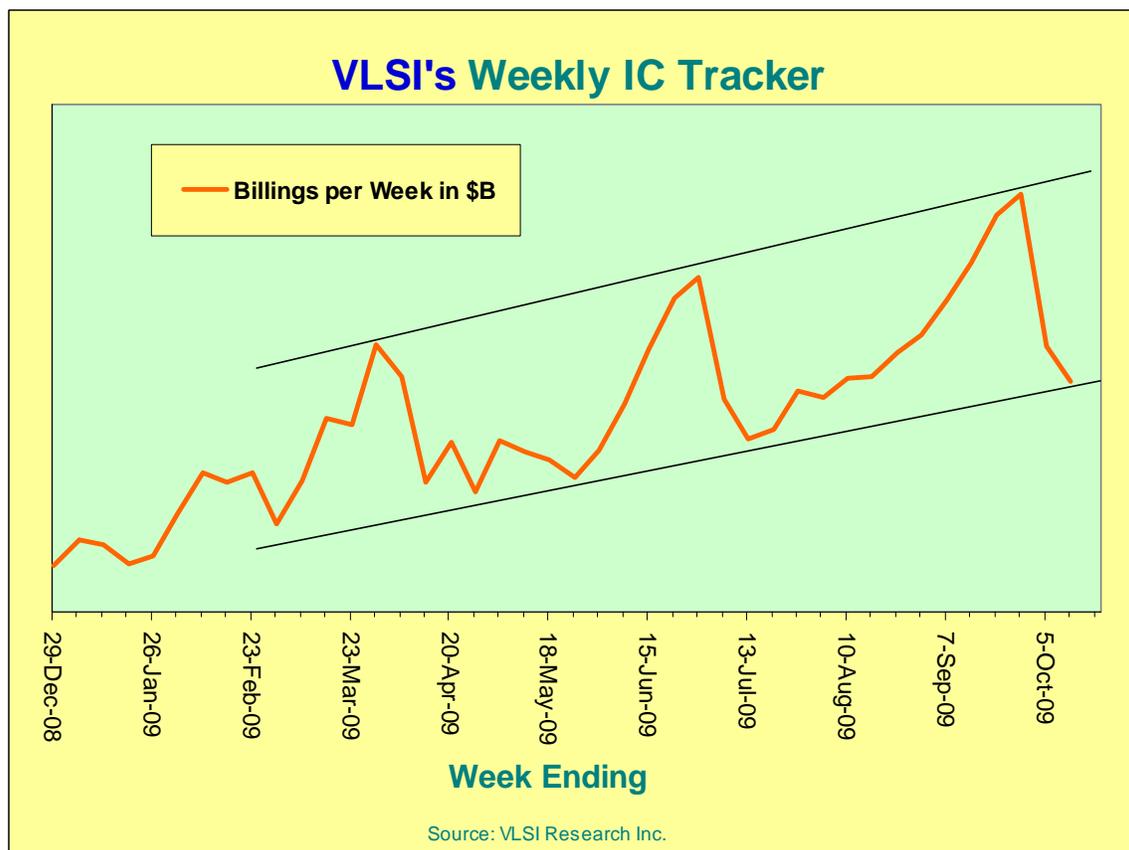


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## IC Billings Fell for a Second Straight Week According to VLSI Research Inc

**Santa Clara, CA – October 14, 2009:** IC billings fell for the second straight week, but the rate of decline subsided considerably from the previous. This is a very positive sign because it shows that the overall momentum remains intact. Weekly IC billings fell to \$3.6B, a 6% decline under last week (vs. -22% the week before that); pricing slipped 5%, while units were off only 1%. The good news was that billings were up 12% on a QoQ basis. Moreover, IC billings were flat from the same week a year ago, making it the second consecutive week of the first positive YoY week in six months. We are in the Christmas Black Hole, where little will be known about next year until Chinese New Year, but so far it appears that the IC market is holding up well.



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