



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **WSTS sales data for the second quarter released today**

The European semiconductor market ends the second quarter up 1.4% compared to the same quarter of 2005.

This result has been mainly driven by the solid growth for Flash memory products, particularly at the end of last year, and partly by a rebound in DRAM sales.

Application specific products reported a good result, confirming the European market leadership in automotive semiconductors and amongst the good performers globally in communication products. Discretes grew at a faster pace than the overall IC market.

Amongst products performing below average in this quarter, Microprocessors, which account a significant share of the European market, experienced a sharp decline compared to the previous quarter and vis a vis the same quarter in 2005.

European Semiconductor sales in June 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.155 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 1.9% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 1.4% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales declined in 2006 by 1.6% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a controversial impact on the growth data in the recent month now. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in June were EURO 2.509 billion, down 3.9% on previous month and up 1.2% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 2.8% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in June were US\$ 19.639 billion, down 0.7% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.4% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 8,3%.

(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.

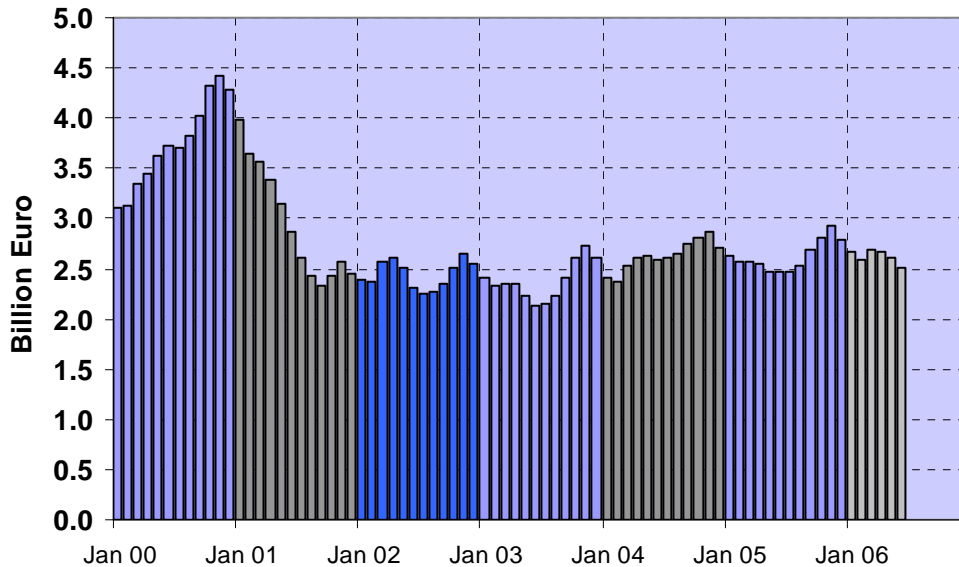
**About WSTS:** Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005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

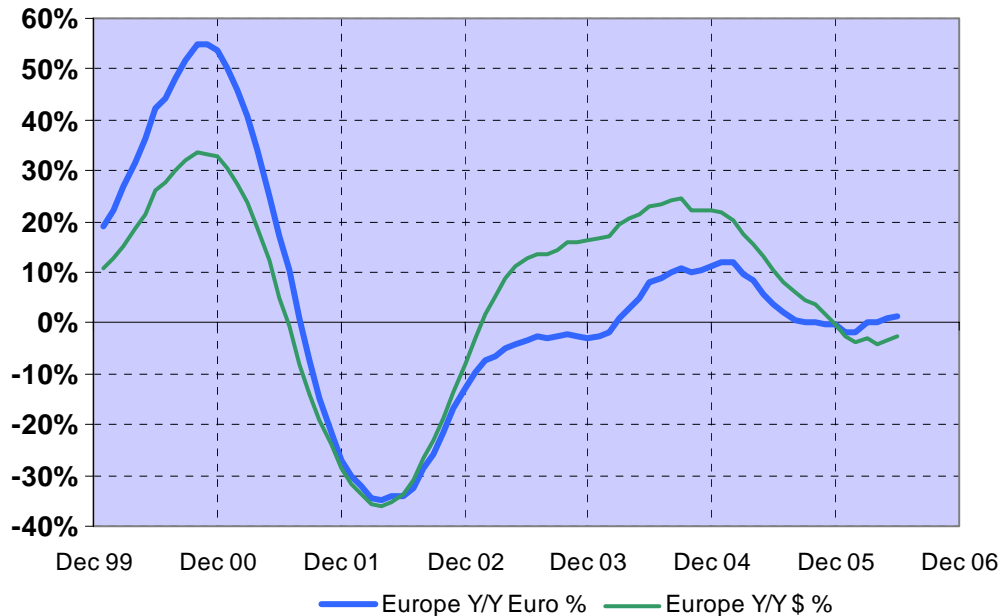
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	May 06	Jun 06	May 06	Jun 06	May 06	Jun 06	May 06	Jun 06
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	3.216	3.155	-0.4%	-1.9%	0.7%	1.4%	-3.1%	-1.6%
<b>Americas</b>	3.525	3.537	-1.9%	0.3%	9.9%	11.4%	12.1%	13.2%
<b>Japan</b>	3.785	3.774	0.9%	-0.3%	4.6%	6.5%	1.7%	2.6%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	9.257	9.173	2.5%	-0.9%	15.3%	12.8%	12.8%	13.0%
<b>World</b>	<b>19.783</b>	<b>19.639</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.610	2.509	-2.3%	-3.9%	5.9%	1.2%	3.2%	2.8%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.274	1.266	0.3%	4.2%	< 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 (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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