



## **Competition for Market Share Intense in Semiconductor Chemicals and Materials Sectors Says The Information Network**

New Tripoli, PA, June 15, 2010 . . . Semiconductor chemicals and materials market leaders continue to holding onto razor thin leadership positions, and exchange rates can play a big part, according to the report "[Chemicals and Materials for Sub-100 nm IC Manufacturing](#)," recently published by The Information Network, a New Tripoli, PA-based market research company.

"Market share differences between the top two leaders in four major chemical and material sectors is less than 3.4%," noted Dr. Robert N. Castellano, president of The Information Network. "In three out of the four sectors, the top leaders are in different countries, so that swings in exchange rates will readily tip the scale. Coincidentally a strong dollar will make U.S. goods more expensive to foreign purchasers."

<b>Material</b>	<b>Top Two Leaders (alphabetical order)</b>	<b>Market Share Difference</b>	<b>Country</b>
Semiconductor Gases	Air Products	0.3%	USA
	Taiyo Nippon Sanso		Japan
Sputtering Targets	Honeywell	0.2%	USA
	JE/Nikko		Japan
Liquid Chemicals	BASF	3.0%	Germany
	OM Group		USA
Silicon Wafers	Shin-Etsu Handotai	3.4%	Japan
	Sumco		Japan

For these sectors and photoresist (market share spread is 10%), the global market was \$11.2 billion in 2009, a decrease of 33.4%, primarily due to a decrease of 41.6% in the silicon wafer sector, which represented 59.9% of the total chemical and material market based on these sectors. We anticipate the market to increase more than 20% in 2010 and more than 15% in 2011.

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