**LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## Global chip sales in February 2012

The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) announced yesterday that worldwide sales of semiconductors were US$ 22.880 billion for the month of February, a slight decline (1.3 %) compared to the previous month. The month-over -month sales decline for February is in line with seasonal patterns. All figures represent a three month rolling average.

In Europe, several of the main product categories grew at a healthy rate in February, despite an overall 1.9% decline compared to January: sensors & actuators, total analog, MOS microcontroller unit and total logic all showed positive results.

Looking at worldwide sales for application specific chips, integrated circuits designed for wired communication and IC card applications performed well in February compared to January. On the European market, analog ICs used for automotive and for communications applications were especially strong in February.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in February 2012 sales declined by 16.4% on a monthly basis. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 17.2% versus the same period in the year 2011.

The impact of the Euro-US dollar exchange rate on the European sales picture has further over the last month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.072 billion Euros in February 2012, down 1.0% on the previous month and down 14.4% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide level, total semiconductor sales in February were, down 1.3% versus the previous month and decreased by 7.3% versus the same month in 2012.

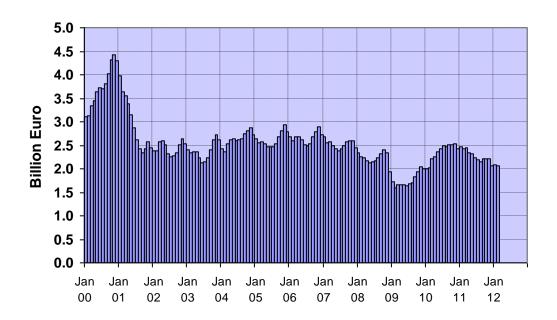(For more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

# Market data by region[1]

| Market data for the 3 month moving average ending: | | | | | | | | |
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| Region | sales (in billions) | | Month on Month growth | | Year on Year growth | | YTD growth | |
| | Jan 12 | Feb12 | Jan 12 | Feb12 | Jan 12 | Feb12 | Jan 12 | Feb12 |
| **in $:** | | | | | | | | |
| **Europe** | 2.765 | 2.713 | -0.5% | -1.9% | -16.2% | -16.4% | -17.2% | -17.2% |
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| **Americas** | 4.314 | 4.362 | -1.1% | 1.1% | -8.0% | -5.4% | -12.5% | -8.1% |
| **Japan** | 3.441 | 3.378 | -4.2% | -1.8% | -9.4% | -6.1% | -8.1% | -5.3% |
| **Asia Pacific** | 12.659 | 12.427 | -3.4% | -1.8% | -7.1% | -6.0% | -16.1% | -7.9% |
| **of which China** | 4.981 | 4.809 | -5.5% | -3.5% | -8.1% | -5.8% | -19.9% | -9.7% |
| **World** | **23.179** | **22.880** | **-2.7%** | **-1.3%** | **-8.8%** | **-7.3%** | **-14.4%** | **-8.8%** |
| **In EURO:** | | | | | | | | |
| **Europe** | 2.093 | 2.072 | 1.5% | -1.0% | -14.9% | -14.5% | -14.2% | -14.4% |
| Rate ($/Euro) | 1.289 | 1.322 | -3.4% | -3.1% | < Euro against $ versus prev. Year | | | |

1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month data.
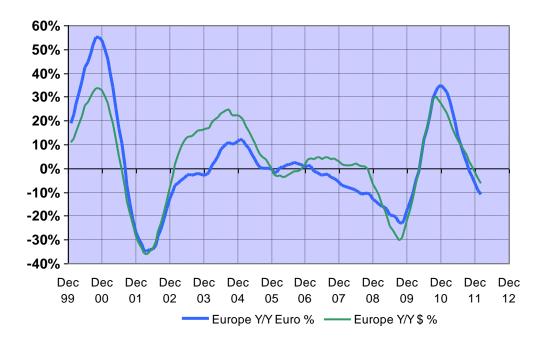
## EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro
(3-month-average data)

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

(12-month-average data)



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**About WSTS**: World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecasts.