



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **The European semiconductor market up 4% in November**

Semiconductor sales in Europe went up 4% in November, compared to October, as reported by WSTS this month. This result is in line with the seasonal strength typical of the end of the year in Europe.

The market has been driven by the strong sales of Microprocessors and Microcontrollers, the product categories which account for approximately 30% of the total sales in our region.

Memory products have also contributed to this good performance, specifically DRAMS have continued to grow faster than the average semiconductor market.

European Semiconductor sales in November 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.684 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 4.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 4.3% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased in 2006 by 1.1% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ widened again its impact on the growth data in the recent month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in November were EURO 2.893 billion, up 3.9% on previous month and down 1.3% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 1.0% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in November were US\$ 22.703 billion, up 3.1% versus the previous month and a new record high. This results in an increase of 11.3% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 9.4%.

(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.

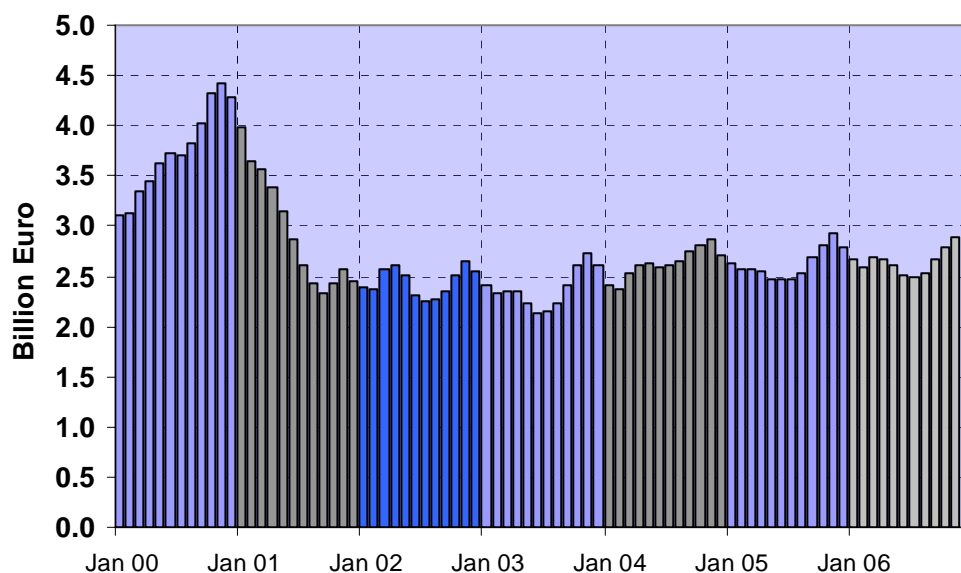
**About WSTS:** Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 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>

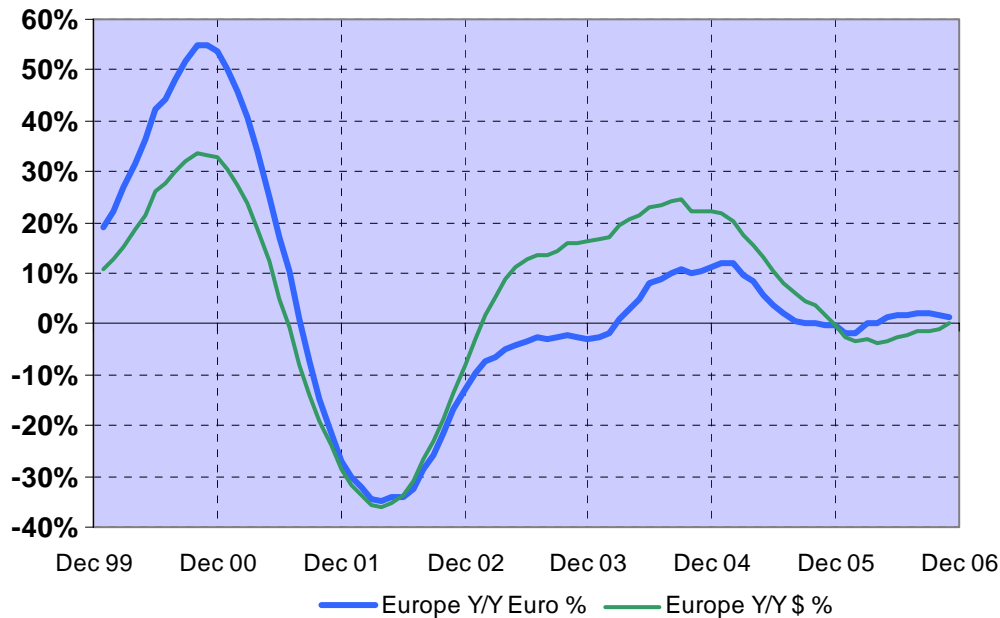
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Oct 06	Nov 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Oct 06	Nov 06
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Europe	3.543	3.684	3.8%	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	0.4%	1.1%
Americas	3.991	3.970	2.5%	-0.5%	11.0%	6.5%	12.9%	12.0%
Japan	4.148	4.255	2.4%	2.6%	11.2%	13.0%	5.9%	6.8%
Asia Pacific	10.337	10.795	3.2%	4.4%	11.0%	15.0%	12.2%	12.8%
World	22.019	22.703	3.0%	3.1%	9.8%	11.3%	9.0%	9.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.784	2.893	4.1%	3.9%	-0.6%	-1.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.261	1.283	4.6%	8.8%	< 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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