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Strong first half 2004 for the European Semiconductor Market

The first half of 2004 shows a continuous increasing growth over the first half 2003. The world wide year-on-year growth on a three month moving average is now already higher than 40%. On a regional basis, this growth is still led by the Asia Pacific region with 61%. The other three regions show about half of this growth rate.

The market in the first half of 2004 was strong for all memory products - especially for DRAM (the memory chips primarily used in computers) , which grew 79% over first half last year -, image sensors (used in digital still cameras and mobile phones), display drivers, and application specific IC for use in communication. It seems now very likely that the growth for the total year 2004 will be around or even slightly above 30%.

European Semiconductor sales in June 2004 amounted to US\$ 3.124 billion according to WSTS, down -2.0% versus previous month. This corresponds to a +28.9% increase compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis semiconductor sales increased by +26.6% versus the same period in 2003.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has still a significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in June were EURO 2.587 billion, a decrease of -1.6% versus previous month and an increase of +21.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis semiconductor sales increased by +13.9% versus the same period in 2003.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in June were US\$ 17.815 billion, up +2.8% versus previous month. This results to an increase of +40.3% versus the same month in 2003 and on a year-to-date basis to a growth of +36.4%.

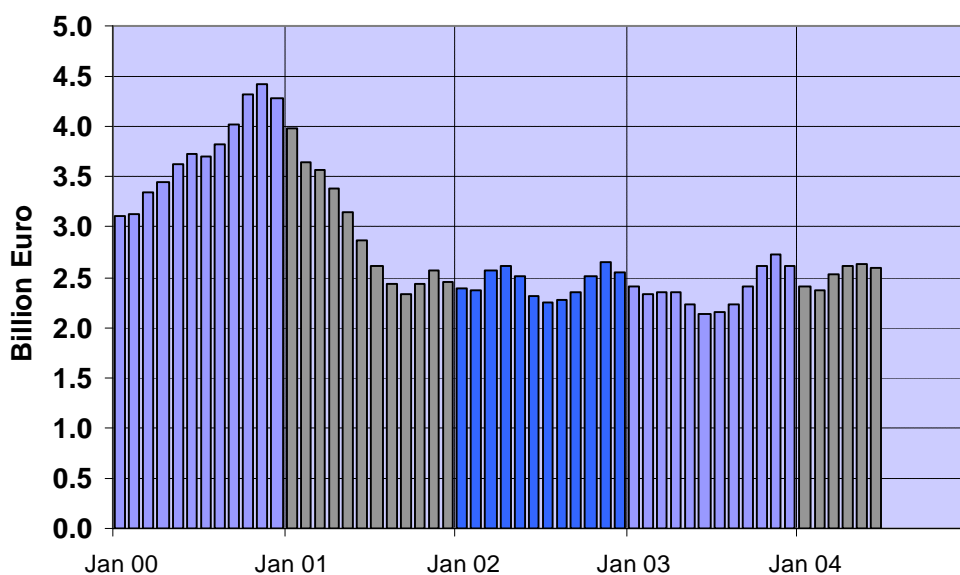
(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

Data Table:

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mai 04	Jun 04	Mai 04	Jun 04	Mai 04	Jun 04	Mai 04	Jun 04
in \$:								
Europe	3.186	3.124	-1.2%	-2.0%	29.2%	28.9%	26.8%	26.6%
Americas	3.198	3.288	0.2%	2.8%	26.5%	29.7%	25.4%	27.5%
Japan	3.709	3.819	1.4%	3.0%	24.4%	26.3%	25.2%	25.5%
Asia Pacific	7.230	7.584	4.7%	4.9%	54.6%	60.9%	52.4%	53.6%
World	17.323	17.815	2.1%	2.8%	36.9%	40.3%	35.4%	36.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.628	2.587	0.3%	-1.6%	17.4%	21.5%	12.3%	13.9%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.202	1.214	4.2%	3.9%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

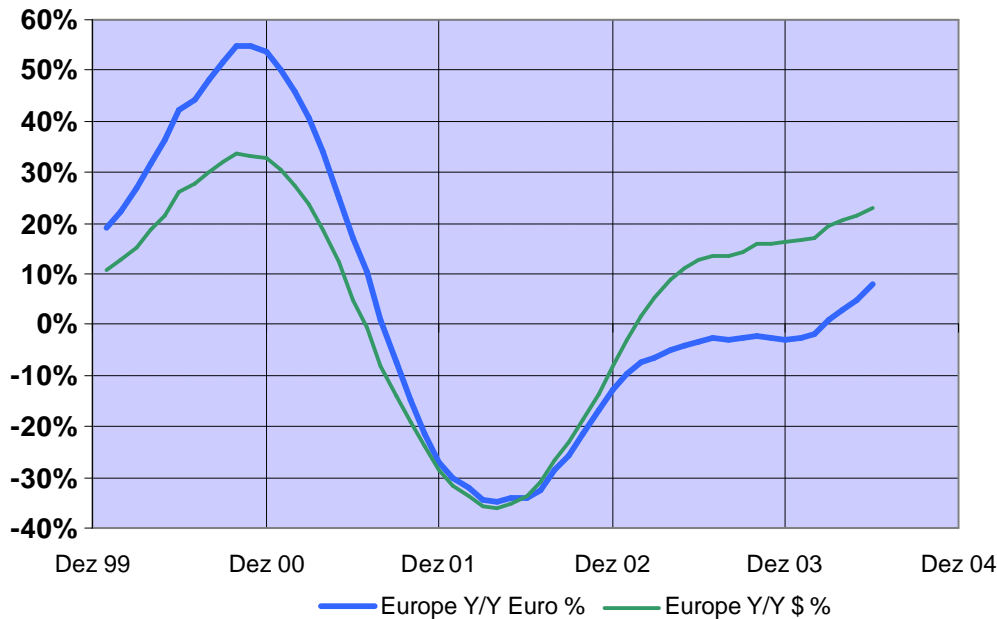
(Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth all figures are 3-month-average data.)

Europe (Euro)



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

Trend Growth in Dollar versus Growth in Euro



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

WSTS monthly data in full product details are available via subscription. For more information please contact the EECA-ESIA office under secretariat.gen@eeca.be

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