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WSTS FORECASTS SEMICONDUCTOR MARKET TO GROW SLIGHTLY OVER US\$300 BILLION IN 2012

Worldwide Semiconductor Market is forecasted to reach US\$301 billion for 2012, with 0.4% over previous year, followed by a healthy 7.2 percent growth in 2013.

The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) latest semi-annual meeting forecasts a less-than-average growth for 2012 worldwide semiconductor revenue, followed by a much better 2013. Forecast for 2012 worldwide revenue is US\$301 billion, a 0.4% growth over 2011. For 2013, the market is expected to grow at a much faster pace of 7.2%.

Representatives from major semiconductor companies gathered in Canada to participate in the spring 2012 Forecast Meeting. 2012 is seen to be relatively weak, with Asia Pacific region weights down the worldwide growth. Europe region may see contraction for the second year due to overall regional economy, while Americas region shows a healthier growth. Within product categories, Optoelectronics semiconductor is the highlight among others. Most major IC categories see little growth this year.

Looking forward, WSTS forecasts the worldwide semiconductor market will grow at a high rate of 7.2% to US\$322 billion in 2013, followed by 4.4% growth to reach US\$336 billion in 2014.

About WSTS:

World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization of semiconductor product companies, is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics.

WSTS Forecast Summary

From the spring 2012 Forecast Meeting, held in Vancouver, Canada, 22 May to 25 May 2012.

Spring 2012	Amounts in US\$M				Year on Year Growth in %			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2011	2012	2013	2014
Americas	55,197	56,961	60,591	62,854	2.8	3.2	6.4	3.7
Europe	37,391	36,070	38,432	40,292	-1.7	-3.5	6.5	4.8
Japan	42,903	43,614	46,339	48,171	-7.9	1.7	6.2	4.0
Asia Pacific	164,030	164,214	177,062	185,187	2.5	0.1	7.8	4.6
Total World - \$M	299,521	300,859	322,424	336,505	0.4	0.4	7.2	4.4
Discrete Semiconductors	21,387	20,539	22,358	23,775	8.0	-4.0	8.9	6.3
Optoelectronics	23,092	26,224	28,832	31,020	6.4	13.6	9.9	7.6
Sensors	7,970	8,171	8,732	9,313	15.5	2.5	6.9	6.6
Integrated Circuits	247,073	245,924	262,502	272,397	-1.1	-0.5	6.7	3.8
Analog	42,338	42,602	46,134	49,007	0.1	0.6	8.3	6.2
Micro	65,204	64,096	67,774	70,821	7.5	-1.7	5.7	4.5
Logic	78,782	80,366	86,880	90,099	1.8	2.0	8.1	3.7
Memory	60,749	58,861	61,714	62,470	-12.7	-3.1	4.8	1.2
Total Products - \$M	299,521	300,859	322,424	336,505	0.4	0.4	7.2	4.4

Note: Numbers in the table are rounded to whole millions of dollars, which may cause totals by region and totals by product group to differ slightly.