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WSTS FORECASTS SEMICONDUCTOR MARKET TO KEEP STEADY GROWTH UNTIL 2015

Worldwide Semiconductor Market is forecasted to be US\$304 billion in 2013, up 4.4% from 2012.

The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) has released its updated semiconductor market forecast that the world semiconductor market in 2013 will be US\$304 billion, up 4.4% from 2012. The market is expected to recover throughout 2013, driven mainly by double digit growth of Memory product category. By region, all regions except Japan will grow from 2012. Japan market is forecasted to decline from 2012 in US dollar basis due to steep Japanese Yen depreciation compared to 2012.

Worldwide Semiconductor Market is predicted to grow further in both 2014 and 2015.

Worldwide semiconductor market is forecasted to be up 4.1% to US\$317 billion in 2014 surpassing historical high of US\$300 billion registered in 2011. For 2015, the market is forecasted to be US\$328 billion, up 3.4%. All product categories and regions are forecasted to grow positively in each year, with the assumption of macro economy recovery throughout the forecast period. By end market, wireless and automotive are

expected to grow faster than total market, while consumer and computer are assumed to remain stagnant.

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 autumn 2013 Forecast Meeting, held in Taipei, Taiwan, 19 to 21 November 2013.

Autumn 2013	Amounts in US\$M				Year on Year Growth in %			
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015
Americas	54,359	59,977	63,863	65,926	-1.5	10.3	6.5	3.2
Europe	33,163	34,586	35,195	36,215	-11.3	4.3	1.8	2.9
Japan	41,056	35,100	36,451	37,261	-4.3	-14.5	3.8	2.2
Asia Pacific	162,985	174,645	181,128	187,884	-0.6	7.2	3.7	3.7
Total World - \$M	291,562	304,309	316,636	327,286	-2.7	4.4	4.1	3.4
Discrete Semiconductors	19,138	18,219	19,256	19,935	-10.5	-4.8	5.7	3.5
Optoelectronics	26,175	27,459	29,498	31,064	13.4	4.9	7.4	5.3
Sensors	8,009	7,957	8,324	8,682	0.5	-0.7	4.6	4.3
Integrated Circuits	238,240	250,674	259,558	267,605	-3.6	5.2	3.5	3.1
Analog	39,303	39,889	41,773	43,693	-7.2	1.5	4.7	4.6
Micro	60,238	58,671	59,557	59,608	-7.6	-2.6	1.5	0.1
Logic	81,703	84,803	90,559	94,140	3.7	3.8	6.8	4.0
Memory	56,995	67,311	67,669	70,164	-6.2	18.1	0.5	3.7
Total Products - \$M	291,562	304,309	316,636	327,286	-2.7	4.4	4.1	3.4

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.