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European semiconductor sales up 0.7% in September

Latest semiconductor data in September 2012 shows a slight positive increase compared to previous month, reports the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics.

Brussels, 5th November 2012. In September, sales on the European Semiconductor market increased by 0.7% compared to the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on November 3. These positive results were in line with sales developments in the other regions, with the exception of China, where semiconductor sales decreased by 0,6% compared to August. All growth figures represent a three month rolling average.

Main drivers for the September growth were discrete semiconductors (up 2.2%), optoelectronics (up 0.6%), sensors & actuators (up 1.7%), MOS microcontroller devices, (up 1%) MOS microprocessor units (up 1%), and total logic ICs (up 1,9%). The memory market showed particularly good developments, with the Total Flash Memory category up by 10% this month.

Sales of microchips designed for use in specific applications increased by 0.7 % in September, thanks mainly to chips used in consumer, wireless communication and automotive infotainment applications.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in September 2012 amounted to US\$ 2.786 billion. On a monthly basis semiconductor sales declined by 11.1%. On an YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 13.0 % versus the same period in the year 2011.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar slightly lowered its impact on the European sales picture in the last month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.224 billion Euros in September 2012, down 0.2% on the previous month and up 0.2% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September 2012 were US\$ 24.791 billion, up 2.0% versus the previous month. This results in a decrease of 3.9% versus the same month in 2011.

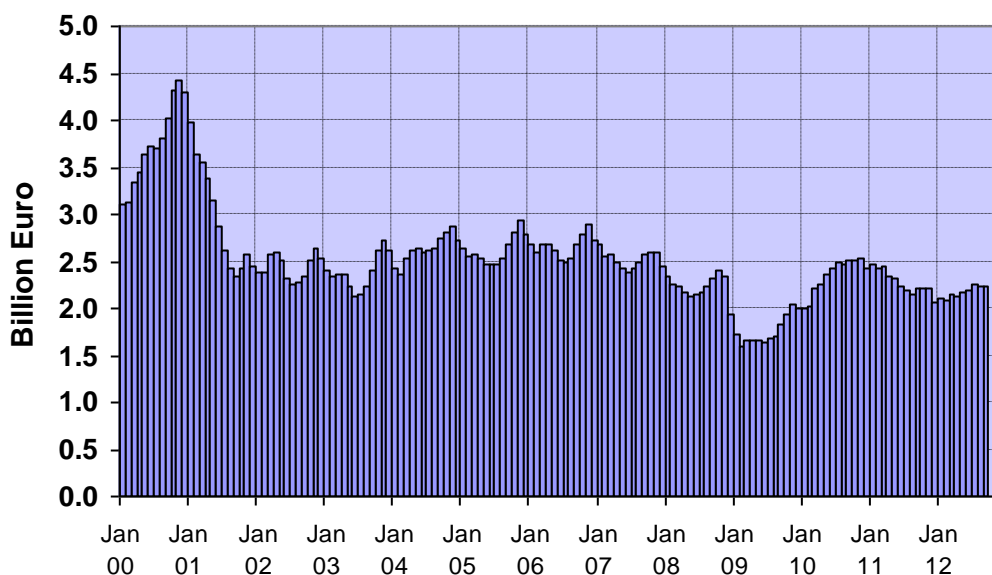
(For more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

Market data by region¹

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 12	Sep 12	Aug 12	Sep 12	Aug 12	Sep 12	Aug 12	Sep 12
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Europe	2.767	2.786	-1.9%	0.7%	-9.8%	-11.1%	-13.1%	-13.0%
Americas	4.187	4.429	1.0%	5.8%	-8.6%	-3.9%	-6.0%	-5.9%
Japan	3.636	3.642	1.0%	0.2%	-0.2%	-4.1%	-1.2%	-2.1%
Asia Pacific	13.711	13.934	0.0%	1.6%	-0.7%	-2.4%	-2.9%	-3.1%
of which China	5.173	5.143	-0.7%	-0.6%	-11.7%	-15.9%	-7.9%	-8.8%
World	24.300	24.791	0.1%	2.0%	-3.2%	-3.9%	-4.6%	-4.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.229	2.224	-0.8%	-0.2%	4.2%	0.2%	-4.5%	-4.6%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.238	1.285	-13.7%	-6.9%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

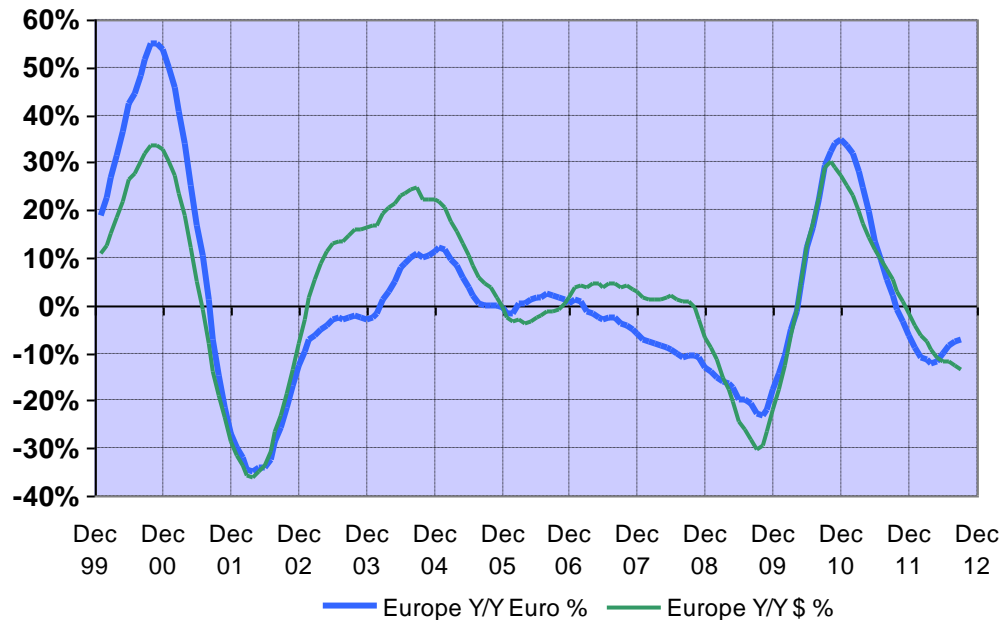
1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month data.

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 ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is an industry association of EECA: European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association.

The European Semiconductor Industry Association represents and promotes the interests of the European-based semiconductor industry and advocates for its international competitiveness. The industry provides the key enabling technology solutions for society in the fields of energy efficiency, mobility, health care, security and across the ICT sector including the realization of the smart grid and more efficient lighting. The industry was ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission in 2011. This sector supports around 110,000 jobs directly and up to 500,000 jobs in Europe, operating in a worldwide market valued at over \$ 299 billion (over € 215 billion) in 2011.

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 forecast.