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The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) has published the final semiconductor market figures for 2014. WSTS reports that the world semiconductor market showed a solid growth of almost 10% up to US\$336 billion in 2014, driven mainly by double digit growth of Memory product category. All other major product categories also showed positive growth rates. The highest growth rates are reported for the Memory (18.2%), Discretes (10.8%) and Analog (10.6%) categories. Also by geography, all regions grew from 2013.

Worldwide Semiconductor Market is expected to grow further in both 2015 and 2016.

All product categories and regions are forecasted to grow steadily but moderately, under the assumption of a further macro economy recovery throughout the entire forecast period and maturing historically strong markets. WSTS anticipates the world semiconductor market to grow 4.9% to US\$352 billion in 2015. For 2016, the market is forecasted to be US\$363 billion, up 3.1%. By end market, automotive and

communications are expected to grow stronger than the total market, whereas consumer and computer are assumed to remain almost flat.

Regionally, Asia-Pacific will continue to be the fastest growing region and is expected to reach US\$209 billion in 2016, which is already a share of almost 60% of the total semiconductor market.

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.

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WSTS Forecast Summary

By replacing the Q4 2014 forecast figures with Q4 2014 actual results, the forecast of the 2014 and 2015 annual growth rates is updated from the 2014 Fall Forecast, published on December 02, 2014.

Autumn 2014 - Q4 update	Amounts in US\$M				Year on Year Growth in %			
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013	2014	2015	2016
Americas	61,496	69,324	79,725	82,298	13.1	12.7	15.0	3.2
Europe	34,883	37,459	36,700	37,877	5.2	7.4	-2.0	3.2
Japan	34,795	34,830	33,545	33,850	-15.2	0.1	-3.7	0.9
Asia Pacific	174,410	194,230	202,351	209,316	7.0	11.4	4.2	3.4
Total World - \$M	305,584	335,843	352,321	363,342	4.8	9.9	4.9	3.1
Discrete Semiconductors	18,201	20,170	20,207	20,800	-4.9	10.8	0.2	2.9
Optoelectronics	27,571	29,868	32,493	33,613	5.3	8.3	8.8	3.4
Sensors	8,036	8,502	8,630	9,077	0.3	5.8	1.5	5.2
Integrated Circuits	251,776	277,302	290,991	299,852	5.7	10.1	4.9	3.0
Analog	40,117	44,365	48,019	49,781	2.1	10.6	8.2	3.7
Micro	58,688	62,072	62,547	63,617	-2.6	5.8	0.8	1.7
Logic	85,928	91,633	97,158	99,795	5.2	6.6	6.0	2.7
Memory	67,043	79,232	83,267	86,659	17.6	18.2	5.1	4.1
Total Products - \$M	305,584	335,843	352,321	363,342	4.8	9.9	4.9	3.1

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.