



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **The European semiconductor market up 1.6% in 2006**

The worldwide sales of semiconductors grew 8.9% in 2006, compared to last year, surpassing the \$247 billion sales mark.

This positive development was also reflected on the European market, where sales were up 1.6% in 2006 over 2005, and improving during the second half of the year (+8% over the first half), regardless of a weaker than average fourth quarter.

Looking at product categories, 2006 confirms the significant weight in the European market structure of MOS Micro (mainly microprocessors and microcontrollers), analog products, discretés (mainly power transistors) and memories.

Discretés, Digital Signal Processors, consumer, automotive and industrial application specific ICs, DRAMS and flash memories were the products which specifically brought a positive impact on sales, while particular market conditions saw microprocessors slowing down over the year.

European Semiconductor sales in December 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.479 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 5.1% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 5.4% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis and therefore for total year 2006, semiconductor sales increased by 1.6% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still had its impact on the growth data in the recent month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in December were EURO 2.731 billion, down 6.2% on previous month and down 2.7% versus the same month a year ago. On total year 2006, semiconductor sales showed in 2006 a growth of 0.5% versus 2005. Exchange rate effects on second half 2006 compensated most of first half year effects, therefore in total it resulted in an only 1.1% delta between growth in Dollar and growth measured in Euro.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in December were US\$ 21.745 billion, down 3.6% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.0% versus the same month in 2005 and on a total year basis it results in a growth rate of 8.9%.  
(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 €31.8 bn in 2006.

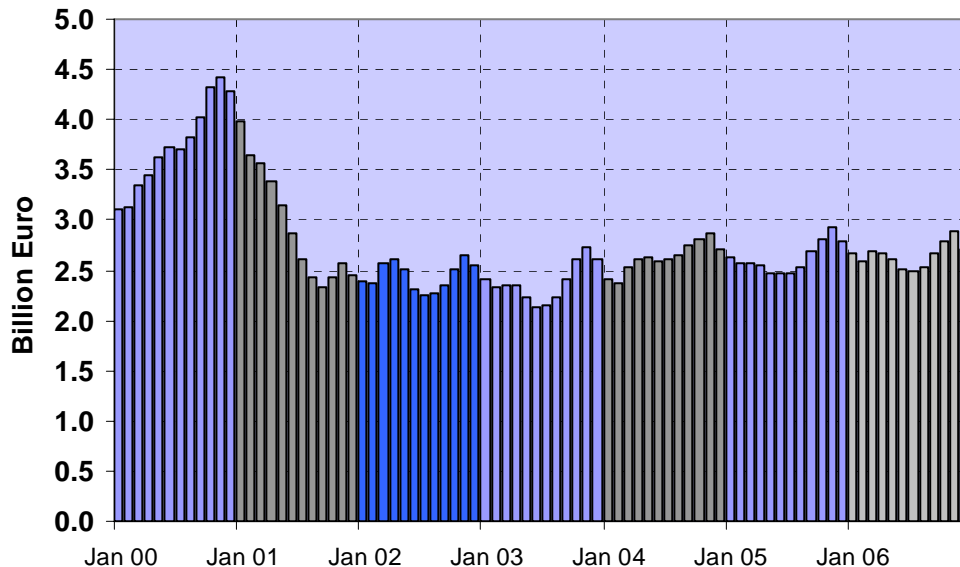
**About WSTS:** Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005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

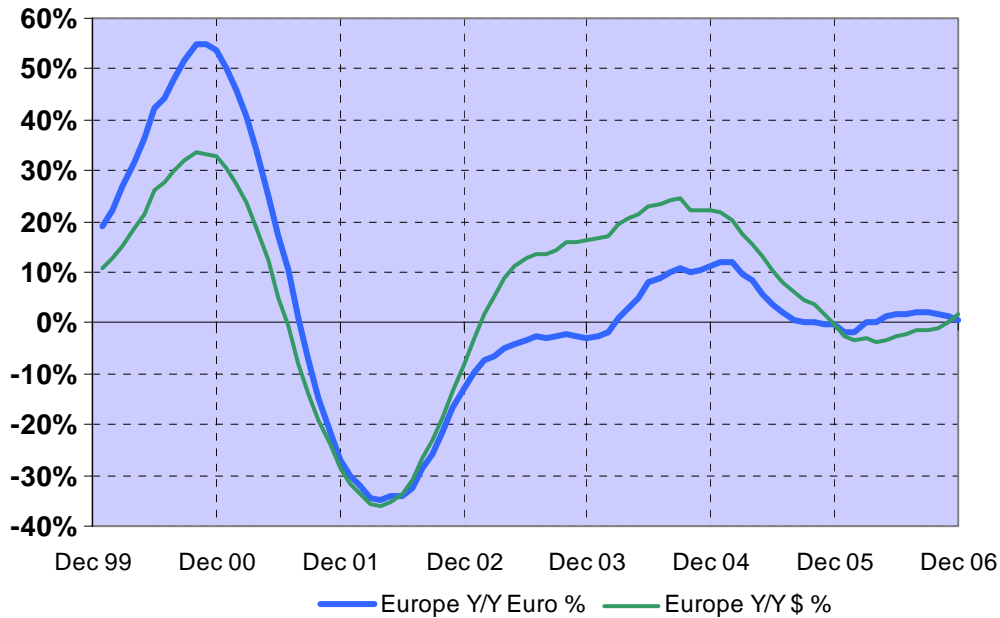
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Nov 06	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 06
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	3.684	3.497	4.0%	-5.1%	4.3%	5.4%	1.1%	1.6%
<b>Americas</b>	3.970	3.802	-0.5%	-4.2%	6.5%	2.5%	12.0%	10.3%
<b>Japan</b>	4.099	3.877	0.0%	-5.4%	8.8%	7.1%	5.6%	5.3%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	10.793	10.569	4.4%	-2.1%	15.0%	13.6%	12.8%	12.7%
<b>World</b>	<b>22.545</b>	<b>21.745</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.893	2.713	3.9%	-6.2%	-1.3%	-2.7%	1.0%	0.5%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.283	1.320	8.8%	11.4%	< 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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