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The European Semiconductor Market keeps its pace – a good start into the second half of 2004

No big changes in the performance of the World- and European Semiconductor market in July. The small decrease in absolute growth rate, see table below, is mainly a seasonal effect. The three regions, Europe, America and Japan show very similar levels of market increase but far below the market explosion in Asia/Pacific dictated by the strong economy in China.

Looking at the products with strongest growth we see no change compared with the situation of the last months. After a very strong June market results the MPU market is lagging in the field of important other key IC products.

In summary, the outlook for 2004 is still very bright.

European Semiconductor sales in July 2004 amounted to US\$ 3.164 billion according to WSTS, up +1.3% versus previous month. This corresponds to a +27.7% increase compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis semiconductor sales increased by +26.5% 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 July were EURO 2.608 billion, an increase of +0.8% 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 +14.4% versus the same period in 2003.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in July were US\$ 17.997 billion, up +1.0% versus previous month. This results to an increase of +37.9% versus the same month in 2003 and on a year-to-date basis to a growth of +36.0%.

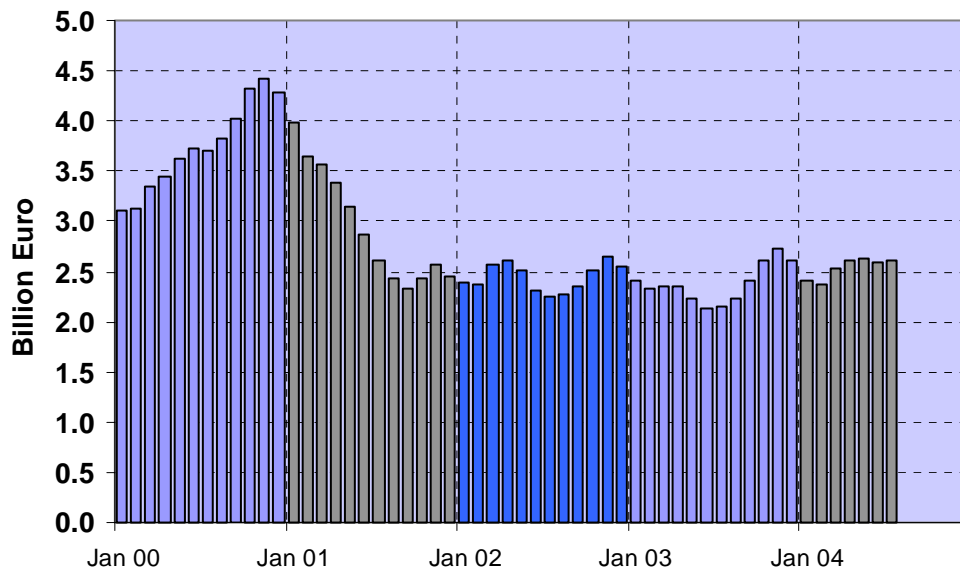
(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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	
	Jun 04	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 04
in \$:								
Europe	3.123	3.164	-2.0%	1.3%	28.8%	27.7%	26.6%	26.5%
Americas	3.288	3.295	2.8%	0.2%	29.7%	29.0%	27.5%	27.6%
Japan	3.819	3.904	3.0%	2.2%	26.3%	23.3%	25.5%	25.1%
Asia Pacific	7.584	7.634	4.9%	0.7%	60.9%	57.3%	53.6%	52.6%
World	17.814	17.997	2.8%	1.0%	40.3%	37.9%	36.4%	36.0%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.586	2.608	-1.6%	0.8%	21.5%	21.5%	13.9%	14.4%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.214	1.223	3.9%	7.5%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

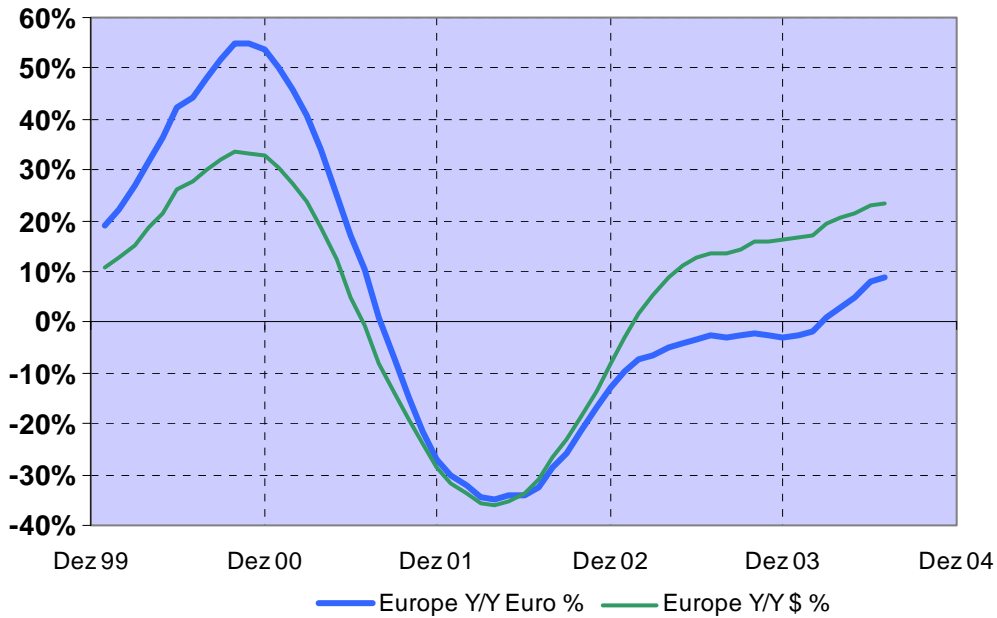
(Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth all figures are 3-month-average data.)

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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