



European Semiconductor Industry Association

## ***Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release***

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### **No surprises in April for the European market**

April data for the European market published by WSTS remain above expectation, confirming the soft landing scenario for the European industry for 2005.

Although growth rates remain on the decline, they are still on the positive side, indicating the possibility of small but positive growth at the end of the year. The related applications therefore perform similarly to the first 4 months of this year.

WSTS also reports a slight downward revision of the 1st quarter (Q1) data published last month this, however, having no impact on the overall picture of a Q1 which exceeded expectations. The revision regards the logic product categories. Consequently, in Q1 WSTS registered a total semiconductor growth of 7.3% in Europe, compared to the same quarter last year, and a 4.3% down from Q4 of last year.

European Semiconductor sales in April 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.321 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down -1.6% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a +3.0% increase compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by +6.7% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in April were EURO 2.543 billion, a decline of -1.2% versus previous month and a decline of -2.9% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales had still a small increase by +1.0% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April were US\$ 18.151 billion, down -1.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of +6.8% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis results in a growth rate of +10.8%. (for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

**About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA)**, part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.7 bn in 2004.

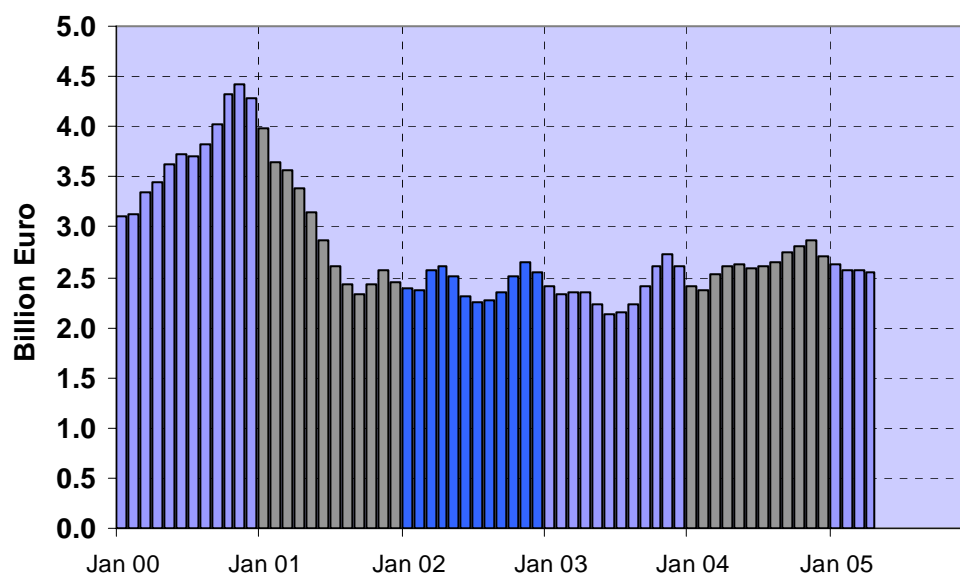
**About WSTS:** Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS members are 72 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing around 85% of the world's semiconductor market.

## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

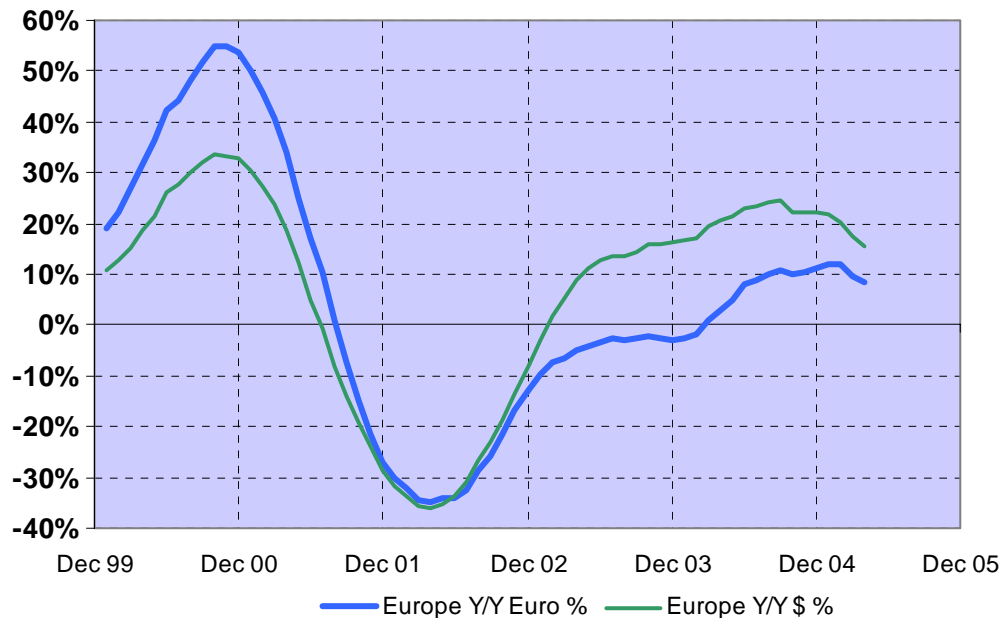
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mar 05	Apr 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	Mar 05	Apr 05
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Europe	3.375	3.321	-0.1%	-1.6%	7.3%	3.0%	7.3%	6.7%
Americas	3.247	3.225	3.3%	-0.7%	5.6%	1.0%	5.6%	5.2%
Japan	3.837	3.707	1.1%	-3.4%	6.4%	1.0%	6.4%	3.0%
Asia Pacific	7.907	7.898	3.0%	-0.1%	22.4%	14.4%	22.4%	19.6%
World	18.366	18.151	2.1%	-1.2%	12.8%	6.8%	12.8%	10.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.573	2.543	0.4%	-1.2%	2.0%	-2.9%	2.0%	1.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.321	1.291	7.7%	7.1%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average 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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