

WSTS Semiconductor Market Forecast Spring 2009

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WSTS projects -21.6 percent global semiconductor decline in 2009

Worldwide Semiconductor Market to Decline -21.6 percent in 2009, Increase +7.3 percent in 2010 and +8.9 percent in 2011

The global semiconductor market is expected to decline -21.6 percent on an annualized basis to \$194.8 billion in 2009, according to the spring 2009 forecast of the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS). Due to the real economical crisis the worldwide semiconductor market will further decrease from -2.8 percent decline in 2008. The current projections have been revised downwards by -20 percentage points compared to the forecast that WSTS issued in November last year. We expect to reach the bottom of the current cycle during the first half of 2009 and therefore see now a positive growth beginning in the first quarter 2010. This leads to a growth rate for the semiconductor market of 7.3 percent to \$209B in 2010 followed by a stronger increase of 8.9 percent in 2011 to \$228B.

"The WSTS foresees a continued growth in demand for electronic products such as PCs, digital consumer appliances, mobile communications, and last but not least automotive electronics, enhanced by increase of semiconductor content per installed system." said Dr. Ulrich Schaefer, Worldwide Chairman of WSTS. He continued, "These trends are expected to unfold despite one of the strongest economical crisis in more than 80 years. Although we expect a significant reduction of sales this year, in the long run this trend is not influenced."

The current forecast anticipates a positive growth from 2010 and on, peaking in 2011. In the long run the Asia Pacific region continues to be the fastest growing geographical area, due to the dynamics of both the strong rise in domestic demand and the continued manufacturing shift to this region.

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