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EUROPEAN SEMICONDUCTOR SALES UP BY 5% FROM ONE YEAR AGO

European semiconductor sales increased in August by 5.0% versus the same month one year ago, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on October 3. Compared to July 2013, the European semiconductor market increased by 2.0%. All growth figures represent a three month rolling average.

Strong growth rates were observed for the main product categories, in particular discrete semiconductors, microprocessors, sensors & actuators and total logic. The memory market strongly contributed to the August growth, with the Total MOS Memory category up by 6.4% on a three month rolling average basis.

From a segment perspective, chips designed to be used in specific applications reported positive worldwide results in August, mainly as a result of the growth in the computer and consumer applications.

Total European semiconductor sales in August 2013 amounted to US\$ 2.906 billion. On an YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased by 2.5% versus the same period in the year 2012.

Exchange rate effects continued to impact the data in August, when comparing market growth in Euros and in US\$. Measured in Euros, semiconductor sales were 2.204 billion Euros in August 2013, an increase of 1.2% versus the previous month and a decline of 1.1% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in August 2013 were US\$ 25.873 billion, up 1.3% versus the previous month and up 6.4% versus the same month in 2012.

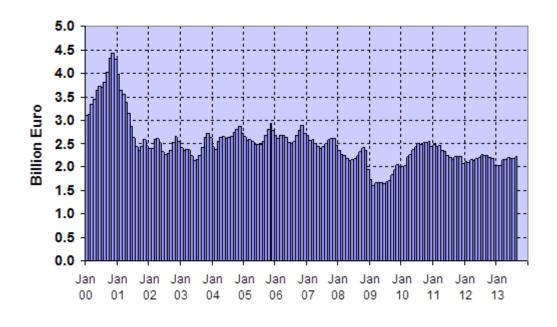
(For more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region		billions)	Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jul 13	Aug 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
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Europe	2.849	2.906	0.3%	2.0%	1.1%	5.0%	1.1%	2.5%
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Americas	5.021	5.146	5.4%	2.5%	21.5%	23.3%	7.9%	9.7%
Japan	2.934	3.042	7.9%	3.7%	-18.6%	-16.4%	-18.6%	-17.9%
Asia Pacific	14.728	14.780	1.2%	0.3%	7.2%	7.6%	6.4%	7.0%
of which China	7.078	7.387	6.7%	4.4%	35.8%	42.8%	19.1%	23.2%
World	25.532	25.873	2.6%	1.3%	5.1%	6.4%	2.4%	3.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.178	2.204	0.2%	1.2%	-3.0%	-1.1%	-0.8%	-0.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.307	1.332	6.2%	7.6%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

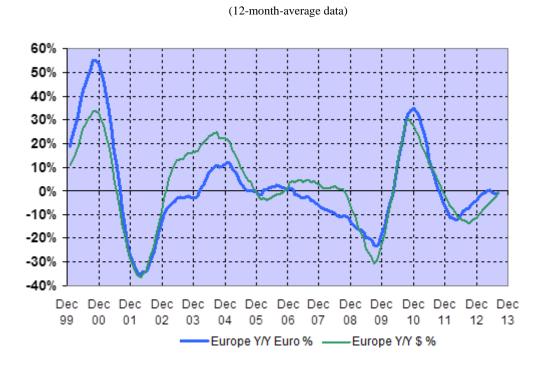
Market data by region¹

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





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



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