

Wet Chemicals Market Hoping For Partial Recovery

Techcet Forecasts 15% Growth Following 22% Drop

Del Mar, CA, June 01: Sales of wet chemicals for chip manufacturing plummeted 50% in the first half of 2009 but recovered in the fourth quarter for a net 22% decline from 2008, according to a new report from Techcet Group, “**Wet Chemicals for Semiconductor Device Processing 2010.**” The year-long recession left in its wake a \$754M 2009 market for electronic wet chemicals that is not expected to recover to the \$968M 2008 levels until the second half of 2012.

Global market share is distributed among nine players with 5% or more, led by BASF and Kanto with 16% each. There are, however, vast regional differences in market leadership, particularly in Taiwan, Korea and China. KMG’s US market share leadership at 40% was further widened with its acquisition of General Chemical and its 17% share in the first quarter of 2010.

With the continuing migration of semiconductor manufacturing to Asia, the US has fallen to a fourth place 14% in volume consumption of electronic wet chemicals, behind Japan, Taiwan and Korea. In spending on these chemicals, however, the US is slightly ahead of Taiwan and Korea due to a disproportionate demand for higher performance chemicals for leading edge technologies.

In addition to market analysis, critical supply chain issues and EH&S activities, the report includes profiles and updates for the sixteen major chemical suppliers to the global semiconductor industry.

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