



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **WSTS sales data for July published today**

July's data reflect the typical patterns for the holiday season, which are more pronounced in Europe than in the rest of the world.

Product analysis suggests that the pressures of the past months on some memory products seem to be eased, with DRAM reversing the negative trend. The overall market performance shows lower sales for microcontrollers and microprocessors (together they still account for around 30% on the total chips sold this month in Europe). Lower sales are also visible for logic products, both standard and application specific categories.

European Semiconductor sales in July 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.047 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down -2.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a -3.7% decline compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales still increased by +2.1% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data at this time but with a negative trend now. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in July were EURO 2.477 billion, flat versus previous month and a decline of -5.0% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales show a decline of -1.7% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in July were US\$ 18.014 billion, up slightly 0.3% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of +0.0% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in a growth rate of +5.8%.

(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 €31.7 bn in 2004.

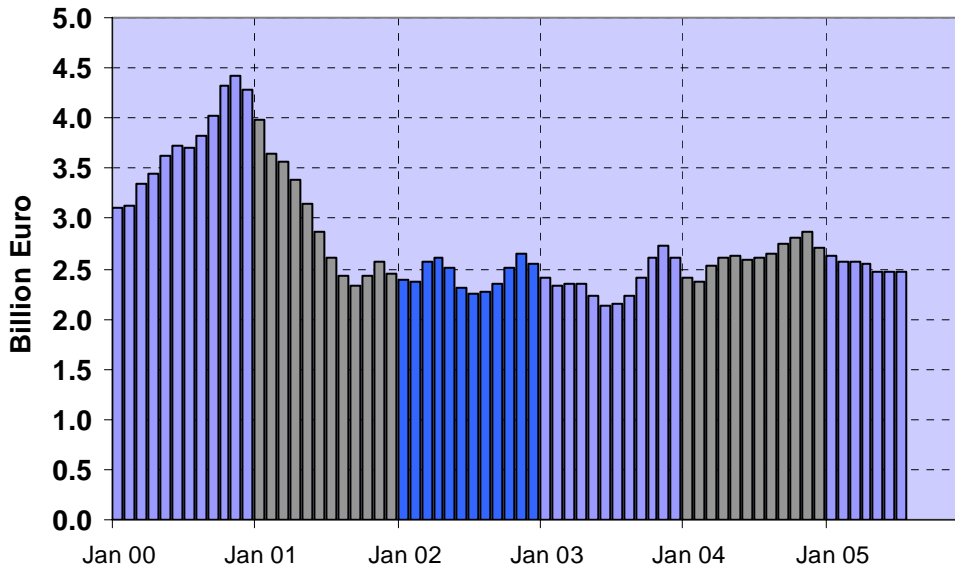
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS members are 72 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing around 85% of the world's semiconductor market.

## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

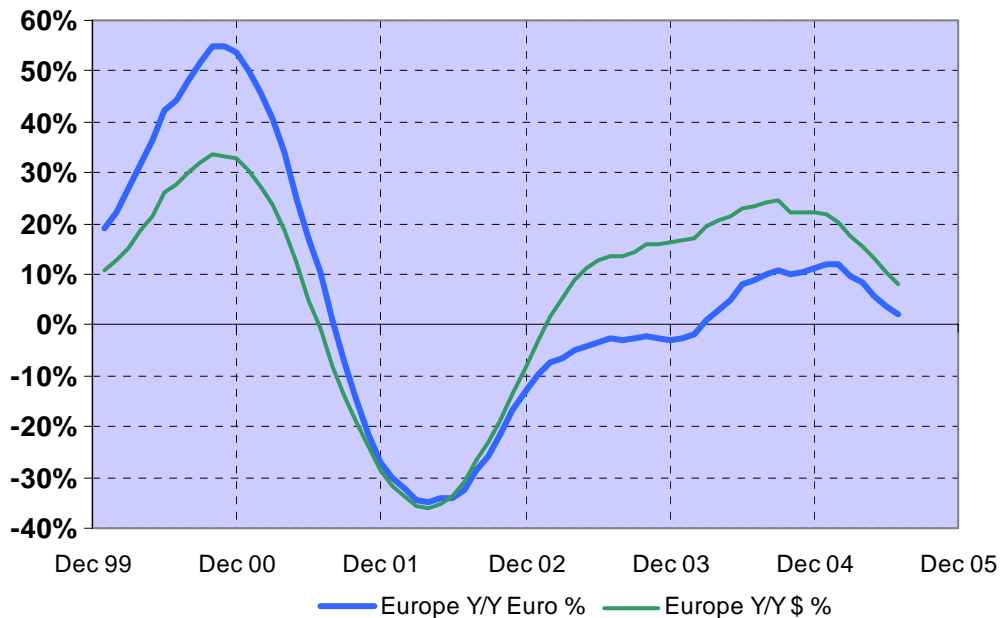
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	3.111	3.047	-2.6%	-2.0%	-0.4%	-3.7%	3.5%	2.1%
<b>Americas</b>	3.174	3.134	-1.1%	-1.3%	-3.5%	-4.9%	0.9%	0.6%
<b>Japan</b>	3.542	3.566	-2.1%	0.7%	-7.6%	-8.9%	-0.9%	-2.5%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	8.131	8.267	1.2%	1.7%	7.1%	8.1%	14.1%	14.1%
<b>World</b>	<b>17.958</b>	<b>18.014</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.478	2.477	0.6%	0.0%	-4.2%	-5.0%	-1.2%	-1.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.216	1.209	0.2%	-1.2%	< 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



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



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