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UNDERSTANDING THE NAND MARKET

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Abstract:

NAND flash has grown from insignificant sales into a \$16 billion market in less than ten years. This product, the fastest-growing technology in the history of the semiconductor market, is poised to displace DRAM as the leading semiconductor memory. Our report examines the NAND market, and explains how and why this technology has been able to grow so quickly, and projects what is likely to occur over the next five years. Covering NAND makers and consumers, the report explains the cost dynamics that govern NAND manufacturing and evaluates the technology's end markets and market drivers. Readers gain a thorough understanding of all sides of the NAND market, and learn strategies to participate in the market from any direction: make, buy, or sell. The study is based upon years of experience in the market, tight relationships with all buyers and sellers of the technology, and a keen understanding of the inner workings of NAND market dynamics.

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