



The voice of the Semiconductor Industry in Europe

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## **EUROPEAN CHIP SALES SHOW MODERATE GROWTH IN MAY 2013**

European semiconductor sales increased by 0.3% in May compared to April 2013, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on June 30. Strong growth rates were observed for most of the main product categories on the basis of a three month rolling average.

Diodes, discretes, optoelectronics, sensors & actuators and analog devices reported positive growth rates in May and were the main drivers of overall chip sales.

Looking at application specific devices, chips used for wireless communication and automotive infotainment applications reported particularly strong growth rates worldwide in May 2013.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in May 2013 amounted to US\$ 2.839 billion. On an YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased by 1.0% versus the same period in the year 2012.

In May, exchange rate effects reversed but were rather moderate when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.186 billion Euros in May 2013, an increase of 1.3% versus the previous month and an increase of 0.7% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May 2013 were US\$ 24.702 billion, up 4.6% versus the previous month and up 1.3% versus the same month in 2012.

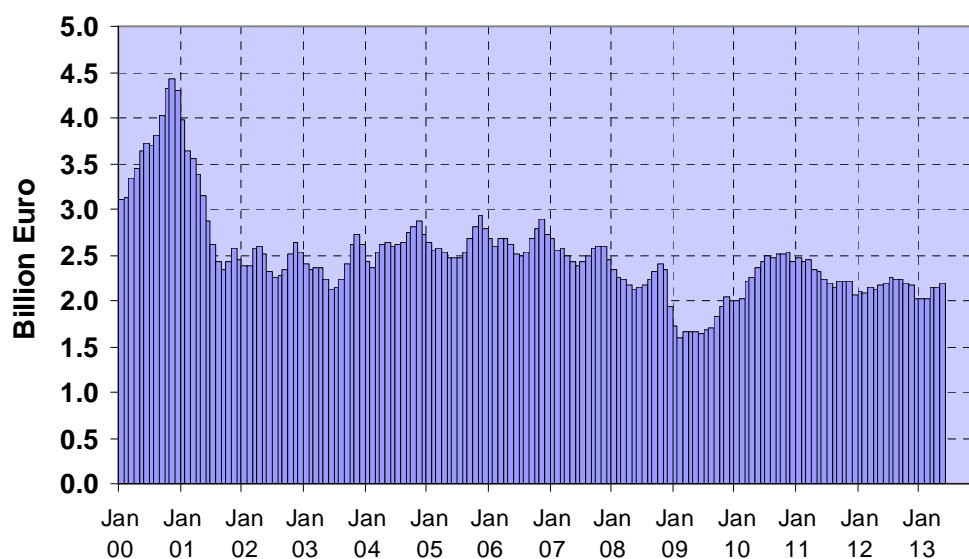
(For more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

## 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  |             |
|  | Apr 13              | May 13        | Apr 13                | May 13      | Apr 13                              | May 13      | Apr 13      | May 13      |
| in \$:   |                     |               |                       |             |                                     |             |             |             |
| <b>Europe</b>                                      | 2.830               | 2.839         | -0.6%                 | 0.3%        | 0.4%                                | 0.1%        | 1.2%        | 1.0%        |
| <b>Americas</b>                                    | 4.358               | 4.603         | -0.6%                 | 5.6%        | -4.4%                               | 3.0%        | -1.4%       | 2.0%        |
| <b>Japan</b>                                       | 2.723               | 2.745         | -2.9%                 | 0.8%        | -19.4%                              | -18.4%      | -18.6%      | -18.8%      |
| <b>Asia Pacific</b>                                | 13.712              | 14.515        | 2.0%                  | 5.9%        | 3.0%                                | 5.8%        | 5.7%        | 6.6%        |
| of which China                                     | 5.344               | 6.030         | 7.5%                  | 12.8%       | 4.6%                                | 15.5%       | 4.4%        | 9.7%        |
| <b>World</b>                                       | <b>23.623</b>       | <b>24.702</b> | <b>0.6%</b>           | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>-1.8%</b>                        | <b>1.3%</b> | <b>0.4%</b> | <b>1.5%</b> |
| In EURO:   |                     |               |                       |             |                                     |             |             |             |
| <b>Europe</b>                                      | 2.158               | 2.186         | 0.1%                  | 1.3%        | 1.1%                                | 0.7%        | 0.9%        | 0.6%        |
| Rate (\$/Euro)                                     | 1.301               | 1.298         | -1.2%                 | 1.1%        | < Euro against \$ versus prev. Year |             |             |             |

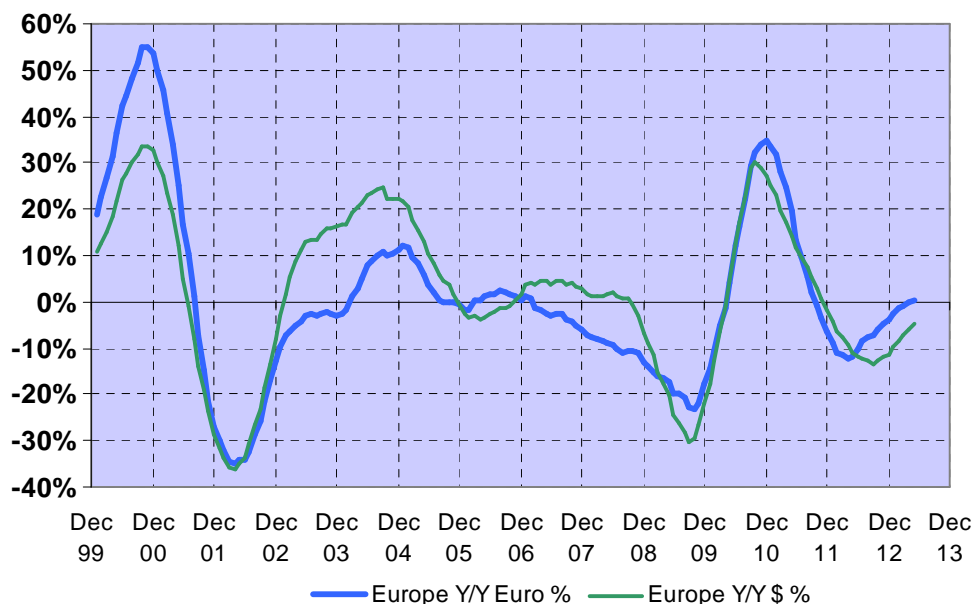
- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month data.

## 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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**About ESIA:** The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 800.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.

**About WSTS:** World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecast.