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**Report on Form 6-K dated November 9, 2005**

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**STMicroelectronics N.V.**

(Name of Registrant)

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Enclosure: STMicroelectronics N.V. s Third Quarter 2005:

Operating and Financial Review and Prospects;

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flow, and Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity and related Notes for the three months and nine months ended October 1, 2005; and

Certifications pursuant to Sections 302 (Exhibits 12.1 and 12.2) and 906 (Exhibit 13.1) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, submitted to the Commission on a voluntary basis.

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## **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS**

### **Overview**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flows and Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the three months and nine months ended October 1, 2005 and Notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 6-K and in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004 as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission or the SEC) on March 23, 2005 (the Form 20-F). The following discussion contains statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, particularly in the sections Critical Accounting Policies Using Significant Estimates, Business Outlook and Liquidity and Capital Resources Financial Outlook. Our actual results may differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements. For a discussion of factors that might cause future actual results to differ materially from our recent results or those projected in the forward-looking statements in addition to the factors set forth below, see Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors included in our Form 20-F as they may be updated in our SEC submissions from time to time. We assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or such risk factors.

### **Critical Accounting Policies Using Significant Estimates**

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ) requires us to make estimates and assumptions that have a significant impact on the results we report in our consolidated financial statements, which we discuss under the section Results of Operations. Some of our accounting policies require us to make difficult and subjective judgments that can affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The primary areas that require significant estimates and judgments by management include, but are not limited to, sales returns and allowances; reserves for price protection to certain distributor customers; allowances for doubtful accounts; inventory reserves and normal manufacturing capacity thresholds to determine costs to be capitalized in inventory; accruals for warranty costs; litigation and claims; valuation of acquired intangibles; goodwill; investments and tangible assets as well as the impairment of their related carrying values; restructuring charges; other non-recurring special charges; assumptions used in calculating pension obligations and pro forma share-based compensation; assessment of hedge effectiveness of derivative instruments; deferred income tax assets, including required valuation allowances and liabilities; as well as provisions for specifically identified income tax exposures. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors such as market trends and business plans that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. While we regularly evaluate our estimates and assumptions, our actual results may differ materially and adversely from our estimates. To the extent there are material differences between the actual results and these estimates, our future results of operations could be significantly affected.

We believe the following critical accounting policies require us to make significant judgments and estimates in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

**Revenue recognition.** Our policy is to recognize revenues from sales of products to our customers when all of the following conditions have been met: (a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (b) delivery has occurred; (c) the selling price is fixed or determinable; and (d) collectibility is reasonably assured. This usually occurs at the time of shipment.

Consistent with standard business practice in the semiconductor industry, price protection is granted to distribution customers on their existing inventory of our products to compensate them for declines in market prices. The ultimate decision to authorize a distributor refund remains fully within our control. We accrue a provision for price protection based on a rolling historical price trend computed on a monthly basis as a percentage of gross distributor sales. This historical price trend represents differences in recent months between the invoiced price and the final price to the distributor, adjusted if required, to accommodate a significant move in the current market price. The short outstanding inventory time period, visibility into the standard inventory product pricing (as opposed to certain customized products) and long distributor pricing history have enabled us to reliably estimate price protection provisions at period-end. We record the accrued amounts as a deduction of revenue at the time of the sale. If market conditions differ from our assumptions, this could have an impact on future periods; in particular, if market conditions were to deteriorate, net revenues could be reduced due to higher product returns and price reductions at the time these adjustments occur.

Our customers occasionally return our products for technical reasons. Our standard terms and conditions of sale provide that if we determine that products are non-conforming, we will repair or replace the non-conforming products, or issue a credit or rebate of the purchase price. Quality returns are not related to any technological obsolescence issues and are identified shortly after sale in customer quality control testing. Quality returns are always associated with end-user customers, not with distribution channels. We provide for such returns when they are considered as probable and can be reasonably estimated. We record the accrued amounts as a reduction of revenue.

We do not have insurance against product claims and we record a provision for warranty costs as a charge against cost of sales based on historical trends of warranty costs incurred as a percentage of sales which we have determined to be a reasonable estimate of the probable losses to be incurred for warranty claims in a period. Any potential warranty claims are subject to our determination that we are at fault and liable for damages, and such claims usually must be submitted within a short period following the date of sale. This warranty is given in lieu of all other warranties, conditions or terms expressed or implied by statute or common law. Generally, we limit our liability to the price allocated to the products which gives rise to the claims.

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for potential estimated losses resulting from our customers' inability to make required payments. We base our estimates on historical collection trends. Furthermore, we are required to evaluate our customers' credit ratings from time to time and take an additional provision for any specific account that we estimate as doubtful. In the first nine months of 2005, we recorded specific provisions of \$6 million related to bankrupt customers, in addition to our standard provision of 1% of total receivables based on the estimated historical collection trends. Although we have determined that our most significant customers are creditworthy, if the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances could be required.

**Goodwill and purchased intangible assets.** The purchase method of accounting for acquisitions requires extensive use of estimates and judgments to allocate the purchase price to the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired, including in-process research and development, which is expensed immediately. Goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives are not amortized but are instead subject to annual impairment tests. The amounts and useful lives assigned to other intangible assets impact future amortization. If the assumptions and estimates used to allocate the purchase price are not correct or if business conditions change, purchase price adjustments or future asset impairment charges could be required. As of October 1, 2005, the value of goodwill amounted to \$223 million.

**Impairment of goodwill.** Goodwill acquired in business combinations is not amortized and is instead subject to an impairment test performed on an annual basis, or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist, in order to assess the recoverability of its carrying value. Goodwill subject to potential impairment is tested at a level of reporting referred to as a reporting unit. We define our reporting units one level below the three semiconductor product groups under the caption *Business Overview* below. This impairment test determines whether the fair value of each reporting unit for which goodwill is allocated is lower than the total carrying amount of relevant net assets allocated to such reporting unit, including its allocated goodwill. If lower, the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill is then compared to the carrying value of the goodwill, and an impairment charge is recognized for any excess. In determining the fair value of a reporting unit, we usually estimate the expected discounted future cash flows associated with the reporting unit. Significant management judgments and estimates are used in forecasting the future discounted cash flows, including: the applicable industry's sales volume forecast and selling price evolution, the reporting unit's market penetration, the market acceptance of certain new technologies and relevant cost structure. Our

evaluations are based on financial plans updated with the latest available projections of the semiconductor market evolution, our sales expectations and our costs evaluation and are consistent with the plans and estimates that we use to manage our business. It is possible, however, that the plans and estimates used may be incorrect, and future adverse changes in market conditions or operating results of acquired businesses not in line with our estimates may require impairment of certain goodwill. For the first nine months as of October 1, 2005, we had an impairment of goodwill of \$39 million, which we recorded in the first quarter of 2005.

**Intangible assets subject to amortization.** Intangible assets subject to amortization include the cost of technologies and licenses purchased from third parties, internally developed software which is capitalized and purchased software. Intangible assets subject to amortization are reflected net of any impairment losses. These are amortized over a period ranging from three to seven years. The carrying value of intangible assets subject to amortization is evaluated whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In determining recoverability, we initially assess whether the carrying value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows associated with the intangible assets. If exceeded, we then evaluate whether an impairment charge is required by determining if the asset's carrying value also exceeds its fair value. An impairment loss is recognized for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value. We normally estimate the fair value based on the projected discounted future cash flows associated with the intangible assets. Significant management judgments and estimates are required and used in the forecasts of future operating results that are used in the discounted cash flow method of valuation, including: the applicable industry's sales volume forecast and selling price evolution, our market penetration, the market acceptance of certain new technologies and costs evaluation. Our evaluations are based on financial plans updated with the latest available projections of the semiconductor market evolution and our sales expectations and are consistent with the plans and estimates that we use to manage our business. It is possible, however, that such plans and estimates may be incorrect and that future adverse changes in market conditions or operating results of businesses acquired may not be in line with our estimates and may therefore require impairment of certain intangible assets. For the first nine months as of October 1, 2005, we have registered an impairment charge of \$25 million, out of which \$1 million with respect to the third quarter of 2005. As of October 1, 2005, the value of intangible assets subject to amortization amounted to \$227 million.

**Property, plant and equipment.** Our business requires substantial investments in technologically advanced manufacturing facilities, which may become significantly underutilized or obsolete as a result of rapid changes in demand and ongoing technological evolution. We estimate the useful life of our manufacturing equipment, which is the largest component of our long-lived assets, to be six years. This estimate is based on our experience with using equipment over time. Depreciation expense is a major element of our manufacturing cost structure. We begin to depreciate new equipment when it is put into use.

We evaluate each period whether there is reason to suspect that tangible assets or groups of assets might not be recoverable. Factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review include: significant negative industry trends, significant underutilization of the assets or available evidence of obsolescence of an asset and strategic management decisions impacting production or an indication that its economic performance is, or will be, worse than expected. Since a significant portion of our tangible assets is carried by our European affiliates and their cost of operations are mainly denominated in euros while revenues primarily are denominated in U.S. dollars, the exchange rate dynamics may also trigger impairment charges. In determining the recoverability of assets to be held and used, we initially assess whether the carrying value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows associated with the tangible assets or group of assets. If exceeded, we then evaluate whether an impairment charge is required by determining if the asset's carrying value also exceeds its fair value. We normally estimate this fair value based on independent market appraisals or the sum of discounted future cash flows, using market assumptions such as the utilization of our fabrication facilities and the ability to upgrade such facilities, change in the selling price and the adoption of new technologies. We also evaluate the continued validity of an asset's useful life when impairment indicators are identified. Assets classified as held for disposal are reflected at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less selling costs and are not depreciated during the selling period. Selling costs include incremental direct costs to transact the sale that we would not have incurred except for the decision to sell.

Our evaluations are based on financial plans updated with the latest projections of the semiconductor market and of our sales expectations, from which we derive the future production needs and loading of our manufacturing facilities,

and which are consistent with the plans and estimates that we use to manage our business. These plans are highly variable due to the high volatility of the semiconductor business and therefore are subject to continuous modifications. If the future evolution differs from the basis of our plans, both in terms of market evolution and production allocation to our manufacturing plants, this could require a further review of the carrying amount of our tangible assets resulting in a potential impairment loss.

**Inventory.** Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is computed by adjusting standard cost to approximate actual manufacturing costs on a quarterly basis; the cost is therefore dependent on our manufacturing performance. In the case of underutilization of our manufacturing facilities, we estimate the costs associated with the excess capacity; these costs are not included in the valuation of inventories, but charged directly to cost of sales.



The valuation of inventory requires us to estimate obsolete or excess inventory as well as inventory that is not of saleable quality. Provisions for obsolescence are estimated for excess uncommitted inventories based on the previous quarter sales, order backlog and production plans. To the extent that future negative market conditions generate order backlog cancellations and declining sales, or if future conditions are less favorable than the projected revenue assumptions, we could be required to record additional inventory provisions, which would have a negative impact on our gross margin.

**Restructuring charges.** We have undertaken, and we may continue to undertake, significant restructuring initiatives, which have required us, or may require us in the future, to develop formalized plans for our exiting activities or to dispose of our activities. We recognize the fair value of a liability for costs associated with an exit or disposal activity when a probable liability exists and it can be reasonably estimated. We record estimated charges for non-voluntary termination benefit arrangements such as severance and outplacement costs meeting the criteria for a liability as described above. Given the significance of and the timing of the execution of such activities, the process is complex and involves periodic reviews of estimates made at the time the original decisions were taken. As we operate in a highly cyclical industry, we continue to evaluate business conditions. If broader or new initiatives, which could include production curtailment or closure of other manufacturing facilities, were to be taken, we may be required to incur additional charges as well as to change estimates of amounts previously recorded. The potential impact of these charges could be material and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. In the third quarter of 2005 and in the first nine months of 2005, the amount of restructuring charges and other related closure costs amounted to \$11 million and \$49 million before taxes, respectively.

**Income taxes.** We are required to make estimates and judgments in determining income tax expense for financial statement purposes. These estimates and judgments also occur in the calculation of certain tax assets and liabilities and provisions.

We are required to assess the likelihood of recovery of our deferred tax assets. If recovery is not likely, we are required to record a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets that we estimate will not ultimately be recoverable, which would increase our provision for income taxes. Should there be a change in our ability to recover our deferred tax assets or in our estimates of the valuation allowance, or in the tax rates applicable in the various jurisdictions, this could have an impact on our future tax provision in the periods in which these changes could occur.

In addition, the calculation of our tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations. We recognize liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on our estimate that probable additional taxes will be due. We reverse the liability and recognize a tax benefit during the period if we ultimately determine that the liability is no longer necessary. We record an additional charge in our provision for taxes in the period in which we determine that the recorded tax liability is less than what we expect the ultimate assessment to be.

**Patent and other intellectual property litigation or claims.** As is the case with many companies in the semiconductor industry, we have from time to time received, and may in the future receive, communications alleging possible infringement of patents and other intellectual property rights of others. Furthermore, we may become involved in costly litigation brought against us regarding patents, mask works, copyrights, trademarks or trade secrets. In the event that the outcome of any litigation would be unfavorable to us, we may be required to take a license to the underlying intellectual property right under economically unfavorable terms and conditions, possibly pay damages for prior use, and/or face an injunction, all of which singly or in the aggregate could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and ability to compete. We constantly monitor, with the support of our outside attorneys when deemed necessary or advisable, the chances of any such intellectual property claims being successfully asserted. We record a provision when we estimate that the claim could successfully be asserted in a court

of law, when the resulting loss is considered probable and in the absence of a valid offset or counterclaim. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors We depend on patents to protect our rights to our technology included in our Form 20-F, as may be updated from time to time in our public filings.

We are currently a party to legal proceedings with SanDisk Corporation ( SanDisk ); see *Other Developments* below. Based on our current assessment, made with support of our outside attorneys, we do not believe that the SanDisk litigation will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, cash flow, or results of operations. In the third quarter of 2005, there was no impact on our financial statements relating to the ScanDisk litigation. However, if we are unsuccessful in resolving these proceedings, or if the outcome of any other litigation or claim were to be unfavorable to us, we may incur monetary damages, or an injunction or exclusion order.

**Other claims.** We are subject to the possibility of loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. These include, but are not limited to: warranty costs on our products not covered by insurance, breach of contract claims, tax claims and provisions for specifically identified income tax exposures as well as claims for environmental damages. In determining loss contingencies, we consider the likelihood of a loss of an asset or the incurrence of a liability, as well as our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of such loss or liability. An estimated loss is recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. We regularly re-evaluate any losses and claims and determine whether they need to be readjusted based on the current information available to us. In the event of litigation that is adversely determined with respect to our interests or in the event we need to change our evaluation of a potential third-party claim based on new evidence or communications, this could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition at the time it were to materialize.

### ***Fiscal Year***

Our fiscal year starts on January 1, and the first quarter of 2005 ended on April 2, 2005. The second quarter of 2005 ended on July 2, 2005, and the third quarter of 2005 ended on October 1, 2005. The fourth quarter of 2005 will end on December 31, 2005.

### ***Business Overview***

The total available market is defined as the TAM, while the serviceable available market, the SAM, is defined as the market for products produced by us (which consists of the TAM and excludes PC motherboard major devices such as microprocessors (MPU), dynamic random access memories (DRAMs), and optoelectronics devices).

Effective January 1, 2005, we realigned our product groups to increase market focus and realize the full potential of our products, technologies, sales and marketing channels. Beginning with the first quarter of 2005, we now report our sales and operating income in three segments:

the Application Specific Product Groups (ASG) segment, comprised of three product groups our Home, Personal and Communication Sector (HPC), our Computer Peripherals Group (CPG) and our Automotive Product Group (APG). Our new HPC Sector is comprised of the telecommunications, audio and digital consumer groups. Our CPG Group covers computer peripherals products, specifically disk drives and printers, and our APG Group now comprises all of our major complex products related to automotive applications;

the Memory Product Group (MPG) segment, comprised of our memories and Smart card businesses; and

the Micro, Linear and Discrete Group (MLD) segment, comprised of discrete and standard products plus standard microcontroller and industrial devices (including the programmable systems memories (PSM) division).

Based upon most recently published estimates, in the first nine months and in the third quarter of 2005, semiconductor industry revenues increased by approximately 6% for the TAM and approximately 5% for the SAM compared to the first nine months of 2004 and the third quarter of 2004. On a sequential basis, the third quarter of 2005 registered an increase of approximately 9% for both the TAM and the SAM.

Our first nine months of 2005 revenues were characterized by a significant sales volume increase and more favorable product mix, which did not translate into an equivalent revenue performance due to the persisting negative impact of pricing pressure. As a result, our revenues increased by approximately 1% to \$6,493 million in the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$6,432 million in the first nine months of 2004. Our year-over-year sales growth was driven primarily by Computer, Automotive and Telecom, while Consumer and Industrial and Other both declined. Our sales trend, however, was below the TAM and SAM growth rate of 6% and 5% respectively, in the first nine months of 2005.

On a year-over-year basis, our third quarter 2005 net revenues slightly increased by approximately 1% to \$2,247 million compared to \$2,231 million in the third quarter 2004. Several applications experienced year-over-year sales growth, of which Telecom and Computer Peripherals registered strong double-digit sales growth. These year-over-year increases were largely offset by sales declines in Consumer applications and the distribution market. Our revenue increased in the third quarter of 2005, but remained below the TAM and the SAM, which registered increases of approximately 6% and 5%, respectively.

On a sequential basis, in the third quarter of 2005, we achieved a 3.9% increase in net revenues mainly generated by sales volume, which more than offset the persisting decline in average selling prices. Wireless and Computer Peripherals applications were the primary drivers of this improvement, while Consumer applications slightly improved. We expanded sales in several key markets, notably wireless with new design wins across all targeted market segments. Additionally, our effort to expand our key customer base is gaining momentum. Our net revenues performance was firmly within the previously provided guidance, which indicated a sequential variation between 0% and plus 6% compared to sales in the second quarter of 2005. Nevertheless, our sales trend in the third quarter of 2005 was below the TAM and SAM, as both registered an increase of approximately 9%.

In the first nine months of 2005, our effective exchange rate was €1 for \$1.30, which reflects current exchange rate levels and the impact of certain hedging contracts, compared to a 2004 exchange rate of €1 for \$1.23. For a more detailed discussion of our hedging arrangements and the impact of fluctuations in exchange rates see *Impact of Changes in Exchange Rates* below.

Due primarily to the negative impact of the declining sales prices and our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate, our gross margin dropped to 33.3% in the first nine months of 2005 from 36.9% in the comparable period of 2004. This negative impact was partially balanced by manufacturing and product mix improvements as well as increased sales volume. A similar trend occurred in the year-over-year basis as our gross margin in the third quarter of 2005 dropped to 34.1% compared to 37.9% in the third quarter of 2004.

On a sequential basis, our gross margin increased from 33.0% in the second quarter of 2005 to 34.1% in the third quarter of 2005. This was the result of increased sales volume, improved product mix and manufacturing efficiencies that were partially offset by the negative pricing pressure. Our third quarter result was within the guidance that indicated a gross margin of approximately 34% plus or minus 1 percentage point.

Our total impairment, restructuring charges and other closure costs were significantly higher in the first nine months of 2005 compared to the first nine months of 2004. This increase relates to our 2005 restructuring and reorganization plans. Our manufacturing cost reduction initiatives are moving forward steadily and contributed to the improved results in the quarter. These will become significant drivers of margin improvement after the next nine months as we complete these programs and realize the associated benefits.

Our operating expenses including selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development were also higher in the first nine months of 2005 compared to the first nine months of 2004 due to the significant resources invested in research and development and to the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate and to one-time compensation charges.

The combined impact of these and other factors resulted in operating income of \$47 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to operating income of \$473 million in the first nine months of 2004. In the third quarter of 2005, we registered operating income of \$102 million compared to \$213 million in the third quarter of 2004 and \$12 million in the second quarter of 2005.

In the first nine months of 2005, we realized interest income compared to an expense in the prior year. This was a combined result of rising interest rates on our available cash, and the repurchase in 2004 of our 2010 convertible notes thereby reducing our interest expense.

In the first nine months of 2005, our income taxes resulted in a net benefit of \$17 million, compared to a \$42 million charge in the first nine months of 2004.

In summary, our financial results for the first nine months of 2005, compared to the first nine months of 2004, were negatively impacted by the following factors:

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negative pricing trends due to a persisting overcapacity in the industry, which translated into our average selling prices declining as a pure pricing effect by approximately 7%;

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the impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate against the euro and other currencies, which translated into an increase in our cost of sales and in our operating expenses significantly higher than the favorable impact on our revenues;

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higher impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs of \$113 million in the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$57 million in the first nine months of 2004 due to the restructuring and reorganization activities announced in 2005; and

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the one-time compensation packages and special bonuses to our former CEO and to a limited number of retired senior executives and related charges for a total amount of \$24 million recorded in the first quarter of 2005.

Our financial results for the first nine months of 2005 were favorably impacted compared to the first nine months of 2004 by the following factors:

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higher sales volume and favorable product mix in our revenues;

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continuous improvements of our manufacturing performance;

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net income tax benefit.

Our third quarter financial performance was in line with our outlook and showed sequential improvements in revenue, gross margin and earnings per share as well as a significant increase in net operating cash flow. The third quarter was also a period of steady progress across our key objectives:

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We had a good level of sequential sales increase in several key markets, led by wireless. The effort to expand our key customer base also continued to gain momentum. In addition, reflecting the importance of the China market and our leading presence there, we created the Greater China region, a new regional organization focused exclusively on this key market.

On the product front, we continued to gain traction in the acceptance of our new products. From wireless connectivity application-specific standard product solutions to a new wave of high definition digital consumer offerings, we are compiling important design wins, which will help drive sales and margin improvements in 2006 and beyond.

Finally, our manufacturing cost reduction initiatives are moving forward steadily and contributed to the improved results in the quarter.

In summary, we are in line with our initiatives to improve overall corporate performance. Our efforts are starting to become visible with improvements of our key metrics to date.

These are forward-looking statements that are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially; in particular, refer to those known risks and uncertainties described in *Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements* herein and *Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors* in our Form 20-F as may be updated from time to time in our SEC filings.

### ***Business Outlook***

We believe that moderate industry growth will continue into the final quarter of 2005 and into 2006. Within these dynamics, we expect to continue to make solid progress in improving our performance thanks to our ongoing marketing, research and development and cost actions.

Accordingly, we expect that our revenues will increase sequentially in the fourth quarter in the range between 3% and 9%. Our gross margin for the fourth quarter is expected to be about 36% plus or minus 1 percentage point.



This guidance is based on an effective currency exchange rate for the Company of approximately \$1.22 = €1, which reflects current exchange rate levels combined with the impact of existing hedging contracts.

These are forward-looking statements that are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially; in particular, refer to those known risks and uncertainties described in *Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements* herein and *Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors* in our Form 20-F, as may be updated from time to time in our SEC filings.

### ***Other Developments***

In January 2005, we decided to reduce our Access technology products for CPE modem products. This decision was intended to eliminate certain low-volume, non-strategic product families whose return in the current environment did not meet internal targets. This decision resulted in a total impairment charge of approximately \$64 million in the first nine months of 2005, out of which \$61 million related to impairment of intangible assets and goodwill related to the CPE product lines.

On February 28, 2005, we signed an advanced pricing agreement for the period 2001 through 2007 with the United States Internal Revenue Service resulting in a net one-time tax benefit of approximately \$10 million in the first nine months of 2005. In the second quarter of 2005, we benefited from a tax credit of \$18 million in relation to the application of the ETI (Extraterritorial Income Exclusion) rules in the United States after notification in writing by the local authorities.

At our annual general meeting of shareholders held on March 18, 2005 (the 2005 AGM), our shareholders approved the distribution of a cash dividend of \$0.12 per common share in respect to the 2004 financial year, equivalent to the prior year's cash dividend payment, for a total of approximately \$107 million that was paid in the second quarter of 2005. In addition, the shareholders approved the appointment of our Supervisory Board and Managing Board members, amendments to our articles of association and to our 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan, as well as a new 2005 Supervisory Board member and a professional stock-based compensation plan, among other resolutions. Our Supervisory Board is composed of Messrs. Gérald Arbola, Matteo del Fante, Tom de Waard, Didier Lombard, Bruno Steve and Antonino Turicchi, who were each appointed for a three-year term, as well as Messrs. Doug Dunn, Francis Gavois and Robert White, who were each appointed for a one-year term. Our Managing Board is composed of Mr. Carlo Bozotti, our President and Chief Executive Officer.

After our annual general meeting of shareholders, the Supervisory Board appointed Mr. Gérald Arbola as Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Mr. Bruno Steve as Vice Chairman, each for a three-year term. In addition, the Supervisory Board appointed Presidents and members to the Strategic Committee, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. Mr. Gérald Arbola was appointed President of the Strategic Committee, and Messrs. Bruno Steve, Antonino Turicchi, Didier Lombard and Robert White were appointed as members. Mr. Tom de Waard was appointed President of the Audit Committee, Messrs. Robert White and Doug Dunn were appointed members and Messrs. Matteo del Fante and Francis Gavois were appointed as observers. Mr. Gérald Arbola was appointed President of the Compensation Committee, and Messrs. Bruno Steve, Antonino Turicchi, Didier Lombard and Tom de Waard were appointed as members.

On October 25, 2005, the Supervisory Board appointed Mr. Tom de Waard as President of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Messrs. Gérald Arbola, Bruno Steve, Antonino Turicchi and Didier Lombard were appointed as members.

In line with our 2005 AGM shareholders' resolutions, we are transitioning our stock-based compensation plans from stock-option grants to non-vested stock awards. Pursuant to the shareholders' resolutions adopted by the 2005 AGM, our Supervisory Board, upon the proposal of the Managing Board and recommendation of the Compensation Committee, took the following actions:

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approved the terms and conditions of the 2005 Supervisory Board Stock-Based Compensation Plan for members and professionals;

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amended our 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan with the aim of enhancing our ability to retain key employees and motivate them to shareholder value creation;

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approved the vesting conditions, linked to our future performance and their continued service with us, to apply to non-vested stock awards granted to employees in 2005, the maximum number of which will be four million, within the remaining number of shares authorized for issuance pursuant to the original plan; and

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accelerated the vesting of all of our outstanding stock options in July 2005 aimed at facilitating the transition to new stock compensation policy with no charge to our interim consolidated statements of income.

We intend to use 4.1 million of our shares held by us in treasury (out of the 13.4 million currently available) to cover the four million non-vested stock award grants pursuant to the 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan as well as the granting of up to 100,000 non-vested shares to the sole member of our Managing Board that was also approved by shareholders at the 2005 AGM. Following this decision, the new plan will generate an additional charge in the income statements of the fourth quarter of 2005 and of the first quarter of 2006. This charge will correspond to the compensation expense to be recognized for the non-vested stock awards from the grant date over the vesting period and will take into consideration the probability of the performance achievement.

In the first quarter of 2005, we recorded in our income statement a total charge of \$24 million before tax (\$20 million after tax) for the compensation packages and special bonuses granted to our former CEO and to a limited number of retired senior executives.

On May 16, 2005, we announced a restructuring plan that cumulated with other already announced initiatives will address approximately 3,000 people of our workforce outside Asia by mid-2006. From these new measures estimated to cost between \$100 to \$130 million, we anticipate additional savings of \$90 million per year, at completion of the plan. On June 8, 2005, we specified our restructuring efforts by announcing the following: our workforce gross reduction in Europe will represent 2,300 jobs of the 3,000 already announced, we will pursue the upgrading of 150-mm production fabs to 200-mm, we will optimize on a global scale our Electrical Wafer Sorting (EWS) activities, harmonize and rationalize our support functions and disengage from certain activities.

Pursuant to the joint venture agreement that we signed in 2004 with Hynix Semiconductor Inc., to build a front-end memory-manufacturing facility in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China, we made during the first nine months of 2005 capital contributions to the joint venture totaling \$25 million, of which \$17 million were paid in the third quarter. Under the agreement, Hynix Semiconductor Inc., will contribute \$500 million for a 67% equity interest and we will contribute \$250 million for a 33% equity interest. In addition, we have committed to grant \$250 million in long-term financing for the new joint venture guaranteed by a subordinated collateral on the joint venture's assets.

On June 30, 2005, we sold our interest in Upek Inc., (a spin-off of our former TouchChip business) for \$13 million and recorded in the second quarter of 2005 a gain amounting to \$6 million. Additionally, on June 30, 2005, we were granted warrants for 2 million shares of Upek Inc., at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The warrants are not limited in time but can only be exercised subject to certain conditions, such as a change of control or an initial public offering of Upek Inc., with a valuation of the entire company at or over \$39 million.

On August 6, 2005, the €442 million aggregate principal amount of 6¾% mandatory exchangeable notes, initially issued by France Telecom in 2002 and exchangeable into our common shares, reached maturity. We were informed that the exchange ratio was 1.25 of our common shares per each €20.92 principal amount of notes, which resulted in the disposal by France Telecom of approximately 26.4 million of our currently existing common shares, representing the totality of the shares held indirectly by France Telecom in our company.

On September 6, 2005, we announced the appointment of two new Corporate Vice Presidents: Mr. Reza Kazerounian was promoted to the position of Corporate Vice President for the North America region and Mr. Marco Cassis was appointed to the position of Corporate Vice President of STMicroelectronics Japan.

On October 17, 2005, we announced the creation of our new 'Greater China' region to focus exclusively on our operations in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan and appointed Mr. Robert Krysiak as Corporate Vice President and General Manager of Greater China.

On October 25, 2005, upon recommendation of its Compensation Committee, our Supervisory Board approved the conditions for the Executive-Vice Presidents and Corporate Vice-Presidents to become eligible for the Company's Executive Pension Plan Scheme, as follows: eight years of seniority as Executive Vice-President or Corporate Vice-President and a maximum pension after 13 years of service in these positions. Under these conditions, an accrual of up to approximately \$2 to \$4 million will be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2005.

*Legal Proceedings*

We are currently a party to legal proceedings with SanDisk.

On October 15, 2004, SanDisk filed a complaint against us with the United States International Trade Commission (the ITC ) with respect to certain NAND memory products, alleging patent infringement and seeking an order excluding our NAND products from importation into the United States. On November 15, 2004, the ITC instituted an investigation against us in response to the complaint. On October 19, 2005, Administrative Law Judge Paul J. Luckern, in his Initial Determination, ruled that our NAND products do not infringe the asserted SanDisk patent, and that there was no violation of Section 337 of the U.S. Tariff Act of 1930. No impact to our financial statements resulted from this recent decision.

On October 15, 2004, SanDisk also filed a complaint for patent infringement, and declaratory judgment of non-infringement and patent invalidity against us with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The complaint alleges that our products infringe a SanDisk U.S. patent and seeks a declaratory judgment that SanDisk does not infringe several of our U.S. patents. By order dated January 4, 2005, the court stayed SanDisk's patent infringement claim pending a final determination in the ITC action discussed above. On January 20, 2005, the court issued an order granting our motion to dismiss the declaratory judgment causes of action. SanDisk has appealed the order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

On February 4, 2005, we filed two complaints for patent infringement against SanDisk with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The complaints allege that SanDisk products infringe seven of our U.S. patents. On April 22, 2005, SanDisk filed a counterclaim against us alleging that our products infringed two SanDisk patents. We anticipate that the first trial will be held during the first quarter of 2006 and that the second trial will be held during the third quarter of 2006.

On March 28, 2005, SanDisk filed a complaint for declaratory judgment of non-infringement and patent invalidity against us with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The complaint seeks a declaratory judgment that SanDisk does not infringe several of our U.S. patents. On April 11, 2005, SanDisk voluntarily dismissed the case.

On October 14, 2005, we filed a complaint against SanDisk and its current CEO Dr. Eli Harari before the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The complaint seeks, among other relief, assignment of certain SanDisk patents that resulted from inventive activity on the part of Dr. Harari that took place while he was an employee, officer and/or director of Waferscale Integration, Inc. We are the successor to Waferscale Integration, Inc. by merger.

## **Results of Operations**

### ***Segment Information***

We operate in two business areas: Semiconductors and Subsystems.

In the Semiconductors business area, we design, develop, manufacture and market a broad range of products, including discrete, memories and standard commodity components, application-specific integrated circuits ( ASICs ), full custom devices and semi-custom devices and application-specific standard products ( ASSPs ) for analog, digital, and mixed-signal applications. In addition, we further participate in the manufacturing value chain of Smart card products through our Incard division, which includes the production and sale of both silicon chips and Smart cards. Our principal investment and resource allocation decisions in the Semiconductor business area are for expenditures on research and development and capital investments in front-end and back-end manufacturing facilities.

In the Semiconductors segment, effective January 1, 2005, we realigned our product groups to increase market focus and realize the full potential of our products, technologies, and sales and marketing channels. Beginning with the first quarter of 2005, we now report our sales and operating income in three segments:

Application Specific Product Groups ( ASG ) segment, comprised of three product groups Home, Personal and Communication Sector ( HPC ), Computer Peripherals Group ( CPG ) and new Automotive Product Group ( APG );

Memory Products Group ( MPG ) segment; and

Micro, Linear and Discrete Group ( MLD ) segment.

We have restated our results in prior periods for illustrative comparisons of our performance by product group and by period. The segment information of 2004 has been restated using the same principles as the ones used for the current year. Furthermore, the preparation of segment information in accordance with the new organization of the groups, due to the significant changes in the segment structure, requires management to make significant estimates, assumptions and judgments in determining the operating income of the new groups for the prior year, which can affect the reported amounts for 2004.

In the Subsystems business area, we design, develop, manufacture and market subsystems and modules for the telecommunications, automotive and industrial markets including mobile phone accessories, battery chargers, ISDN power supplies and in-vehicle equipment for electronic toll payment. Based on its immateriality to our business as a whole, the Subsystems segment does not meet the requirements for a reportable segment as defined in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information (FAS 131).

The following tables present our consolidated net revenues and consolidated operating income by semiconductor product segment. For the computation of the Groups' internal financial measurements, we use certain internal rules of allocation for the costs not directly chargeable to the Groups, including cost of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses and a significant part of research and development expenses. Additionally, in compliance with our internal policies, certain cost items are not charged to the Groups, including impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, start-up costs of new manufacturing facilities, some strategic and special research and development programs or other corporate-sponsored initiatives, including certain corporate level operating expenses and certain other miscellaneous charges. Starting in the first quarter of 2005, we allocated the start-up costs to expand our marketing and design presence in new developing areas to each Group, and we restated prior year results accordingly.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)			
<b>Net revenues by product groups:</b>				
Application Specific Product Groups	1,263	1,231	3,686	3,572
Micro, Linear and Discrete Group	472	501	1,388	1,408
Memory Product Groups	501	482	1,375	1,401
Others <sup>(1)</sup>	11	17	44	51
<b>Total consolidated net revenues</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>6,493</b>	<b>6,432</b>

(1)

Includes revenues from sales of subsystems and other products not allocated to product groups.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)			

**Operating income (loss) by product groups:**

Application Specific Product Groups	81	137	218	373
Micro, Linear and Discrete Group	68	134	204	314
Memory Product Groups	(17)	14	(145)	40
Total operating income of product groups	132	285	277	727
Others <sup>(1)</sup>	(30)	(72)	(230)	(254)
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>473</b>

(1)

Operating income (loss) of Others includes items such as impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, start-up costs, and other unallocated expenses, such as: strategic or special research and development programs, certain corporate-level operating expenses, certain patent claims and litigations, and other costs that are not allocated to the product groups, as well as operating earnings or losses of the Subsystems and Other Products Group. Certain costs, mainly R&D, formerly in the Others category, have been allocated to the groups; thus, the comparable amounts reported in this category in prior period reports may not be the same, while prior periods are reclassified accordingly in the above table.



	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004
	(unaudited)			
	(as a percentage of net revenues)			
<b>Operating income (loss) by product groups:</b>				
Application Specific Product Groups <sup>(1)</sup>	6.4%	11.1%	5.9%	10.4%
Micro, Linear and Discrete Group <sup>(1)</sup>	14.4	26.7	14.7	22.3
Memory Product Groups <sup>(1)</sup>	(3.4)	2.9	(10.5)	2.9
Others <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.3)	(3.2)	(3.5)	(3.9)
<b>Total consolidated operating income<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

(1)

As a percentage of net revenues per product group.

(2)

As a percentage of total net revenues. Operating income (loss) of Others includes items such as impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, start-up costs, and other unallocated expenses, such as: strategic or special research and development programs, certain corporate-level operating expenses, certain patent claims and litigations, and other costs that are not allocated to the product groups, as well as operating earnings or losses of the Subsystems and Other Products Group. Certain costs, mainly R&D, formerly in the Others category, have been allocated to the groups; thus, the comparable amounts reported in this category in prior period reports may not be the same, while prior periods are reclassified accordingly in the above table.

(3)

As a percentage of total net revenues.

Three Months Ended

Nine Months Ended

	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)			
<b>Reconciliation to consolidated operating income:</b>				
Total operating income of product groups	132	285	277	727
Strategic and other research and development programs	(10)	(35)	(38)	(89)
Start-up costs	(12)	(13)	(46)	(45)
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(13)	(12)	(113)	(57)
One-time compensation and special contributions <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	(22)	-
Loss on foreign exchange	-	(2)	(9)	(6)
Other non-allocated provisions <sup>(2)</sup>	5	(10)	(2)	(57)
Others <sup>(3)</sup>	(30)	(72)	(230)	(254)
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>473</b>

(1)

The total charge for one-time compensation and special contributions was \$24 million, of which \$2 million was allocated to product groups. The remaining \$22 million was not allocated to product groups.

(2)

Includes unallocated income and expenses such as certain corporate level operating expenses and other costs that are not allocated to the product groups.

(3)

Operating income (loss) of Others includes items such as impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, start-up costs, and other unallocated expenses, such as: strategic or special research and development programs, certain corporate-level operating expenses, certain patent claims and litigations, and other costs that are not allocated to the product groups, as well as operating earnings or losses of the Subsystems and Other Products Group. Certain costs, mainly R&D, formerly in the Others category, have been allocated to the groups; thus, the comparable amounts reported in this category in prior period reports may not be the same, while prior periods are reclassified accordingly in the above table.



**Net revenues by location of order shipment and by market segment application**

The tables below set forth information on our net revenues by location of order shipment and as a percentage of net revenues:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)			
<b>Net Revenues by Location of Order Shipment<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Europe <sup>(2)</sup>	680	711	2,060	2,036
North America	269	311	856	932
Asia/Pacific	1,071	939	2,920	2,716
Japan	79	105	226	293
Emerging Markets <sup>(2)</sup>	148	165	431	455
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>6,493</b>	<b>6,432</b>
	(unaudited)			

(as a percentage of net revenues)

<b>Net Revenues by Location of Order Shipment<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Europe <sup>(2)</sup>	30.2%	31.8%	31.7%	31.6%
North America	12.0	14.0	13.2	14.5
Asia/Pacific	47.7	42.1	45.0	42.2
Japan	3.5	4.7	3.5	4.6
Emerging Markets <sup>(2)</sup>	6.6	7.4	6.6	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

(1)

Net revenues by location of order shipment are classified by location of customer invoiced. For example, products ordered by U.S.-based companies to be invoiced to Asia/Pacific affiliates are classified as Asia/Pacific revenues.

(2)

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Since January 1, 2005, the region Europe includes the former East European countries that joined the European Union in 2004. These countries were part of the Emerging Markets perimeter in the previous periods. Net revenues for Europe and Emerging Markets for prior periods were restated according to the new perimeter.

The table below estimates, within a variance of 5%-to-10% in absolute dollar amounts, the relative weighting of each of our target market segments in percentages of net revenues:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>			
	<b>(as a percentage of net revenues)</b>			
<b>Net Revenues by Market Segment</b>				
<b>Application:</b>				
Automotive	15%	15%	16%	15%
Consumer	17	23	18	21
Computer	18	15	17	16
Telecom	36	31	34	32
Industrial and Other	14	16	15	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

The following table sets forth certain financial data from our consolidated statements of income, expressed in each case as a percentage of net revenues:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004
	(unaudited)			
	(as a percentage of net revenues)			
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%
Other revenues			0.1	
<b>Net revenues</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Cost of sales	(65.9)	(62.1)	(66.7)	(63.1)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>36.9</b>
Selling, general and administrative	(11.0)	(10.4)	(11.8)	(10.9)
Research and development	(17.9)	(17.2)	(18.9)	(17.6)
Other income and expenses, net	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(0.5)	(0.6)	(1.7)	(0.9)
Total operating expenses	(29.5)	(28.3)	(32.6)	(29.6)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Interest income (expense), net	0.4		0.4	(0.2)
Loss on equity investment	(0.1)	(0.1)		
Loss on extinguishment of convertible debt				(0.1)
<b>Income before income taxes and minority interests</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	(0.8)	(0.9)	0.3	(0.6)
<b>Income before minority interests</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Minority interests		(0.1)		(0.1)

**Net income** **3.9%** **8.5%** **1.3%** **6.4%**  
**Third Quarter of 2005 vs. Third Quarter of 2004 and Second Quarter of 2005**

Based upon most recently published estimates, in the third quarter of 2005, semiconductor industry revenues increased year-over-year by approximately 6% for the TAM and 5% for the SAM. On a sequential basis, revenues in the third quarter of 2005 increased by approximately 9% for both the TAM and the SAM.

*Net Revenues*

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>			<b>% Variation</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>Sequential</b>	<b>Year-over-year</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>				
Net sales	2,246	2,161	2,231	3.9%	0.7%
Other revenues	1	1			
Net revenues	2,247	2,162	2,231	3.9%	0.7%

*Year-over-year comparison*

Our third quarter 2005 net revenues slightly increased compared to the third quarter of 2004. Our higher sales volume and improved product mix were largely offset by the negative impact of the decline in our average selling prices. Due to ongoing pricing pressure in the semiconductor market, our average selling prices decreased by approximately 8% during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the third quarter of 2004.

With respect to our product segments, ASG and MPG net revenues increased while MLD net revenues registered a decrease. ASG net revenues increased 2.5% due to a more favorable product mix, which was partially offset by the price decline; main revenue increases were registered in Imaging, Data Storage, Cellular communication and Automotive. MPG net revenues increased 3.8% as a result of a significant increase in sales volume that more than compensated for the average selling price decline; this net revenue increase is mainly due to Flash products revenues that increased by approximately 15%, particularly in NAND products, while Other Memories and Smart Cards registered a decrease in their net revenues of approximately 17% and 11%, respectively. Net revenues for MLD decreased 5.8% mainly due to the decline in selling prices.

Net revenues by segment market application increased in Computer, Telecom and Automotive by approximately 18%, 16% and 7%, respectively, and decreased in both Consumer and Industrial and Other by approximately 27% and 11%, respectively. The foregoing are estimates within a variance of 5%-to-10% in absolute dollar amounts of the relative weighting of each of our targeted market segments.

By location of order shipment, net revenues in Asia/Pacific increased by 14% while all other regions registered a decrease in their net revenues. Net revenues of Japan, North America, Emerging Markets and Europe decreased by approximately 25%, 13%, 10% and 4%, respectively.

We had several large customers, with the largest one, the Nokia group of companies, accounting for approximately 24% of our third quarter 2005 net revenues, which was higher than the 17% it accounted for during the third quarter of 2004. Our top ten original equipment manufacturer customers accounted for approximately 51% of our net revenues compared to approximately 44% of our net revenues in the third quarter of 2004.

#### *Sequential comparison*

Our third quarter 2005 net revenues recorded a 3.9% increase resulting from a significant increase in sales volume and a more favorable product mix. During the third quarter of 2005, we registered a further decline in selling prices due to ongoing pricing pressure in the semiconductor market and our average selling prices decreased by approximately 4%.

All product segments registered an increase in their net revenues. Net revenues for ASG increased 2.3% as a result of higher sales volumes partially offset by the average selling price decline; the principal increases in net revenue were registered in Imaging, Cellular communication and Data Storage, while Automotive net revenues decreased due to seasonal factors. MLD net revenues increased 2.7% as a result of higher sales volumes and more favorable product mix in most of its product groups; the principal increases in our revenues were registered in Microcontrollers, Discrete and Power MOSFET products. MPG registered the most significant increase in net revenues with 10.5% growth due to higher volumes, particularly in Flash products; sales of Flash products increased by approximately 17% and Other Memories sales increased by approximately 16%, while Smart Card sales decreased by approximately 8%.

Net revenues by segment market application principally increased in Telecom and Computer by approximately 9%, and 8%, respectively, while Consumer and Industrial and Other remained approximately flat and Automotive decreased by approximately 4%. As a significant portion of our sales are made through distributors, the foregoing are necessarily estimates within a variance of 5%-to-10% in absolute dollar amounts of the relative weighting of each of our targeted market segments.

By location of order shipment, net revenues were increasing in the Asia/Pacific, Japan and Emerging Markets regions by approximately 14%, 8% and 3%, respectively, while Europe and North America revenues were decreasing by approximately 3% and 11% respectively, due to seasonal factors.



In the third quarter of 2005, we had several large customers, with the largest one, the Nokia group of companies, accounting for approximately 24% of our net revenues, increasing from the 22% it accounted for during the second quarter of 2005. Our top ten original equipment manufacturer customers accounted for approximately 51% of our net revenues in the third quarter of 2005 compared to approximately 49% of our net revenues in the second quarter of 2005.

*Gross profit*

	Quarter Ended			% Variation	
	October 1, 2005	July 2, 2005	September 25, 2004	Sequential	Year-over-year
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)				
Cost of sales	(1,481)	(1,448)	(1,386)	(2.3%)	(6.9%)
Gross profit	766	714	845	7.3%	(9.4%)
Gross margin (as a percentage of net revenues)	34.1%	33.0%	37.9%		

Our gross profit decreased by 9.4% on a year-over-year basis and our gross margin declined from 37.9% in the third quarter of 2004 to 34.1% in the third quarter of 2005. On a year-over-year basis, negative impacts on our gross margin were due to the strong decline in our average selling prices and the unfavorable impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate, which exceeded the benefits from higher sales volumes and improved manufacturing efficiencies.

On a sequential basis, our gross profit increased 7.3% driven by higher sales volumes, improved product mix and manufacturing performance that were partially compensated by the continuing downward pressure on our selling prices. Due to these factors, our gross margin improved 110 basis points to 34.1%.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses*

	Quarter Ended			% Variation	
	October 1, 2005	July 2, 2005	September 25, 2004	Sequential	Year-over-year
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(248)	(255)	(233)	2.7%	(6.4%)
As a percentage of net revenues	(11.0%)	(11.8%)	(10.4%)		

On a year-over-year basis, our selling, general and administrative expenses increased mainly due to the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate and to higher expenditures in our general and administrative infrastructures.

Our selling, general and administrative expenses decreased sequentially mainly due to cost control actions and seasonal factors and a more favorable effective euro/dollar exchange rate, leading to an improvement of the third quarter 2005 ratio of 11.0% as a percentage of net revenues compared to 11.8% for the second quarter of 2005.

*Research and development expenses*

	Quarter Ended			% Variation	
	October 1, 2005	July 2, 2005	September 25, 2004	Sequential	Year-over-year
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)				

Research and development expenses	(401)	(423)	(384)	5.1%	(4.6%)
As a percentage of net revenues	(17.9%)	(19.6%)	(17.2%)		

On a year-over-year basis, our research and development expenses increased due to higher levels of investment in research and development activities as well as the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate. Our research and development expenses decreased sequentially, mainly due to the seasonal effect and the positive impact of the U.S. dollar exchange rate. The foregoing impacts translated into a sequential decrease in R&D expenses as a percentage of net revenues.

*Other income and expenses, net*

	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>Quarter Ended July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
		<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Research and development funding	20	13	9
Start-up costs	(12)	(12)	(13)
Exchange gain (loss) net	(5)	(5)	10
Patent claim costs	(6)	(5)	(7)
Gain (loss) on sale of non-current assets	(2)	6	
Other, net	2	1	(2)
<b>Other income and expenses, net</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
As a percentage of net revenues	(0.1%)		(0.1%)

Other income and expenses, net results remained in line with the previous periods under reference. The main items in the third quarter of 2005 were the research and development funding and start-up costs. Start-up costs in the third quarter of 2005 were related to our 150-mm fab expansion in Singapore and the conversion to 200-mm fab in Agrate (Italy) and the build-up of the 300-mm fab in Catania (Italy). Patent claim costs included costs associated with several ongoing litigations and claims; these costs are categorized either as patent litigation costs or pre-litigation costs, amounting to \$5 million and \$1 million, respectively.

See Note 6 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs*

	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>Quarter Ended July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
		<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(12)	(22)	(12)
As a percentage of net revenues	(0.5%)	(1.0%)	(0.6%)

Our impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs of \$12 million for the third quarter of 2005 were composed of:

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our new restructuring plan announced in May 2005, which resulted in a \$6 million accounting charge in the third quarter 2005 for the relevant portion of involuntary and voluntary employee termination benefits; in the second quarter 2005, this charge was \$15 million;

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our ongoing 2003 restructuring plan and related manufacturing initiatives that generated restructuring charges of approximately \$5 million in the third quarter 2005, including \$3 million in restructuring charges related to the 150-mm fab plan and \$2 million restructuring charges related to back-end activities; in the second quarter, this charge was approximately \$6 million; and

a \$1 million charge for impairment related to purchased technologies primarily associated with ASG.

See Note 7 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Operating income*

	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>Quarter Ended July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
		<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Operating income	102	12	213
As a percentage of net revenues	4.5%	0.6%	9.6%

Our operating income decreased on a year-over-year basis mainly due to the following factors:

the negative impact of the ongoing pricing pressure on our net revenues;

the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate; and

the increase in our total operating expenses mainly related to our continuing investment in research and development.

The above negative factors were partially compensated by overall improved efficiencies in our manufacturing activities and higher volume of sales.

With respect to our product segments, on a year-over-year basis, ASG registered a decrease of its operating income to \$81 million compared to its operating income of \$137 million in the third quarter of 2004, due to the negative impact of ongoing pricing pressure, the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate and increased operating expenses. MLD operating income decreased from \$134 million in the third quarter of 2004 to \$68 million in the third quarter of 2005 due to lower sales, continuing price pressure and increased operating expenses. In the third quarter of 2005, MPG registered an operating loss of \$17 million, compared to operating income of \$14 million in the third quarter of 2004, mainly due to the negative price impact.

On a sequential basis, our operating profit increased from \$12 million in the second quarter of 2005 to \$102 million in the third quarter of 2005. In summary, the main contributors to this increase were higher sales volumes, improved product mix and manufacturing efficiencies as well as the seasonal decrease in our total operating expenses that more than compensated for the further decline in our selling prices.

All our three product segments improved their operating result sequentially. ASG and MLD improved their operating income in the third quarter of 2005 to \$81 million and \$68 million, compared to \$72 million and \$65 million in the prior quarter, respectively, while MPG registered a significant decrease in its operating loss to \$17 million in the third quarter of 2005 from \$66 million in the prior quarter. ASG profitability benefited from higher sales and lower operating expenses. MLD profitability was mainly driven by higher sales. MPG was able to reduce its operating loss mainly due to higher sales and improved manufacturing performances.

*Interest income, net*

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>		
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>		
Interest income, net	8	8	

Our interest income, net remained flat sequentially and increased from the break-even result on a year-over-year basis. The year-over-year improvement reflects the decrease in interest expense due to our repurchases of our 2010 Bonds and our early redemption of the 2009 LYONs that occurred in 2004. In addition, the interest rate on cash and cash equivalents has improved from approximately 1.75% in the third quarter of 2004 to 2.9% in the third quarter

2005.

*Loss on equity investments*

	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>Quarter Ended July 2, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
		<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Loss on equity investments	(2)		(2)

The loss in the third quarter of 2005 is related to our investment as minority shareholder in our joint venture in China with Hynix Semiconductor Inc., which is in a start-up phase. In the third quarter of 2004, a loss of \$2 million was accrued in relation to our investment in SuperH Inc., the joint venture we formed with Renesas Ltd., which has subsequently been terminated.

*Income tax benefit (expense)*

	October 1, 2005	Quarter Ended	
		July 2, 2005	September 25, 2004
		(unaudited, in \$ millions)	
Income tax benefit (expense)	(18)	5	(20)

During the third quarter of 2005, we incurred an income tax expense of \$18 million, compared to an income tax benefit in the second quarter of 2005 of \$5 million, reflecting an \$18 million benefit in relation to the application of the Extraterritorial Income Exclusion (ETI) rules in the United States, offset by an increase in our tax provision.

Our effective tax rate was 17.0% in the third quarter of 2005, compared to 15.9% in the second quarter of 2005 (excluding our tax benefit and increased provision) and compared to 9.5% in the third quarter of 2004. The effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2005 was computed on the basis of expected tax charges in each jurisdiction. Our tax rate is variable and depends on changes in the level of operating income within various local jurisdictions and on changes in the applicable taxation rates of these jurisdictions, as well as changes in estimated tax provisions due to new events. We currently enjoy certain tax benefits in some countries; as such benefits may not be available in the future due to changes in the local jurisdictions, our effective tax rate could be different in future quarters and may increase in the coming years.

*Net income*

	October 1, 2005	Quarter Ended	
		July 2, 2005	September 25, 2004
		(unaudited, in \$ millions)	
Net income	89	26	189
As a percentage of net revenues	3.9%	1.2%	8.5%

For the third quarter of 2005, we reported net income of \$89 million, compared to net income of \$26 million in the second quarter of 2005 and net income of \$189 million in the third quarter of 2004. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 2005 were \$0.10 per share compared to basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.03 for the second quarter of 2005 and compared to basic and diluted earnings of \$0.21 and \$0.20 per share, respectively, for the third quarter of 2004.

**First Nine Months of 2005 vs. First Nine Months of 2004**

Based upon most recently published estimates, semiconductor industry revenue increased in the first nine months of 2005 year-over-year by approximately 6% for the TAM and 5% for the SAM.

**Net Revenues**

	Nine Months Ended		% Variation
	October 1, 2005	September 25, 2004	
	(unaudited, in \$ millions)		
Net sales	6,489	6,429	0.9%



Other revenues	4	3	
Net revenues	6,493	6,432	0.9%

Our first nine months 2005 revenues slightly increased by 0.9% compared to the first nine months of 2004. This was mainly due to the higher sales volume and a more favorable product mix that were largely offset by the strong negative impact of the decline in selling prices. During the first nine months of 2005, due to ongoing pricing pressure in the semiconductor market, our average selling prices decreased by approximately 7% compared to the first nine months of 2004. ASG net revenues increased 3.2% while MLD and MPG net revenues decreased 1.4% and 1.9%, respectively.

With respect to our product segments, in the first nine months of 2005, ASG net revenues increased 3.2% over the first nine months of 2004, mainly due to a more favorable product mix; such revenue increase was due to higher sales in Imaging, Data storage, Automotive and Cellular communication, while Digital Consumer registered a decline. First nine months 2005 net revenues for MLD slightly decreased 1.4% compared to the first nine months of 2004, mainly due to the negative price impact that more than offset the sales volume increase in all product groups. MPG net revenues in the first nine months of 2005 decreased 1.9% in comparison to the first nine months of 2004, as a result of the strong decline in selling prices, which could not be offset by the sales volume increases; however, total Flash sales increased approximately 3%.

Net revenues by segment market application increased in Computer by approximately 12%, and both Telecom and Automotive by approximately 9%, while Consumer and Industrial and Other decreased by approximately 16% and 10%, respectively. The foregoing are estimates within a variance of 5%-to-10% in absolute dollar amounts of the relative weighting of each of our targeted market segments.

By location of order shipment, major increases in net revenues were registered in Asia/Pacific and Europe, which revenues increased by approximately 8% and 1%, while the Japan, North America and Emerging Markets regions revenues decreased by approximately 23%, 8% and 6%, respectively.

In the first nine months of 2005, we had several large customers, with the largest one, the Nokia group of companies, accounting for approximately 22% of our net revenues, significantly increasing from 16% during the first nine months of 2004. Our top ten original equipment manufacturer customers accounted for approximately 49% of our net revenues in the first nine months of 2005 compared to approximately 43% of our net revenues in the first nine months of 2004.

#### *Gross profit*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>% Variation</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>		
Cost of sales	(4,328)	(4,056)	(6.7%)
Gross profit	2,165	2,376	(8.9%)
Gross margin (as a percentage of net revenues)	33.3%	36.9%	

Our cost of sales increased 6.7% due to the strong sales volume increase and the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate. Our gross profit was decreasing by 8.9% since the profitable contribution of volumes, improved product mix and manufacturing efficiencies were outpaced by the negative impact of the decline in selling prices and of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate. As a result, our gross margin in the first nine months of 2005 decreased to 33.3% compared to 36.9%.

#### *Selling, general and administrative expenses*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	<b>% Variation</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>		

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Selling, general and administrative expenses	(766)	(702)	(9.2%)
As a percentage of net revenues	(11.8%)	(10.9%)	

Our selling, general and administrative expenses increased by 9.2% from \$702 million in the first nine months of 2004 compared to \$766 million in the first nine months of 2005. This increase was mainly related to the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate, the \$15 million one-time compensation charges related to our former CEO and three other retired senior executives and the overall increase in our expenditures in our general and administrative infrastructures.

*Research and development expenses*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>% Variation</b>
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>	
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>		
Research and development expenses	(1,228)	(1,131)	(8.6%)
As a percentage of net revenues	(18.9%)	(17.6%)	

In the first nine months of 2005, research and development expenses increased by 8.6% compared to the first nine months of 2004, due to the negative impact of our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate and higher levels of investment in research and development activities. In addition, in the first nine months of 2005, research and development expenses included a \$5 million one-time termination charge for two former executives recorded in the first quarter of 2005. As a percentage of net revenues, research and development expenses grew at a higher rate than our net revenues, increasing from 17.6% in the first nine months of 2004 up to 18.9% in the first nine months of 2005.

*Other income and expenses, net*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Research and development funding	47	37
Start-up costs	(46)	(45)
Exchange gain (loss), net	4	19
Patent claim costs	(16)	(21)
Gain on sale of non-current assets	4	6
Other, net	(4)	(9)
<b>Other income and expenses, net</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(13)</b>
As a percentage of net revenues	(0.2%)	(0.2%)

Other income and expenses, net resulted in an expense of \$11 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to an expense of \$13 million in the first nine months of 2004. The main variations were the increase of research and development funding and the decrease of the net exchange gains related to transactions not designated as cash flow hedge denominated in foreign currencies. Start-up costs in the first nine months of 2005 were related to our 150-mm fab expansion in Singapore and the conversion to 200-mm fab in Agrate (Italy) and build-up of our 300-mm fab in Catania (Italy). Patent claim costs included costs associated with several ongoing litigations and claims. Patent claim costs are categorized either as patent litigation costs or pre-litigation costs, amounting in the first nine months of 2005 to \$11 million and \$5 million, respectively. In the first nine months of 2005, the net gain on sale of non-current assets consisted of a gain of \$6 million for the sale of our share in Upek Inc., and a loss of \$2 million from the sale of equipment. In the first nine months of 2004, it mainly consisted of a gain of \$6 million on the sale of certain financial assets. The net charge of \$4 million for miscellaneous charges for the first nine months of 2005 included \$4 million for a one-time contribution to a non-profitable charitable institution as decided by our Supervisory Board.

*Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(113)	(57)

As a percentage of net revenues

(1.7%)

(0.9%)

In the first nine months of 2005, we recorded impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs of \$113 million. This expense was mainly composed of:

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Our new restructuring plan announced in May 2005, which resulted in total charges of \$22 million mainly for involuntary and voluntary employee termination benefits; the total cost of this restructuring plan is estimated to be in a range of between \$100 and \$130 million and its completion is expected for mid-2006;

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Our restructuring and reorganization activities initiated in the first quarter of 2005, which generated a total charge of impairment on goodwill and other intangible assets of \$63 million and \$8 million for restructuring and other related closure costs; this restructuring plan was fully completed in the second quarter of 2005;

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Our ongoing 2003 restructuring plan and related manufacturing initiatives generated restructuring charges of approximately \$19 million. As of October 1, 2005, we have incurred \$300 million of the total expected approximate \$350 million in pre-tax charges in connection with our restructuring plan, which was announced in October 2003. We expect to incur the balance in the coming quarters, somewhat later than anticipated due to delays in customers qualifications, and to complete the plan by mid-2006; and

Our annual impairment review of goodwill and intangible assets that resulted in a charge of \$1 million.

In the first nine months of 2004, we incurred \$57 million of impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs mainly related to our 2003 restructuring plan.

See Note 7 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### *Operating income*

**Nine Months Ended**  
**October 1, 2005                      September 25, 2004**  
**(unaudited, in \$ millions)**

Operating income	47	473
As a percentage of net revenues	0.7%	7.4%

Our operating income of \$473 million in the first nine months of 2004 decreased to operating income of \$47 million in the first nine months of 2005, due to the factors impacting our profitability as more fully described above, see *Business Overview* .

In the first nine months of 2005, ASG registered operating income of \$218 million, significantly decreasing from \$373 million the first nine months of 2004, as improved sales volume was insufficient to compensate for strong declines in selling prices. MLD operating income decreased to \$204 million compared to \$314 million in the first nine months of 2004 mainly due to pricing pressure. In the first nine months of 2005, MPG registered an operating loss of \$145 million compared to operating income of \$40 million in the first nine months of 2004, mainly due to the significant negative price impact on the sales. All the groups were negatively impacted by our effective U.S. dollar exchange rate and increased operating expenses.

#### *Interest income (expense), net*

**Nine Months Ended**  
**October 1, 2005                      September 25, 2004**  
**(unaudited, in \$ millions)**

Interest income (expense), net	23	(8)
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The interest expense of \$8 million for the first nine months of 2004 translated into an interest income of \$23 million recorded in the first nine months of 2005, reflecting the decrease in interest expense due to the repurchases of our 2010 Bonds and our early redemption of the 2009 LYONs that occurred in 2004 as well as the increase in the interest receivable on our available cash due to rising interest rates.

#### *Loss on equity investments*

**Nine Months Ended**

**October 1, 2005**      **September 25, 2004**

**(unaudited, in \$ millions)**

Loss on equity investments

(2)

(2)

The loss in the third quarter of 2005 is related to our investment as minority shareholder in our joint venture in China with Hynix Semiconductor Inc., which is in a start-up phase. In the third quarter of 2004, a loss of \$2 million was accrued in relation to our investment in SuperH Inc., the joint venture we formed with Renesas, Ltd., which has subsequently been terminated.

*Loss on extinguishment of convertible debt*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
Loss on extinguishment of convertible debt		(4)

We did not incur any loss on extinguishment of convertible debt in the first nine months of 2005. In the first nine months of 2004, a loss of \$4 million was recorded in relation to the repurchase of our 2010 Bonds.

*Income tax benefit (expense)*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Income tax benefit (expense)	17	(42)

During the first nine months of 2005, we incurred an income tax benefit of \$17 million, which included, in addition to the current tax provision, the reversal of certain tax provisions in the first and second quarters of 2005 for about \$10 million following the conclusion of an advanced pricing agreement for the period 2001 through 2007 with the United States Internal Revenue Service and an income tax benefit of \$18 million in the United States pursuant to the application of the ETI rules. Our tax rate is variable and depends on changes in the level of operating income within various local jurisdictions and on changes in the applicable taxation rates of these jurisdictions, as well as changes in estimated tax provisions due to new events. We currently enjoy certain tax benefits in some countries; as such benefits may not be available in the future due to changes in the local jurisdictions, our effective tax rate could be different in future quarters and may increase in the coming years.

*Net income*

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Net income	83	414
As a percentage of net revenues	1.3%	6.4%

For the first nine months of 2005, we reported net income of \$83 million, compared to net income of \$414 million in the first nine months of 2004. Basic and diluted loss per share for the first nine months of 2005 was \$0.09 per share compared to basic and diluted earnings of \$0.46 and \$0.45 per share, respectively, for the first nine months of 2004.

**Related-Party Transactions**

On February 27, 2005, the board of directors of France Telecom appointed Didier Lombard, member of our Supervisory Board, as its Chairman and CEO. France Telecom and its subsidiaries supply certain services to our company.



At a meeting on April 26, 2005, the Managing Board informed the Supervisory Board about the renewal of a contract for the provision of various telecom-related services with EQUANT, a subsidiary of France Telecom. The Supervisory Board noted the Managing Board's assessment of the positive commercial benefits of such contract. Additionally, the Supervisory Board noted that the contract was concluded at normal and competitive conditions and was based on a long-standing proven business relationship between EQUANT and us, which was established before EQUANT became a controlled subsidiary of France Telecom.

At a meeting on July 26, 2005, the Managing Board informed the Supervisory Board about a development and license agreement to be concluded with Quadrics Limited, a company owned by Alenia Aeronautica that is in turn owned by Finmeccanica. The Supervisory Board noted that the contract was concluded in the ordinary course of business at normal conditions and that it was considered mutually beneficial for Quadrics Limited and us.

### **Impact of Changes in Exchange Rates**

Our results of operations and financial condition can be significantly affected by material changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies where we maintain our operations, particularly the euro, the Japanese yen and other Asian currencies.

As a market rule, the reference currency for the semiconductor industry is the U.S. dollar, and product prices are mainly denominated in U.S. dollars. However, revenues for certain of our products (primarily dedicated products sold in Europe and Japan) that are quoted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are directly affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar. Revenues for all other products, which are either quoted in U.S. dollars and billed in U.S. dollars or translated into local currencies for payment, tend not to be affected significantly by fluctuations in exchange rates, except to the extent that there is a lag between changes in currency rates and adjustments in the local currency equivalent price paid for such products. As a result of the currency variations, the appreciation of the euro compared to the U.S. dollar increases in the short term our level of revenues when reported in U.S. dollars.

Certain significant costs incurred by us, such as manufacturing, labor costs and depreciation charges, selling, general and administrative expenses, and research and development expenses, are incurred in the currency of the jurisdictions in which our operations are located, and most of our operations are located in the euro zone or other currency areas. Currency exchange rate fluctuations affect our results of operations because our reporting currency is the U.S. dollar, while we receive a limited part of our revenues, and more importantly, incur the majority of our costs, in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. In the first nine months of 2005, the average rate of the U.S. dollar declined in value, compared to the same period in 2004, particularly against the euro, causing us to report higher expenses and negatively impacting both our gross margin and operating income.

Our Consolidated Statement of Income for the first nine months of 2005 includes income and expense items translated at the average exchange rate for the period. Our effective average rate of the euro to the U.S. dollar was €1.00 for \$1.30 in the first nine months of 2005 and each of the first, second and third quarters of 2005, compared to €1.00 for \$1.21 in the third quarter of 2004 and €1.00 for \$1.23 in the first nine months of 2004. These effective exchange rates reflect the actual exchange rates combined with the impact of hedging contracts maturing in the period.

Our principal strategy to reduce the risks associated with exchange rate fluctuations has been to balance as much as possible the proportion of sales to our customers denominated in U.S. dollars with the amount of raw materials, purchases and services from our suppliers denominated in U.S. dollars, thereby reducing the potential exchange rate impact of certain variable costs relative to revenues. In addition, in order to avoid potential exchange rate risks on our commercial transactions, from time to time, we may purchase or sell forward foreign currency exchange contracts and currency options to cover foreign currency exposure in payables or receivables at our affiliates. Moreover, in order to further reduce the exposure to U.S. dollar exchange rate fluctuations, we have hedged certain line items on our income statement, in particular with respect to a portion of cost of goods sold, most of the research and development expenses and certain selling and general and administrative expenses, located in the euro zone. As of October 1, 2005, these hedging contracts represent a deferred loss of \$7 million after tax, registered in other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity, compared to a deferred loss of \$58 million after tax as of July 2, 2005 and a deferred profit of \$59 million as of December 31, 2004. As of October 1, 2005, the outstanding hedged amounts to cover manufacturing costs is €330 million and to cover operating expenses is €240 million, both at an average rate of about \$1.22 and \$1.23 per euro, respectively, maturing over the period from October 2005 to March 2006. Our hedging policy is not intended to cover the full exposure. In addition, we may not predict in a timely fashion the amount of future transactions in the volatile industry environment. Consequently, our results of operations have been and may continue to be impacted by fluctuations in exchange rates.

Our management strategies to reduce exchange rate risks are intended to mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations. No assurance may be given that our hedging activities will sufficiently protect us against declines in the value of the dollar, and if the value of the U.S. dollar increases, we will record losses in connection with the loss in value of the remaining hedging instruments at the time. As a result of losses incurred in respect of hedging contracts in the first nine months of 2005, we recorded charges of \$50 million to cost of sales, of \$18 million to research and

development expenses, and of \$5 million to selling, general and administrative expenses.

Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries are, for consolidation purposes, translated into U.S. dollars at the period-end exchange rate. Income and expenses are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. The balance sheet impact of such translation adjustments has been, and may be expected to be, significant from period to period since a large part of our assets and liabilities are accounted for in euros as their functional currency. Adjustments resulting from the translation are recorded directly in shareholders' equity, and are shown as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity. As of October 1, 2005, our outstanding indebtedness was denominated principally in U.S. dollars and, to a limited extent, in euros and in Singapore dollars.

For a more detailed discussion, see Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Our financial results can be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates, principally in the value of the U.S. dollar as set forth in our Form 20-F.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Treasury activities are regulated by our policies, which define procedures, objectives and controls. The policies focus on the management of our financial risk in terms of exposure to currency rates and interest rates. Most treasury activities are centralized, with any local treasury activities subject to oversight from our head treasury office. The majority of our cash and cash equivalents are held in U.S. dollars and are placed with financial institutions rated A or higher. Marginal amounts are held in other currencies. See Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk in our Form 20-F. As of October 1, 2005, there had been no material changes in foreign currency operations and in our hedging transactions policies from those disclosed in our Form 20-F.

As of October 1, 2005, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$1,242 million, compared to \$1,950 million as of December 31, 2004, and marketable securities totaled \$525 million as of October 1, 2005, compared to \$0 million as of December 31, 2004. Our available cash decreased in the first nine months of 2005 due to the investment in marketable securities for \$525 million, to \$20 million negative net operating cash flow and to the payment of dividends of \$107 million. In the first nine months of 2005, we invested \$525 million in credit-linked deposits issued by several primary banks in order to maximize the return on available cash. These credit-linked deposits are reinvested by the banks in underlying instruments (reference debt) that have been issued by different financial institutions with a minimum rating of A- and include a derivative instrument related to the underlying credit default swap of the credit-linked deposit. We determined that this derivative element had no material impact on our interim Consolidated Financial Statements as of October 1, 2005. Interest on these instruments is paid quarterly and the interest rate is fixed every three months based on the LIBOR rate of the U.S. dollar plus a spread. Interest is payable through the final maturity of these instruments scheduled to occur by December 31, 2005, unless suspended by credit default of the reference debt. Additionally, the carrying value of the instruments depends on the non-default of the reference debt. The principal will be repaid at final maturity unless a default occurs, in which case repayment of principal would be reduced based on the decline in value of the defaulted debt. Changes in the instruments adopted to invest our liquidity in future periods may significantly affect our interest income/expense net.

### **Liquidity**

We maintain a significant cash position and a low debt to equity ratio, which provide us with adequate financial flexibility. As in the past, our cash management policy is to finance our investment needs mainly with net cash generated from operating activities.

*Net cash from operating activities.* The major source of cash during the first nine months of 2005 and in prior periods was cash provided by operating activities. Our net cash from operating activities totaled \$1,243 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to \$1,697 million in the first nine months of 2004, a decrease due to the lower profitability level and more cash used by our assets and liabilities.

Changes in our operating assets and liabilities resulted in net cash used of \$363 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to net cash used of \$65 million in the first nine months of 2004. The main variations were due to the net cash used for inventory of \$152 million and to a less favorable change in trade payables.

*Net cash used in investing activities.* Net cash used in investing activities was \$1,788 million in the first nine months of 2005, compared to \$2,724 million in the first nine months of 2004, due to the lower payments for purchase of

tangible assets as well as the reduced investment in marketable securities. In the first nine months of 2005, payments for tangible assets were \$1,211 million, significantly decreasing from the \$1,627 million recorded in the first nine months of 2004. In the first nine months of 2005, purchases of marketable securities amounted to \$525 million compared to \$1,030 million in the first nine months of 2004. See *Financial Outlook* below.

*Net operating cash flow.* We define net operating cash flow as net cash from operating activities minus net cash used in investing activities, excluding payment for purchases of and proceeds from the sale of marketable securities. We believe net operating cash flow provides useful information for investors because it measures our capacity to generate cash from our operating activities to sustain our investments for our operating activities.

Net operating cash flow is not a U.S. GAAP measure and does not represent total cash flow since it does not include the cash flows generated by or used in financing activities. In addition, our definition of net operating cash flow may differ from definitions used by other companies. Net operating cash flow is determined as follows from our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow:

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited, in \$ millions)</b>	
Net cash from operating activities	1,243	1,697
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,788)	(2,724)
Payment for purchase of marketable securities	525	1,030
<b>Net operating cash flow</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>3</b>

As a result of the decrease of the net cash from our operating activities, we generated negative net operating cash flow of \$20 million in the first nine months of 2005, which is substantially in line with last year's result. However, our net operating cash flow improved sequentially from positive \$23 million to positive \$173 million in the third quarter of 2005, mainly due to increased profitability and the lower value of the payment for purchases of tangible assets.

*Net cash used in financing activities.* Net cash used in financing activities decreased to \$144 million in the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$1,368 million used in the first nine months of 2004, mainly due to the lower repayment of long-term debt amounting to \$90 million in the first nine months of 2005 compared to \$1,263 million in the first nine months of 2004, which represented the repurchase of our 2010 Bonds and 2009 Notes for a total cash amount of \$1,263 million during the first nine months of 2004. The major item of cash used in financing activities in the first nine months of 2005 was the payment of the dividends amounting to \$107 million, equivalent to the amount paid in 2004.

## Capital Resources

### *Net financial position*

We define our net financial position as the difference between our total cash position (cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities) net of total financial debt (bank overdrafts, current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt). Net financial position is not a U.S. GAAP measure. We believe our net financial position provides useful information for investors because it gives evidence of our global position either in terms of net indebtedness or net cash by measuring our capital resources based on cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and the total level of our financial indebtedness. The net financial position is determined as follows from our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Balance Sheet as of October 1, 2005:

	<b>As of</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	<b>(audited)</b>
	<b>(in \$ millions)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,242	1,950
Marketable securities	525	---

<b>Total cash position</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,950</b>
Bank overdrafts	(48)	(58)
Current portion of long-term debt	(1,527)	(133)
Long-term debt	(263)	(1,767)
<b>Total financial debt</b>	<b>(1,838)</b>	<b>(1,958)</b>
<b>Net financial position</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>(8)</b>

The net financial position (cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities net of total financial debt) as of October 1, 2005 was a net financial debt of \$71 million, compared to the net financial debt of \$8 million as of December 31, 2004. Such increase compared to December 2004 is mainly due to the \$107 million dividends payment. As of October 1, 2005, the aggregate amount of our long-term debt was \$263 million, excluding the \$1,379 million of our negative yield zero-coupon senior convertible bonds due 2013 ( 2013 Bonds ) that were reclassified as current portion of long-term debt during the third quarter of 2005. Additionally, the aggregate amount of our available short-term credit facilities was approximately \$1,921 million, under which \$48 million was used as of October 1, 2005. Our long-term financing instruments contain standard covenants, but do not impose minimum financial ratios or similar obligations on us.

As of October 1, 2005, we have the following credit ratings on our 2013 Bonds:

	<b>Moody's Investors Service</b>	<b>Standard &amp; Poor's</b>
Zero Coupon Senior Convertible Bonds due 2013	A3	A

On October 11, 2005, Moody's issued a credit report confirming the above rating and updating the outlook from "stable" to negative .

In the event of a downgrade of these ratings, we believe we would continue to have access to sufficient capital resources.

***Contractual Obligations, Commercial Commitments and Contingencies***

Our contractual obligations, commercial commitments and contingencies as of October 1, 2005, and for each of the five years to come and thereafter, were as follows:



	Total	Payments due by period						Thereafter
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
		(unaudited, in \$ millions)						
Capital leases <sup>(2)</sup>	\$27	\$1	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$1
Operating leases <sup>(1)</sup>	260	15	39	31	27	24	21	103
Purchase obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	877	643	231	3	-	-	-	-
Of which:								
<i>Equipment purchase</i>	562	367	195	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Foundry purchase</i>	253	253	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Software, technology licenses and design</i>	62	23	36	3	-	-	-	-
Joint Venture Agreement with Hynix Semiconductor Inc. <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	225	100	125	-	-	-	-	-
Other Obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	152	26	70	44	5	3	1	3
Long-term debt obligations <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	263	-	117	50	25	22	14	35
Pension obligations <sup>(2)</sup>	261	29	19	19	23	24	21	126
Other non-current liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	20	1	5	3	4	3	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,085</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>270</b>

(1)

Items not reflected on the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Balance Sheet as of October 1, 2005.

(2)

Items reflected on the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Balance Sheet as of October 1, 2005.

(3)

See Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as of October 1, 2005 for additional information related to long-term debt and redeemable convertible securities, in particular, in respect to the noteholders option to put our convertible bonds for earlier redemption in August 2006.

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These amounts correspond to our capital commitments to the joint venture, but not the additional \$250 million in loans that we have committed to provide.

Operating leases are mainly related to building leases. The amount disclosed is composed of minimum payments for future leases from 2005 to 2010 and thereafter. We lease land, buildings, plants and equipment under operating leases that expire at various dates under non-cancelable lease agreements.

Purchase obligations are primarily comprised of purchase commitments for equipment, for outsourced foundry wafers and for software licenses.

We signed a joint venture agreement with Hynix Semiconductor Inc., on November 16, 2004 to build a front-end memory-manufacturing facility in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China. As the business license for the joint venture was obtained in April 2005, we paid \$25 million of capital contribution, out of which \$17 million was paid in the third quarter. We expect to fulfill our remaining financial obligations up to our total contribution of \$250 million later in 2005 and 2006. In addition, we are committed to grant long-term financing for \$250 million to the new joint venture guaranteed by subordinated collateral on the joint venture's assets. Furthermore, we have contingent future loading obligations to purchase product from the joint venture, which have not been included above because at this stage the amounts remain contingent and non-quantifiable.

Long-term debt obligations mainly consist of bank loans and convertible debt issued by us that is totally or partially redeemable for cash at the option of the holder. They include maximum future amounts that may be redeemable for cash at the option of the holder, at fixed prices. At the holder's option, any outstanding 2013 Bond may be redeemed for cash on August 5, 2006, 2008 or 2010 for a total aggregate amount payable by us of \$1,379 million on August 5, 2006 or \$1,365 million on August 5, 2008 or \$1,352 million on August 5, 2010. The conversion ratio is \$985.09 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2013 Bonds at August 5, 2006, \$975.28 at August 5, 2008 and \$965.56 at August 5, 2010, subject to adjustments in certain circumstances. As a result of this cash option, the outstanding amount of 2013 Bonds was classified in the consolidated balance sheet as current portion of long-term debt at October 1, 2005.

Pension obligations amounting to \$261 million consist of our best estimates of the amounts that will be payable by us for the retirement plans based on the assumption that our employees will work for us until they reach the age of retirement. The final actual amount to be paid and related timings of such payments may vary significantly due to early retirements or terminations. This amount does not include the additional pension plan of \$8 million granted by our Supervisory Board to our former CEO and to a limited number of retired senior executives in the first quarter of 2005, which was recorded as current liabilities as we are intending to transfer this obligation to an insurance company. We accrued the estimated premiums to expenses during the first quarter of 2005.

Other non-current liabilities include future unused leases and miscellaneous contractual obligations.

Other obligations primarily relate to contractual firm commitments with respect to cooperation agreements.

Other than those described above, there are no material off-balance sheet obligations, contractual obligations or other commitments.

### ***Financial Outlook***

We currently expect that capital spending for 2005 will be approximately \$1.5 billion, significantly below the \$2.05 billion spent in 2004. In the first nine months of 2005, we incurred approximately \$1.2 billion in capital spending. We have the flexibility to modulate our investments up or down in response to changes in market conditions, and we are ready to accelerate or slow down investments in leading edge technologies if market trends require. As of October 1, 2005, we had a total of \$562 million in outstanding commitments for equipment purchases for 2005 and 2006.

The most significant of our 2005 capital expenditure projects are expected to be (i) the capacity expansion of our 200-mm and 150-mm front-end facilities in Singapore; (ii) the conversion to 200-mm of our front-end facility in Agrate, Italy; (iii) the capacity expansion of our back-end plants in Muar (Malaysia), Toa Payoh (Singapore) and Malta; (iv) the expansion of our 200-mm front-end facility in Phoenix, Arizona; (v) completion of building and facilities for our 300-mm front-end plant in Catania (Italy); (vi) the expansion of the 300-mm front-end joint project with Philips Semiconductors International B. V. and Freescale Semiconductor Inc., in Crolles, France; and (vii) the capacity expansion of our 200-mm front-end facilities in Rousset, France. We will continue to monitor our level of capital spending by taking into consideration factors such as trends in the semiconductor industry, capacity utilization and announced additions. We expect to have significant capital requirements in the coming years and intend to continue to devote a substantial portion of our net revenues to research and development. We plan to fund our capital requirements from cash provided by operations, available funds and available support from third parties (including state support), and may have recourse to borrowings under available credit lines and, to the extent necessary or attractive based on market conditions prevailing at the time, the issuing of debt or additional equity securities. A substantial deterioration of our economic results and consequently of our profitability could generate a deterioration of the cash generated by our operating activities. Therefore, there can be no assurance that, in future periods, we will generate the same level of cash as in the previous years to fund our capital expenditures for expansion plans, our working capital requirements, research and development and industrialization costs.

The holders of our 2013 Bonds may require us to redeem them on August 5, 2006 at a price of \$985.09 per one thousand dollar face value. The conversion ratio is \$985.09 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2013 Bonds at August 5, 2006, \$975.28 at August 5, 2008 and \$965.56 at August 5, 2010, subject to adjustments in certain circumstances. The total redeemable amount will be equivalent to \$1,379 million on August 5, 2006. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available as necessary, or that any such financing, if available, will be on terms acceptable to us. However, we believe that our ability to meet debt obligations is fully backed by existing liquidity as may be complemented by our cash flow plan.

### ***Impact of Recently Issued U.S. Accounting Standards***

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 151, *Inventory Costs, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4* ( FAS 151 ). The Statement requires abnormal

amounts of idle capacity and spoilage costs to be excluded from the cost of inventory and expensed when incurred. The provisions of FAS 151 are applicable prospectively to inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. As costs associated with underutilization of manufacturing facilities have historically been charged directly to cost of sales, we believe that FAS 151 will have no material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 153, *Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29* ( FAS 153 ). This Statement amends Opinion No. 29 to eliminate the exception to the basis measurement principle (fair value) for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of transactions that do not have commercial substance, that is, transactions that are not expected to result in significant changes in the cash flows of the reporting entity. The Statement is effective prospectively for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005, with early application permitted. We have not had any nonmonetary exchanges of assets since FAS 153 was published and believe that FAS 153 will have no material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( FAS 123R ). This Statement revises FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and its related implementation guidance. FAS 123R requires a public entity to measure the cost of share-based service awards based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award or the requisite service period, usually the vesting period. The grant-date fair value of employee share options and similar instruments will be estimated using option-pricing models adjusted for the unique characteristics of those instruments. FAS 123R also requires more extensive disclosures than the previous standards relating to the nature of share-based payment transactions, compensation cost and cash flow effects. On April 14, 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission amended the effective date of FAS 123R; the Statement now applies to all awards granted and to all unvested awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled during the first annual reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005. FAS 123R provides a choice of transition methods including the modified prospective application method, which allows discretionary restatement of interim periods during the calendar year of adoption, or the modified retrospective application method, which allows the restatement of the prior years presented. Each method requires the cumulative effect of initially applying FAS 123R to be recognized in the period of adoption. We will be required to adopt FAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 except if we elect early adoption in the fourth quarter of 2005. We plan to adopt FAS 123R using the modified prospective application method. We redefined our equity-based compensation strategy, since it had become minimally effective in motivating and retaining key employees, by no longer granting options but rather issuing non-vested stock. As part of this revised stock compensation policy, we decided in July 2005 to accelerate the vesting period of outstanding unvested stock options, following authorization from our shareholders at the annual general meeting held on March 18, 2005. As a result, options equivalent to approximately 32 million shares became exercisable immediately. Based on the current market price of the shares, all these options had no intrinsic economic value at the date of acceleration. We do not expect to incur any future compensation expense associated with these outstanding options when adopting FAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 since following this we will not have any outstanding unvested stock options as at the adoption date of FAS 123R. The impact on our financial position and results of operations is illustrated in the information presented in note 15 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements Fair value of stock-based compensation .

In May 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* ( FAS 154 ). This Statement supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes* ( APB 20 ) and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements* ( FAS 3 ). This Statement requires entities that voluntarily make a change in accounting principle to apply that change retrospectively to prior periods financial statements, unless this would be impracticable, and to report the corresponding adjustment on the opening balance of retained earnings for that period rather than in net income, as previously required by APB 20. FAS 154 also states that changes in the method of depreciation, amortization, or depletion of long-lived, non-financial assets, must be accounted for as a

change in accounting estimate and no longer as a change in accounting principle. FAS 154 does not change the accounting guidance contained in APB 20 for reporting a change in accounting estimate and the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements, but it makes a distinction between retrospective application of an accounting principle and the restatement of financial statements to reflect the correction of an error. The Statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005 with early adoption permitted for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after FAS 154 was issued. We adopted FAS 154 in the second quarter of 2005 and reported neither correction of errors nor accounting changes that could have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

***Backlog and Customers***

We began the fourth quarter of 2005 with a backlog approximately 24% higher than we had entering the fourth quarter of 2004 and with a low single digit percentage increase from the beginning of the third quarter of 2005.

In the third quarter of 2005, total original equipment manufacturers ( OEMs ) accounted for approximately 82% of our net revenues, of which the top ten OEM customers accounted for approximately 51%, and our largest customer the Nokia group of companies accounted for approximately 24% of our revenues. Distributors accounted for approximately 18% of our net revenues. We have no assurance that the Nokia group of companies, or any other large customer, will continue to generate revenues for us at the same levels. If we were to lose one or more of our key customers, or if they were to significantly reduce their bookings, or fail to meet their payment obligations, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

### *Changes to Our Share Capital, Stock Option Grants and Other Matters*

The following table sets forth changes to our share capital as of October 1, 2005:

Year	Transaction	Number of shares	Nominal value (euro)	Cumulative amount of capital (euro)	Cumulative number of shares	Nominal value of increase/reduction in capital	Amount of issue premium (euro)	Cumulative issue premium (euro)
December 31, 2004	LYONs conversion	1,761	1.04	941,521,357	905,308,997	1,831	46,225	1,708,949,494
October 1, 2005	Conversion of bonds	59	1.04	941,521,418	905,309,056	61	1,448	1,708,950,942
October 1, 2005	Exercise of options	2,288,093	1.04	943,901,035	907,597,149	2,379,617	23,700,378	1,732,651,320

The following table summarizes the amount of stock options authorized to be granted, exercised, cancelled and outstanding as of October 1, 2005:

	Employees		Supervisory Board			Total
	1995 Plan	2001 Plan	1996	1999	2002	
Remaining amount authorized to be granted	-	16,281,660	-	-	-	16,281,660
Amount exercised	12,025,232	9,650	292,500	18,000	-	12,345,382
Amount cancelled	2,692,293	4,006,193	72,000	63,000	24,000	6,857,486
Amount outstanding	16,844,416	43,718,340	36,000	342,000	372,000	61,312,756

We granted 29,200 options at an exercise price of \$16.73 on January 31, 2005 and 13,000 options at an exercise price of \$17.31 on March 17, 2005. There were no options granted in the second and third quarters of 2005.

In line with our 2005 AGM shareholders resolutions, we are transitioning our stock-based compensation plans from stock-option grants to non-vested stock awards. Pursuant to shareholders resolutions adopted by the 2005 AGM, our Supervisory Board, upon the proposal of the Managing Board and recommendation of the Compensation Committee, took the following actions:

approved the terms and conditions of the 2005 Supervisory Board Stock-Based Compensation Plan for members and professionals;

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amended our 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan with the aim of enhancing our ability to retain key employees and motivate them to shareholder value creation;

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approved the vesting conditions, linked to our future performance and their continued service with us, to apply to non-vested stock awards granted to employees in 2005, the maximum number of which will be four million, within the remaining number of shares authorized for issuance pursuant to the original plan; and

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accelerated the vesting of all of our outstanding stock options in July 2005 aimed at facilitating the transition to new stock compensation policy with no charge to our interim consolidated statements of income.



We intend to use 4.1 million of our shares held by us in treasury (out of the 13.4 million currently available) to cover the four million non-vested stock award grants pursuant to the 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan as well as the granting of up to 100,000 non-vested shares to the sole member of our Managing Board that was also approved by shareholders at the 2005 AGM. Following this decision, the new plan will generate an additional charge in the income statements of the fourth quarter of 2005 and of the first quarter of 2006. This charge will correspond to the compensation expense to be recognized for the non-vested stock awards from the grant date over the vesting period and will take into consideration the probability of the performance achievement.

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(c)) as of the end of the period covered by this report, have concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information relating to our company was made known to them by others within our company, particularly during the period when this Form 6-K was being prepared.

There were no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls during the period covered by this report, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal controls requiring corrective actions in addition to those taken from time to time.

### **Other Reviews**

We have sent this report to our Audit Committee, which had an opportunity to raise questions with our management and independent auditors before we submitted it to the SEC.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Some of the statements contained in Overview Business Outlook , Liquidity and Capital Resources Financial Outlook and elsewhere in this Form 6-K, that are not historical facts, are statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended) based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those in such statements due to, among other factors:

future developments of the world semiconductor market, in particular the future demand for semiconductor products in the key application markets and from key customers served by our products;

pricing pressures, losses or curtailments of purchases from key customers as well as inventory adjustments from distributors or other customers;

changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. Dollar and the euro, compared to the effective exchange rate of approximately \$1.22= €1, and between the U.S. Dollar and the currencies of the other major countries in which we have our operating infrastructure;

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our ability to develop new products in time to obtain design wins as well as our ability to timely supply such products to meet market demand;

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our ability to complete, successfully and in a timely manner, our various announced initiatives to improve the efficiency of our research and development programs, our manufacturing and our overall corporate performance;

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the anticipated benefits of research & development alliances and cooperative activities;

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the ability of our suppliers to meet our demands for products and to offer competitive pricing;

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changes in the economic, social, or political environment, as well as natural events such as severe weather, health risks, epidemics or earthquakes in the countries in which we and our key customers operate;

our ability to obtain required licenses on third-party intellectual property; and

our ability to make consistent changes in our taxation rate, tax provisions and deferred taxes.

Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results and performance of our business to differ materially and adversely from the forward-looking statements. Certain such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as believe, may, will, should, would be or anticipate or similar expressions or the negative thereof, or other variations thereof, or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. Some of these risk factors are set forth and are discussed in more detail in Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004, as filed with the SEC on March 23, 2005. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this Form 6-K as anticipated, believed or expected. We do not intend, and do not assume any obligation, to update any industry information or forward-looking statements set forth in this Form 6-K to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Unfavorable changes in the above or other factors listed under Risk Factors from time to time in our SEC filings including in our Form 20-F could have a material adverse effect on our business and/or financial condition.

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**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**STMicroelectronics N.V.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

<b>In millions of U.S. dollars except per share amounts</b>	<b>Three months ended</b>	
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
Net sales	2,246	2,231
Other revenues	1	0
<b>Net revenues</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,231</b>
Cost of sales	(1,481)	(1,386)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>845</b>
Selling, general and administrative	(248)	(233)
Research and development	(401)	(384)
Other income and expenses, net	(3)	(3)
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(12)	(12)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>213</b>
Interest income, net	8	0
Loss on equity investments	(2)	(2)
<b>Income before income taxes and minority interests</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>211</b>
Income tax expense	(18)	(20)
<b>Income before minority interests</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>191</b>
Minority interests	(1)	(2)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Earnings per share (Basic)</b>	0.10	0.21
<b>Earnings per share (Diluted)</b>	0.10	0.20

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements

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**STMicroelectronics N.V.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

<b>In millions of U.S. dollars except per share amounts</b>	<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	(unaudited)	
	<b>October 1,</b>	<b>September 25,</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net sales	6,489	6,429
Other revenues	4	3
<b>Net revenues</b>	<b>6,493</b>	<b>6,432</b>
Cost of sales	(4,328)	(4,056)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,376</b>
Selling, general and administrative	(766)	(702)
Research and development	(1,228)	(1,131)
Other income and expenses, net	(11)	(13)
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(113)	(57)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>473</b>
Interest income (expense), net	23	(8)
Loss on equity investments	(2)	(2)
Loss on extinguishment of convertible debt	0	(4)
<b>Income before income taxes and minority interests</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>459</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	17	(42)
<b>Income before minority interests</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>417</b>
Minority interests	(2)	(3)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Earnings per share (Basic)</b>	0.09	0.46
<b>Earnings per share (Diluted)</b>	0.09	0.45

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**STMicroelectronics N.V.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

<b>In millions of U.S. dollars</b>	<b>As of</b>	
	<b>October 1, 2005 (unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2004 (audited)</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,242	1,950
Marketable securities	525	0
Trade accounts receivable, net	1,483	1,408
Inventories, net	1,398	1,344
Deferred tax assets	182	140
Other receivables and assets	610	785
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>5,627</b>
Goodwill	223	264
Other intangible assets, net	227	291
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,412	7,442
Long-term deferred tax assets	53	59
Investments and other non-current assets	137	117
	<b>7,052</b>	<b>8,173</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>12,492</b>	<b>13,800</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Bank overdrafts	48	58
Current portion of long-term debt	1,527	133
Trade accounts payable	987	1,352
Other payables and accrued liabilities	712	776
Deferred tax liabilities	9	17
Accrued income tax	163	176
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>2,512</b>
Long-term debt	263	1,767
Reserve for pension and termination indemnities	261	285

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Long-term deferred tax liabilities	69	63
Other non-current liabilities	20	15
	<b>613</b>	<b>2,130</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>4,642</b>
Commitment and contingencies		
<b>Minority interests</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>
Common stock (preferred stock: 540,000,000 shares authorized, not issued; common stock: Euro 1.04 nominal value, 1,200,000,000 shares authorized, 907,597,149 shares issued, 894,197,149 shares outstanding)	1,153	1,150
Capital surplus	1,953	1,924
Accumulated result	5,244	5,268
Accumulated other comprehensive income	381	1,116
Treasury stock	(348)	(348)
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>9,110</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>12,492</b>	<b>13,800</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements

**STMicroelectronics N.V.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	(unaudited)	
	<b>October</b>	
<b>In millions of U.S. dollars</b>	<b>1,</b>	<b>September 25, 2004</b>
	<b>2005</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	83	414
Items to reconcile net income and cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,482	1,319
Amortization of discount on convertible debt	3	28
Loss on extinguishment of convertible debt	-	4
Other non-cash items	7	(3)
Minority interest in net income of subsidiaries	2	3
Deferred income tax	(40)	(16)
Loss on equity investments	2	2
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, net of cash payments	67	11
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables, net	(119)	(256)
Inventories, net	(152)	(77)
Trade payables	(33)	309
Other assets and liabilities, net	(59)	(41)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,697</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Payment for purchases of tangible assets	(1,211)	(1,627)
Payment for purchases of marketable securities	(525)	(1,030)
Investment in intangible and financial assets	(52)	(64)
Payment for acquisitions, net of cash received	-	(3)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,788)</b>	<b>(2,724)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	25	22

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Repayment of long-term debt	(90)	(1,263)
Decrease in short-term facilities	(5)	(37)
Capital increase	32	17
Dividends paid	(107)	(107)
Other financing activities	1	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(144)</b>	<b>(1,368)</b>
Effect of changes in exchange rates	(19)	(2)
<b>Net cash decrease</b>	<b>(708)</b>	<b>(2,397)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,998</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>601</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

In millions of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts

	Common Stock	Capital Surplus	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Result	Accumulated Other Comprehensive income (loss)	Shareholders' Equity
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2003 (audited)</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>(348)</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>8,100</b>
Capital increase	4	19				23
Comprehensive income:						
Net Income				601		601
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					493	493
Comprehensive income						1,094
Dividends, \$0.12 per share				(107)		(107)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2004 (audited)</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>(348)</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>9,110</b>
Capital increase	3	29				32
Comprehensive income (loss):						
Net income				83		83
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax					(735)	(735)
Comprehensive income (loss)						(652)
Dividends, \$0.12 per share				(107)		(107)
<b>Balance as of October 1, 2005 (unaudited)</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>(348)</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>8,383</b>

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**STMicroelectronics N.V.**

**Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)**

**1. The Company**

STMicroelectronics N.V. (the "Company") is registered in The Netherlands with its statutory domicile in Amsterdam. The Company was formed in 1987 with the original name of SGS-THOMSON Microelectronics by the combination of the semiconductor business of SGS Microelettronica (then owned by Società Finanziaria Telefonica (S.T.E.T.), an Italian corporation) and the non-military business of Thomson Semiconducteurs (then owned by Thomson-CSF, a French corporation) whereby each company contributed their respective semiconductor businesses in exchange for a 50% interest in the Company.

The Company is a global independent semiconductor company that designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of semiconductor integrated circuits ("ICs") and discrete devices. The Company offers a diversified product portfolio and develops products for a wide range of market applications, including automotive products, computer peripherals, telecommunications systems, consumer products, industrial automation and control systems. Within its diversified portfolio, the Company has focused on developing products that leverage its technological strengths in creating customized, system-level solutions with high-growth digital and mixed-signal content.

**2. Fiscal year**

The Company's fiscal year ends on December 31. Interim periods are established for accounting purposes on a thirteen-week basis. In 2005, the Company's first quarter ended on April 2, its second quarter ended on July 2, its third quarter on October 1 and its fourth quarter will end on December 31.

**3. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ), consistent in all material respects with those applied for the year ended December 31, 2004. The interim financial information is unaudited but reflects all normal adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to provide a fair statement of results for the periods presented. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

All balances and values in the current and prior periods are in millions of dollars, except share and per-share amounts.

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements do not include certain footnotes and financial presentation normally required on an annual basis under U.S. GAAP. Therefore, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004.

**4. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The primary areas that require significant estimates and judgments by management include, but are not limited to, sales returns and allowances, allowances for doubtful accounts, inventory reserves and normal manufacturing capacity thresholds to determine costs capitalized in inventory, accruals for warranty costs, litigation and claims, valuation of acquired intangibles, goodwill, investments and tangible assets as well as the impairment of their related carrying values, restructuring charges, other non-recurring special charges, assumptions used in calculating pension obligations and pro-forma share-based compensation, assessment of hedge effectiveness of derivative instruments, deferred income tax assets including required valuation allowances and liabilities as well as provisions for specifically identified income tax exposures.

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The Company bases the estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors such as market trends and business plans that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. The actual results experienced by the Company could differ materially and adversely from management's estimates. To the extent there are material differences between the estimates and the actual results, future results of operations could be significantly affected.

## 5. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 151, *Inventory Costs, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4* ( FAS 151 ). The Standard requires abnormal amounts of idle capacity and spoilage costs to be excluded from the cost of inventory and expensed when incurred. The provisions of FAS 151 are applicable prospectively to inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. As costs associated with underutilization of manufacturing facilities have historically been charged directly to cost of sales, the Company believes that FAS 151 will have no material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 153, *Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29* ( FAS 153 ). This Statement amends Opinion 29 to eliminate the exception to the basis measurement principle (fair value) for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of transactions that do not have commercial substance, that is, transactions that are not expected to result in significant changes in the cash flows of the reporting entity. The Statement is effective prospectively for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005, with early application permitted. The Company has not had any nonmonetary exchanges of assets since FAS 153 was published and believes that FAS 153 will have no material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( FAS 123R ). This Statement revises FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and its related implementation guidance. FAS 123R requires a public entity to measure the cost of share-based service awards based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award or the requisite service period, usually the vesting period. The grant-date fair value of employee share options and similar instruments will be estimated using option-pricing models adjusted for the unique characteristics of those instruments. FAS 123R also requires more extensive disclosures than the previous standards relating to the nature of share-based payment transactions, compensation cost and cash flow effects. On April 14, 2005, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission amended the effective date of FAS 123R; the Statement now applies to all awards granted and to all unvested awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled during the first annual reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005. FAS 123R provides a choice of transition methods including the modified prospective application method, which allows discretionary restatement of interim periods during the calendar year of adoption, or the modified retrospective application method, which allows the restatement of the prior years presented. Each method requires the cumulative effect of initially applying FAS 123R to be recognized in the period of adoption. The Company will be required to adopt FAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 except if it elects early adoption in the fourth quarter of 2005. The Company plans to adopt FAS 123R using the modified prospective application method. The Company redefined its equity-based compensation strategy, since it had become minimally effective in motivating and retaining key-employees, by no longer granting options but rather issuing non-vested stock. As part of this revised stock compensation policy, the Company decided in July 2005 to accelerate the vesting period of outstanding unvested

stock options, following authorization from the Company's shareholders at the annual general meeting held on March 18, 2005. As a result, options equivalent to approximately 32 million shares became exercisable immediately. Based on the current market price of the shares, all these options had no intrinsic economic value at the date of acceleration. The Company does not expect to incur any future compensation expense associated with these outstanding options when adopting FAS 123R in the first quarter 2006 since following this the Company will not have any outstanding unvested stock options as at the adoption date of FAS123R. The impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations is further illustrated in the information presented in note 15 Fair value of stock-based compensation.

In May 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* ( FAS 154 ). This Statement supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes* ( APB 20 ) and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements* ( FAS 3 ).

This Statement requires entities that voluntarily make a change in accounting principle to apply that change retrospectively to prior periods' financial statements, unless this would be impracticable, and to report the corresponding adjustment on the opening balance of retained earnings for that period rather than in net income, as previously required by APB 20. FAS 154 also states that changes in the method of depreciation, amortization, or depletion of long-lived, non financial assets, must be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate and no longer as a change in accounting principle. FAS 154 does not change the accounting guidance contained in APB 20 for reporting a change in accounting estimate and the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements, but it makes a distinction between retrospective application of an accounting principle and the restatement of financial statements to reflect the correction of an error. The Statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, with early adoption permitted for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after FAS 154 was issued. The Company early adopted FAS 154 in the second quarter of 2005 and did report neither corrections of errors nor accounting changes that could have a material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

## 6. Other Income and Expenses, Net

Other income and expenses, net consisted of the following:

In millions of U.S dollars	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
	Three months ended <b>October 1, 2005</b>	Sept. 25,2004	Nine months ended <b>October 1, 2005</b>	Sept. 25,2004
Research and development funding	<b>20</b>	9	<b>47</b>	37
Start-up costs	<b>(12)</b>	(13)	<b>(46)</b>	(45)
Exchange gain (loss), net	<b>(5)</b>	10	<b>4</b>	19
Patent claim costs	<b>(6)</b>	(7)	<b>(16)</b>	(21)
Gain (loss) on sale of non-current assets	<b>(2)</b>	-	<b>4</b>	6
Other, net	<b>2</b>	(2)	<b>(4)</b>	(9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3)</b>	(3)	<b>(11)</b>	(13)

Start-up costs represent costs incurred in the start-up and testing of the Company's new manufacturing facilities, before reaching the earlier of a minimum level of production or six months after the fabrication line's quality qualification. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, start-up costs mainly related to the 200mm fab in Agrate and the 300mm fab in Catania (Italy) and the 150mm fab in Ang Mo Kio (Singapore). For the third quarter of 2004, start-up costs mainly related to the upgrading of 200mm fab in Agrate (Italy), the launch of 150mm fab in Ang Mo Kio (Singapore) and the build-up of 300mm fab in Catania (Italy). For the first nine months of 2004, start-up costs also included costs related the 300mm pilot line in Crolles (France), which reached a minimum level of production at the end of the second quarter of 2004.

Fundings received by the Company are mainly from governmental agencies and income is recorded as recognized when all contractually required conditions are fulfilled. The Company's primary sources for government funding are French, Italian and other European Union ( EU ) governmental entities and Singapore agencies. Such funding is generally provided to encourage research and development activities, industrialization and the economic development of underdeveloped regions. Certain specific contracts contain obligations to maintain a minimum level of employment and investment during a certain amount of time. There could be penalties if these objectives are not fulfilled. Other contracts contain penalties for late deliveries or for breach of contract, which may result in repayment obligations.

Patent claim costs correspond to patent litigation costs, which include legal and attorney fees and payment of claims, and patent pre-litigation costs, which are composed of consultancy fees and legal fees. Patent litigation costs are costs incurred in respect of pending litigation. Patent pre-litigation costs are costs incurred to prepare for licensing discussions with third parties with a view to concluding an agreement. Litigation may occur if such discussions are unsuccessful. In the third quarter of 2005, patent litigation costs and patent pre-litigation costs amounted to \$5 million and \$1 million respectively, while in the third quarter of 2004, they respectively totaled \$5 million and \$2 million. On a year-to-date basis, patent litigation costs amounted to \$11 million in 2005 compared to \$17 million in the previous year. For the nine months ended 2005, patent pre-litigation totaled \$5 million while they amounted to \$4 million for the first nine months of 2004.

Exchange gain, net includes the realized and unrealized exchange gains and losses related to transactions denominated in foreign currencies. It includes all transactions to cover exchange risk not designated as cash flow hedge.

## **7. Impairment, Restructuring Charges and Other Related Closure Costs**

During the third quarter of 2003, the Company commenced a plan to restructure its 150mm fab operations and part of its back-end operations in order to improve cost competitiveness. The 150mm restructuring plan focuses on cost reduction by migrating a large part of European and U.S. 150mm production to Singapore and by upgrading production to a finer geometry 200mm wafer fabs. The plan includes the discontinuation of the 150mm production of Rennes (France), which was completed during 2004, the closure as soon as operationally feasible of the 150mm wafer pilot line in Castelletto (Italy) and the downsizing by approximately one-half of the 150mm wafer fab in Carrollton, Texas. Furthermore, the 150mm wafer fab production in Agrate (Italy) and Rousset (France) will be gradually phased-out in favor of 200mm wafer ramp-ups at existing facilities in these locations, which will be expanded or upgraded to accommodate additional finer geometry wafer capacity. This plan is currently on-going, with the majority of the steps already completed. The Company is expected to incur the balance of the restructuring charges related to this plan in the coming quarters, somewhat later than originally anticipated because of delays in customers qualifications.

In January 2005, the Company decided to reduce its Access technology products for Customer Premises Equipment ( CPE ) modem products. This decision was intended to eliminate certain low volume, non-strategic product families whose returns in the current environment did not meet internal targets. Additional restructuring initiatives were also implemented in the first quarter of 2005 such as the closure of a research and development design center in Karlsruhe (Germany) and in Malvern (USA) and the discontinuation of a development project in Singapore. This plan has already been completed.

In May 2005, the Company announced additional restructuring efforts to improve profitability. These initiatives cumulated with other already announced initiatives will address 3,000 people of the Company's workforce by mid-2006, out of which 2,300 are in Europe. The Company plans to reorganize its European activities by optimizing on a global scale its EWS activities (wafer test); harmonizing its support functions; reducing its costs and rationalizing its activities outside its manufacturing areas and by disengaging from certain activities.

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs incurred in the third quarter of 2005 and the first nine months of 2005 are summarized as follows:

<b>Three months ended</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Restructuring charges</b>	<b>Other related closure costs</b>	<b>Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs</b>
<b>October 1, 2005</b>				
150mm fab operations	-	(2)	(1)	(3)
Back-end operations	-	(2)	-	(2)
Intangible assets and investments	(1)	-	-	(1)
2005 restructuring plan	-	(6)	-	(6)
Total	(1)	(10)	(1)	(12)
<b>Nine months ended</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Restructuring charges</b>	<b>Other related closure costs</b>	<b>Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs</b>
<b>October 1, 2005</b>				
150mm fab operations	-	(6)	(6)	(12)
Back-end operations	-	(4)	(1)	(5)
Intangible assets and investments	(64)	-	-	(64)
2005 restructuring plan	-	(21)	(1)	(22)
Other	-	(9)	(1)	(10)
Total	(64)	(40)	(9)	(113)

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs incurred in the third quarter of 2004 and the nine months of 2004 are summarized as follows:

<b>Three months ended</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Restructuring charges</b>	<b>Other related closure costs</b>	<b>Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs</b>
<b>Sept. 25, 2004</b>				
150mm fab operations	-	(1)	(8)	(9)
Back-end operations	-	-	(1)	(1)
Intangible assets and investments	(2)	-	-	(2)
Total	(2)	(1)	(9)	(12)

<b>Nine months ended</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Restructuring charges</b>	<b>Other related closure costs</b>	<b>Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs</b>
<b>Sept. 25, 2004</b>				
150mm fab operations	-	(26)	(23)	(49)
Back-end operations	-	-	(3)	(3)
Intangible assets and investments	(3)	-	-	(3)
Other		(2)		(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>(57)</b>

#### Impairment charges

In the first nine months of 2005, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$64 million, of which \$63 million were incurred in the first quarter of 2005 primarily pursuant to the decision of the Company to reduce its Access technology products for Customer Premises Equipment ( CPE ) modem products.

The Company reports CPE business as part of the Access reporting unit, included in the Application Specific Products Group ( ASG ). Following the decision to discontinue a portion of this reporting unit, the Company, in compliance with FAS 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, reassessed the allocation of goodwill between the Access reporting unit and the business to be disposed of according to their relative fair values using market comparables. The reassessment resulted in a \$39 million goodwill impairment. Additionally \$22 million of purchased technologies were identified without an alternative use following the discontinuation of CPE product lines, which resulted in a total impairment charge of \$61 million in the first quarter of 2005. Moreover, impairment charges of \$2 million for technologies and other intangible assets were incurred pursuant to the decision of the Company to close its research and development design center in Karlsruhe (Germany) and the discontinuation of a development project in Singapore.

In the third quarter of 2005, the Company performed the annual review for impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets. As a result of this review, an impairment charge of approximately \$1 million was recorded during the third quarter of 2005, relating to purchased technologies primarily associated with the Home, Personal, Communication Sector segment ( HPC ), technologies that were determined to be obsolete.

In the first nine months of 2004, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$3 million, of which \$2 million were incurred in the third quarter of 2004 for financial assets of the Company which reported other-than-temporary losses.

Restructuring charges and other related closure costs

Provisions for restructuring charges and other related closure costs as at October 1, 2005 are summarized as follows:

	150mm fab operations			Back-end operations	2005 restructuring plan	Other	Total restructuring & other related closure costs
	Restructuring	Other related closure cost	Total				
<b>Provision as at December 31, 2004</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>
Charges incurred in 2005	6	6	12	5	22	10	(49)
Amounts paid	(19)	(7)	(26)	(5)	(5)	(10)	(46)
Currency translation effect	(3)	-	(3)	-	-	-	(3)
<b>Provision as at October 1, 2005</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>



150mm fab operations:

Restructuring charges incurred in the first nine months of 2005 primarily related to \$6 million in termination benefits for the sites of Agrate (Italy) and Rousset (France) and \$6 million of other closure costs for the transfer of production from the sites of Rennes (France), Rousset (France) and Carrollton (USA).

During the first nine months of 2004, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$49 million for its 150mm fab operations, of which \$31 million was incurred in the first quarter, \$9 million in the second quarter and \$9 million in the third quarter, primarily relating to the discontinuation of Rennes.

Back-end operations:

During the first nine months of 2005, \$4 million of involuntary termination benefits were paid in the Company's back-end site in Morocco, of which \$2 million were incurred in the third quarter of 2005. The Company also recorded in the nine months ended October 1, 2005 approximately \$1 million of transfer costs related to its back-end operations. During the first nine months of last year, transfer costs amounting to \$3 million were paid for back-end sites in Morocco, of which \$1 million were incurred in the third quarter of 2004.

2005 restructuring plan:

Pursuant to its announcement of new restructuring initiatives aimed at improving its competitiveness and financial performance, the Company started in the second quarter of 2005 to define a plan of reorganization and optimization of its activities. This plan focuses on workforce reduction, mainly in Europe, but will, whenever possible, encourage voluntary redundancy such as early retirement measures and other special termination arrangements with the employees. The plan also includes the non-renewal of some temporary positions. For the nine months ended October 1, 2005, the Company recorded a total restructuring charge for its new restructuring plan amounting to \$22 million, of which \$16 million in the second quarter and \$6 million in the third quarter, mainly related to involuntary and voluntary termination benefits. This total charge includes the provision amounting approximately to \$10 million for contractual and legal termination benefits for an estimated number of employees at one of the Company's European subsidiaries. It also includes termination incentives for certain employees in Europe, who accepted special termination arrangements, for a total amount of \$11 million. In addition, the total charge includes a \$1 million charge generated by the discontinuation of the Company's Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) non-core development program.

Other:

Pursuant to the decision of reducing its Access technology products for Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) modem products, the Company committed in the first quarter of 2005 to an exit plan in Zaventem (Belgium) and recorded \$4 million of workforce termination benefits in the first nine months of 2005.

In addition, charges totaling \$2 million were paid in the first nine months of 2005 and 2004 by the Company for voluntary termination benefits in France.

Moreover, in order to rationalize its research and development sites, the Company decided in the first quarter of 2005 to cease its activities in two locations, Karlsruhe (Germany) and Malvern (USA). The Company incurred in the first nine months of 2005 \$3 million restructuring charges corresponding to employee termination costs and \$1 million of unused lease charges relating to the closure of these two sites.

Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs:

In the first nine months of 2005, total amounts paid for restructuring and related closure costs amounted to \$46 million.

The 2003 restructuring plan and related manufacturing initiatives are expected to be largely completed in mid-2006. Of the total \$350 million expected pre-tax charges to be incurred under the plan, \$300 million have been incurred as of October 1, 2005 (\$19 million in 2005, \$76 million in 2004 and \$205 million in 2003).

The additional reorganization and restructuring actions commenced in the first quarter of 2005 were fully completed in the second quarter of 2005, resulting in impairment and restructuring charges of \$71 million for the nine months ended October 1, 2005.

The 2005 restructuring plan is estimated to result in charges in the range of \$100 to \$130 million and is expected to be largely completed by mid-2006. This new plan resulted in the second quarter of 2005 in restructuring charges totaling \$16 million and \$6 million in the third quarter of 2005.

The total actual costs that the Company will incur may differ from these estimates based on the timing required to complete the restructuring plan, the number of people involved, the final agreed termination benefits and the costs associated with the transfer of equipment, products and processes.

### 8. Interest income (expense), net

Interest income (expense), net consisted of the following:

	<b>(unaudited)</b>		<b>(unaudited)</b>	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	<b>October 1,</b>	Sept. 25, 2004	<b>October 1,</b>	Sept. 25, 2004
	<b>2005</b>		<b>2005</b>	
In millions of U.S dollars				
Income	<b>12</b>	11	<b>37</b>	31
Expense	<b>(4)</b>	(11)	<b>(14)</b>	(39)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	0	<b>23</b>	(8)

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Interest expense also included charges related to the amortization of issuance costs incurred by the Company for the outstanding convertible bonds.

### 9. Marketable securities

Marketable securities totaled \$525 million as at October 1, 2005. In the first quarter of 2005, the Company invested \$525 million of existing cash in credit-linked deposits issued by several primary banks in order to maximize the return on available cash. These credit-linked deposits are reinvested by the banks in underlying debt instruments (reference debt) that have been issued by different banks with a minimum rating of A- and include a derivative instrument related to the underlying credit default swap of the credit-linked deposits. The Company has determined that this derivative element does not have a material impact on the interim consolidated financial statements as of October 1, 2005. Interest on these instruments is paid quarterly and the interest rate is fixed every three months based on the LIBOR rate of the U.S. dollar plus a spread. Interest is payable through the final maturity of these instruments scheduled to occur before the 2005 year-end, unless suspended by credit default of the reference debt. Additionally, the carrying value of the instruments depends on the non-default of the reference debt. The principal will be repaid at final maturity unless a default occurs, in which case repayment of principal would be reduced based on the decline in value of the defaulted debt.

### 10. Inventories, net

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is computed by adjusting standard cost to approximate actual manufacturing costs on a quarterly basis; the cost is therefore dependent on the Company manufacturing performance. In the case of underutilization of its manufacturing facilities, the costs associated with the excess capacity are not included in the valuation of inventories but charged directly to cost of sales.

Provisions for obsolescence are estimated for uncommitted inventories based on the previous quarter sales, orders backlog and production plans.

Inventories, net of reserve consisted of the following:

In millions of U.S. dollars	<b>(Unaudited)</b> As at October 1, 2005	(Audited) As at December 31, 2004
Raw materials	<b>68</b>	70
Work-in-process	<b>907</b>	874
Finished products	<b>423</b>	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	1,344

**11. Investments and other non-current assets**

Investments and other non-current assets consisted of the following:

In millions of U.S. dollars	<b>(Unaudited)</b> <b>As at October 1, 2005</b>	(Audited) As at December 31, 2004
Equity-method investments	<b>23</b>	6
Cost investments	<b>35</b>	34
Deposits and long-term receivables related to funding	<b>75</b>	69
Debt issuance costs, net	<b>4</b>	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	117

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*SuperH Joint Venture*

In 2001, the Company and Renesas Technology Corp. (previously known as Hitachi, Ltd.) formed a joint venture to develop and license RISC microprocessors. The joint venture, SuperH Inc., was initially capitalized with the Company's contribution of \$15 million of cash plus internally developed technologies with an agreed intrinsic value of \$14 million for a 44% interest. Renesas Technology Corp. contributed \$37 million of cash for a 56% interest. The Company accounted for its share in the SuperH, Inc. joint venture under the equity method based on the actual results of the joint venture. During 2002 and 2003, the Company made additional capital contributions on which accumulated losses have exceeded the Company's total investment, which is shown at a zero carrying value at October 1, 2005.

In 2004, the shareholders agreed to restructure the joint venture by transferring the intellectual properties to each shareholder and continuing any further development individually. In March 2005, the Board of Directors decided to close the joint-venture. The Company estimates that no future losses exposure will result from this liquidation.

*UPEK Inc.*

In the first quarter of 2004, the Company and Sofinnova Capital IV FCPR formed a new company, UPEK Inc., as a venture capitalist-funded spin-off of the Company's TouchChip business. UPEK Inc. was initially capitalized with the Company's transfer of the business, personnel and technology assets related to the fingerprint biometrics business, formerly known as the TouchChip Business Unit, for a 48% interest. Sofinnova Capital IV FCPR contributed \$11 million of cash for a 52% interest. The shareholder agreement required Sofinnova Capital IV FCPR to additionally contribute \$9 million within approximately 12 months from the first quarter of 2004. During the first quarter of 2005, such contribution was made by Sofinnova Capital IV FCPR, reducing the Company's ownership to 33%. The Company accounted for its share in UPEK, Inc. under the equity method.

On June 30, 2005, the Company sold its interest in Upek Inc. for \$13 million and recorded in the second quarter of 2005 a gain amounting to \$6 million in Other income and expenses, net of its interim consolidated statement of income. Additionally, on June 30, 2005, the Company was granted warrants for 2,000,000 shares of Upek, Inc. at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The warrants are not limited in time but can only be exercised in the event of a change of control or an Initial Public Offering of Upek Inc. with a valuation of the company at or over \$39 million. The Company estimated that such conditions for exercise were not met as at October 1, 2005 and that such warrants have no material impact on its interim consolidated financial statements as at October 1, 2005.

*Hynix Joint Venture*

Pursuant to the joint-venture agreement signed in 2004 by the Company with Hynix Semiconductor Inc. to build a front-end memory-manufacturing facility in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China, the Company made during the nine months ended October 1, 2005 capital contributions to the joint venture totaling \$25 million, of which \$17 million were paid in the third quarter. Under the agreement, Hynix Semiconductor Inc. will contribute \$500 million for a 67% interest and the Company will contribute \$250 million for a 33% interest. In addition, the Company committed to grant \$250 million in long-term financing to the new joint venture guaranteed by the subordinated collateral of the joint-venture's assets.

The Company has identified the joint venture relationship as a Variable Interest Entity (VIE), but has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of the VIE. The Company accounts for its share in the Hynix joint venture under the equity method based on the actual results of the joint venture and recorded losses totaling \$2 million in the third quarter of 2005 as loss on equity investments.

*DNP Photomask Europe S.p.A*

The Company entered into a joint venture agreement in 2002 with Dai Nippon Printing Co, Ltd for the development and production of photomask in which the Company holds a 19% interest. The joint venture, DNP Photomask Europe S.p.A, was initially capitalized with the Company's contribution of €2 million of cash. Dai Nippon Printing Co, Ltd contributed €8 million of cash for an 81% interest. In the event of the liquidation of the joint-venture, the Company is required to repurchase the land at cost, and the facility at 10% of its net book value, if no suitable buyer is identified. No provision for this obligation has been registered so far. At October 1, 2005, the Company's total capital investment in the joint venture is \$10 million. The Company continues to maintain its 19% ownership of the joint venture, and accounts for this investment under the cost method.

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The Company has identified the joint venture relationship as a Variable Interest Entity (VIE), but has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of the VIE. The Company estimates that no future loss exposure will result from the joint venture.

## 12. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

In millions of U.S dollars	(Unaudited) As at October 1, 2005	(Audited) As at December 31, 2004
<b>Bank loans:</b>		
2.53% (weighted average) due 2007, fixed interest rate	118	153
2.46% (weighted average) due 2006, floating interest rate at Libor + 0.30	52	105
4.33% (weighted average) due 2007, floating interest rate	38	44
4.05% (weighted average) due 2008, floating interest rate	25	-
<b>Funding program loans:</b>		
1.09% (weighted average), due 2009, fixed interest rate	82	102
0.83% (weighted average), due 2017, fixed interest rate	49	55
3.15% (weighted average), due 2012, fixed interest rate	13	14
5.35% (weighted average), due 2006, fixed interest rate	7	13
<b>Capital leases:</b>		
4.78% due 2011, fixed interest rate	27	35
<b>Convertible debt:</b>		
-0.50% convertible bonds due 2013	1,379	1,379
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,900</b>
Less current portion	1,527	133



<b>Total long-term debt, less current portion</b>	<b>263</b>	1,767
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Pursuant to the terms of the convertible bonds due 2013 (the 2013 Bonds ), the Company may be required to purchase, at the option of the holder, the convertible bonds for cash on August 5, 2006 at a price of \$985.09 per convertible bond, and/or August 5, 2008 and/or August 5, 2010 at a price of \$975.28 and \$965.56 per convertible bond, respectively. As a result of this cash option, the outstanding amount of 2013 Bonds totaling \$1,379 million was classified in the consolidated balance sheet as current portion of long-term debt at October 1, 2005.

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**13. Earnings per Share**

Basic net earnings per share is computed based on net income available to common shareholders using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the reported period; the number of outstanding shares does not include treasury shares. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period, such as stock issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options outstanding and the conversion of convertible debt.

(In millions of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts):

	(unaudited) Three Months Ended		(unaudited) Nine Months Ended	
	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	Sept. 25, 2004	<b>October 1, 2005</b>	Sept. 25, 2004
<b>Basic Earnings per Share:</b>				
Net income	89	189	83	414
Weighted average shares outstanding	892,834,332	891,446,812	892,256,549	891,015,308
<b>Earnings per Share (basic)</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.46</b>
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share:</b>				
Net income		189	83	414
	89			
Interest expense on convertible debt, net of tax	1	1	4	3
Net income, adjusted	90	190	87	417
Weighted average shares outstanding	892,834,332	891,446,812	892,256,549	891,015,308
Dilutive effect of stock options	757,576	1,604,142	898,554	3,971,242
Dilutive effect of convertible debt	41,880,101	41,880,160	41,880,105	41,880,160
Number of shares used in calculating Earnings per Share	935,472,009	934,931,114	935,035,208	936,866,710
<b>Earnings per Share (diluted)</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.45</b>

As of October 1, 2005, common shares issued were 907,597,149 shares, of which 13,400,000 shares were owned by the Company as treasury stock. 4,100,000 of these treasury shares will be utilized for the Company's non-vested Stock Award Plan.

As of October 1, 2005, there were outstanding stock options exercisable into the equivalent of 61,312,756 common shares; the vesting period of 31,889,165 stock options was accelerated in the third quarter of 2005. Moreover there was the equivalent of 41,880,101 common shares for convertible debt.

#### 14. Retirement plans

The Company and its subsidiaries have a number of defined benefit pension plans covering employees in various countries. The plans provide for pension benefits, the amounts of which are calculated based on factors such as years of service and employee compensation levels. Eligibility is generally determined in accordance with local statutory requirements.

The components of the net periodic benefit cost include the following:

In millions of U.S dollars	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	Three Months ended	September 25,	Nine Months ended	September 25,
	<b>October 1,</b>	2004	<b>October 1,</b>	2004
	<b>2005</b>		<b>2005</b>	
Service cost	<b>5</b>	3	<b>11</b>	11
Interest cost	<b>3</b>	3	<b>10</b>	9
Expected return on plan assets	<b>(3)</b>	(2)	<b>(9)</b>	(7)
Amortization of net (gain) and loss	<b>2</b>	3	<b>4</b>	7
Net periodic benefit cost	<b>7</b>	7	<b>16</b>	20

Employer contributions expected to be paid in 2005 are consistent with the amounts disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004.

### 15. Fair value of stock-based compensation

At October 1, 2005, the Company has five stock-based employee and Supervisory Board compensation plans as well as an employee share purchase plan which are described in detail in Note 17 of the consolidated financial statements located at Item 18 of the Form 20-F. The Company applies the intrinsic-value-based method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB 25), and related Interpretations, in accounting for stock-based awards to employees. No stock-based employee compensation cost is reflected in net income, as all options under those plans were granted at an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share (EPS) is required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Board No. 123 *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* (FAS 123) as if the Company had accounted for its stock-based awards to employees under the fair value method prescribed by FAS 123, which results in a charge for total stock-based employee expense, net of related tax effects.

The fair value of the Company's stock-based awards to employees was estimated using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Forfeitures of options are reflected in the pro forma charge as they occur. For those stock option plans with graded vesting periods, the Company has determined the historical exercise activity for such plans actually reflects that employees exercise the option after the close of the graded vesting period. Therefore, the Company recognizes the estimated pro forma charge for plans with graded vesting periods on a straight-line basis. The fair value was estimated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	<b>October 1,</b>	Sept. 25,	<b>October 1,</b>	Sept. 25,
	<b>2005</b>	2004	<b>2005</b>	2004
In millions of U.S dollars				
Expected life (years)	-	6	6	6
Volatility	-	56.1%	52.9%	56.4%
Risk-free interest rate	-	3.32%	3.84%	3.57%
Dividend yield	-	0.6%	0.69%	0.5%

There were no stock-based awards granted in the third quarter of 2005. The weighted average fair value of options granted in the third quarter of 2004 was \$9.07.

In connection with a revision to the Company's equity-based compensation policy, the Company decided to issue in the future non-vested shares. As part of this revised compensation policy, the Company also accelerated the vesting period of all outstanding unvested stock options, which were all underwater options.

The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of FAS 123 to employee stock-based compensation, which consists of applying the amortization of the fair-value of stock-based compensation over the vesting period. It also includes the effect of accelerating the vesting period of all outstanding unvested stock options during the third quarter of 2005, which has been recognized immediately in the 2005 proforma result for the amount that otherwise would have been recognized for services received over the remainder of the vesting period.

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	(unaudited) Three Months Ended		(unaudited) Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2005	Sept. 25, 2004	October 1, 2005	Sept. 25, 2004
Net income, as reported	89	189	83	414
Deduct:				
Total stock-based employee compensation expense, determined under FAS 123, net of related tax effects	(182)	(40)	(244)	(127)
Net income (loss) , pro forma	(93)	149	(161)	287
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic, as reported	0.10	0.21	0.09	0.46
Basic, pro forma	(0.11)	0.17	(0.18)	0.32
Diluted, as reported	0.10	0.20	0.09	0.45
Diluted, pro forma	(0.11)	0.16	(0.18)	0.31

## 16. Dividends

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on March 18, 2005, shareholders approved the distribution of \$0.12 per share in cash dividends. The dividend amount of \$107 million was paid in the second quarter of 2005.

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on April 23, 2004, shareholders approved the distribution of \$0.12 per share in cash dividends. The dividend amount of \$107 million was paid in the second quarter of 2004.

## 17. Treasury Stock

In 2002, the Company repurchased 13,400,000 of its own shares, for a total amount of \$348 million, which were reflected at cost as a reduction of the shareholders' equity. 4,100,000 of these repurchased shares have been designated to be used for the Company's share-based remuneration programs on non-vested shares.

As of October 1, 2005, none of the common shares repurchased had been transferred to employees under the Company's share-based remuneration programs.

## **18. Contingencies**

The Company is subject to the possibility of loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. These include but are not limited to: warranty cost on the products of the Company not covered by insurance, breach of contract claims, claims for unauthorized use of third party intellectual property, tax claims and provisions for specifically identified income tax exposures as well as claims for environmental damages, including a specific tax claim in the United States. In determining loss contingencies, the Company considers the likelihood of a loss of an asset or the incurrence of a liability as well as the ability to reasonably estimate the amount of such loss or liability. An estimated loss is recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and when the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company regularly reevaluates claims to determine whether provisions need to be readjusted based on the most current information available to the Company. Adverse changes in evaluations which result in adverse determinations with respect to the interests of the Company could have a material negative effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or its financial position for the period in which they occur.

## **19. Claims and Legal proceedings**

The Company has received and may in the future receive communications alleging possible infringements, in particular in case of patents and similar intellectual property rights of others. Furthermore, the Company may become involved in costly litigation brought against the Company regarding patents, mask works, copyrights, trademarks or trade secrets. In the event that the outcome of any litigation would be unfavorable to the Company, the Company may be required to license the underlying intellectual property right at economically unfavorable terms and conditions, and possibly pay damages for prior use and/or face an injunction, all of which individually or in the aggregate could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position and ability to compete.

The Company is involved in various lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings incidental to the normal conduct of its operations, other than external patent utilization. These matters mainly include the risks associated with claims from customers or other parties and tax disputes. The Company has accrued for these loss contingencies when the loss is probable and can be estimated. The Company regularly evaluates claims and legal proceedings together with their related probable losses to determine whether they need to be adjusted based on the current information available to the Company. Legal costs associated with claims are expensed as incurred. In the event of litigation which is adversely determined with respect to the Company's interests, or in the event the Company needs to change its evaluation of a potential third-party claim, based on new evidence or communications, a material adverse effect could impact its operations or financial condition at the time it were to materialize.

During 2004, the Company settled certain disputes with respect to claims and litigation relating to possible infringements of patents and similar intellectual property rights of others. An accrual of \$10 million was recorded as at December 31, 2004 for such claims, which was paid in 2005 in accordance with the final settlements. No additional accrual has been recorded in 2005 since no other risks were estimated to result in a probable loss.

The Company is currently a party to legal proceedings with SanDisk Corporation ( SanDisk ). Based on management's current assumptions made with support of the Company's outside attorneys, the Company does not believe that the SanDisk litigation will result in a probable loss.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, STMicroelectronics N.V. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**STMicroelectronics N.V.**

Date: November 9, 2005

By: **/s/Carlo Bozotti**

Name: **Carlo Bozotti**

Title: **President and Chief Executive Officer and Sole  
Member of our Managing Board**

Enclosure: STMicroelectronics N.V. s Third Quarter 2005:

Operating and Financial Review and Prospects;

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flow and Statements of Changes in Shareholders Equity and related Notes; and

Certifications pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, submitted to the Commission on a voluntary basis.