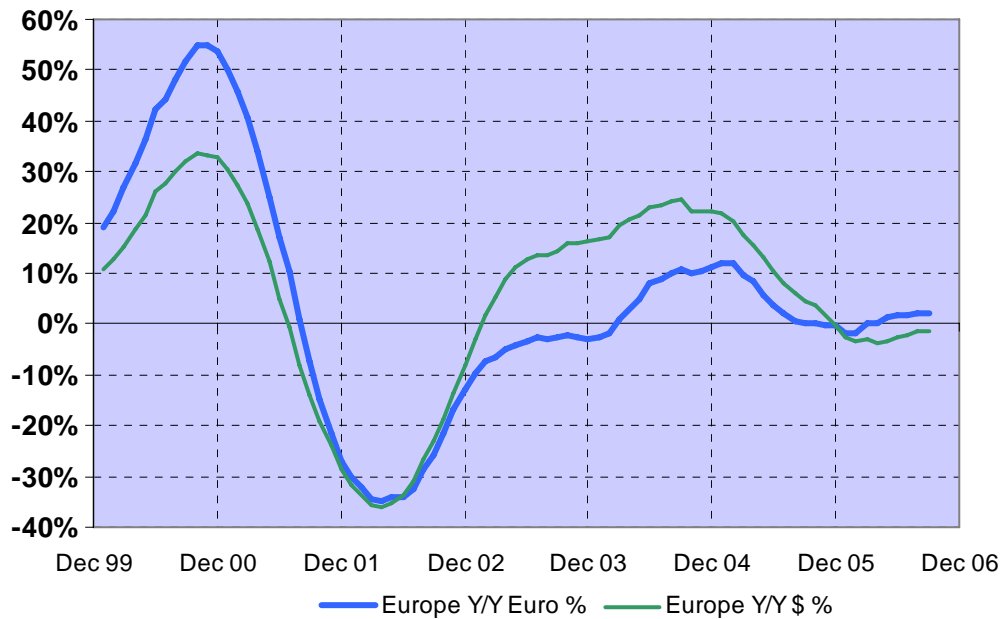
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 06	Sep 06	Aug 06	Sep 06	Aug 06	Sep 06	Aug 06	Sep 06
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Europe	3.208	3.412	1.1%	6.4%	4.2%	3.7%	-0.3%	0.3%
Americas	3.825	3.893	3.4%	1.8%	18.0%	12.9%	14.4%	13.2%
Japan	3.919	4.049	1.5%	3.3%	8.9%	9.4%	4.4%	4.9%
Asia Pacific	9.561	10.016	1.5%	4.8%	10.3%	9.8%	11.9%	12.3%
World	20.514	21.370	1.8%	4.2%	10.4%	9.3%	8.7%	8.9%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.522	2.675	0.9%	6.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	2.0%	1.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.282	1.275	3.9%	4.0%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

## EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)



## European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



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