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IC biz to hit \$575 billion in 2015

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Semiconductor cycles are not over by a long shot, according to Semico Research Corp.

The semiconductor industry is projected to see a compound annual growth rate of 10.2 percent over the next ten years and reach \$575 billion by 2015, said Jim Feldhan, president of Semico, during a presentation here on Tuesday (Jan. 24).

Many analysts claim that the IC industry is maturing and the cycles are over, Feldhan said. "I don't buy it," he said. "We will still see some cycles."

Semico maintains its bullish forecast for the IC industry, which calls for 17 percent growth in 2006 and 20 percent in 2007. Inventory levels are low and fab-utilization rates are high right now, he said.

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