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EUROPEAN SEMICONDUCTOR SALES UP 6.4%

COMPARED TO ONE YEAR AGO

European semiconductor sales increased by 6.4% compared to the same month one year ago, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on November 4. Compared to August 2013, the European semiconductor market increased in September by 1.7% compared to the previous month. All growth figures represent a three month rolling average.

The main drivers of September's sales were Discretes (up 1.9% compared to August 2013), Sensors & Actuators (up 1.2%), MOS Microprocessor (up 3.3%), MOS Microcontroller (up 1,7%), Total MOS Memory (up 5.4%).

Looking at worldwide sales of application specific chips, semiconductor devices designed to be used in wired and wireless communication applications performed particularly well.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in September 2013 amounted to US\$ 2.964 billion. On an YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased by 2.6% versus the same period in the year 2012.

In September, exchange rate effects were less noticeable compare to the previous months, when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.237 billion Euros in September 2013, an increase of 1.2% versus the previous month and an increase of 0.6% versus the same month a year ago.

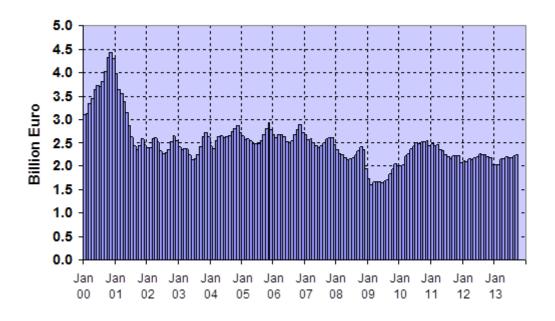
On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September 2013 were US\$ 26.973 billion, up 3.3% versus the previous month and up 8.7% versus the same month in 2012.

Market data by region¹

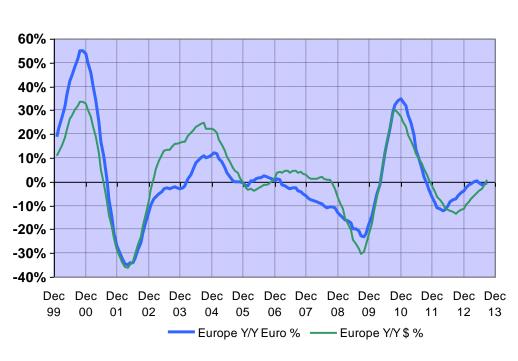
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 13	Sep 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Aug 13	Sep 13
in \$:								
Europe	2.914	2.964	2.3%	1.7%	5.3%	6.4%	2.6%	2.6%
Americas	5.192	5.489	3.4%	5.7%	24.4%	24.3%	10.1%	11.1%
Japan	3.060	3.176	4.3%	3.8%	-15.9%	-12.9%	-17.7%	-17.1%
Asia Pacific	14.937	15.344	1.4%	2.7%	8.7%	9.9%	7.4%	7.4%
of which China	7.489	7.889	5.8%	5.3%	44.8%	53.4%	23.9%	27.3%
World	26.103	26.973	2.2%	3.3%	7.3%	8.7%	3.7%	4.0%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.210	2.237	1.4%	1.2%	-0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	-0.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.332	1.334	7.6%	3.8%	% < 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.





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 the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 800.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.

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.