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WSTS EXPECTS SEMICONDUCTOR MARKET TO SURPASS US\$300 BILLION IN 2011 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Worldwide Semiconductor Market is projected to reach US\$302 billion for 2011, followed by a healthier 2.6 percent growth in 2012 and 5.8 percent growth to top US\$328 billion in 2013

The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) expects the worldwide market to surpass US\$300 billion by end of 2011 for the first time in semiconductor history, yet reflects a less-than-average growth of 1.3% over the previous banner-year 2010.

In 2011, the semiconductor industry had to weather the slowdown of world economies from financial turmoil due to European debts concerns, clear declines of industrial and consumer confidence, as well as the supply chain disruptions by the earthquake disaster in Japan and recent flooding in Thailand. For product category, an oversupply in PC/NB DRAM results in a sharp decline in memory revenue, though the overall market is offset by healthy growth in microcontroller ICs, sensors and discrete semiconductor segments. The total revenue in 2011 is projected to be US\$302 billion.

Looking forward, WSTS forecasts the worldwide semiconductor market will grow by a healthier 2.6% to US\$310 billion in 2012 followed by 5.8% growth to top US\$328 billion in 2013.

About WSTS:

World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing more than 75% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics.

WSTS Forecast Summary

From the autumn 2011 Forecast Meeting, held in Barcelona, Spain, 15 November to 18 November 2011.

Autumn 2011	Amounts in US\$M				Year on Year Growth in %			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Americas	53,675	55,643	56,378	59,365	39.3	3.7	1.3	5.3
Europe	38,054	38,062	37,261	39,316	27.4	0.0	-2.1	5.5
Japan	46,561	43,109	45,487	47,644	21.6	-7.4	5.5	4.7
Asia Pacific	160,025	165,458	171,049	181,759	33.8	3.4	3.4	6.3
Total World - \$M	298,315	302,271	310,175	328,084	31.8	1.3	2.6	5.8
Discrete Semiconductors	19,802	21,939	22,685	23,906	39.7	10.8	3.4	5.4
Optoelectronics	21,702	22,836	24,172	25,798	27.3	5.2	5.9	6.7
Sensors	6,903	8,093	8,636	9,195	45.2	17.2	6.7	6.5
Integrated Circuits	249,909	249,404	254,681	269,185	31.3	-0.2	2.1	5.7
Analog	42,285	42,995	44,334	47,307	32.1	1.7	3.1	6.7
Micro	60,633	65,514	67,854	72,418	25.5	8.0	3.6	6.7
Logic	77,377	80,241	84,654	89,297	18.7	3.7	5.5	5.5
Memory	69,614	60,655	57,839	60,163	55.4	-12.9	-4.6	4.0
Total Products - \$M	298,315	302,271	310,175	328,084	31.8	1.3	2.6	5.8

Note: Numbers in the table are rounded to whole millions of dollars, which may cause totals by region and totals by product group to differ slightly.