



# OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS

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### OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS ALERT!

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#### ITALY EARTHQUAKE THREATENS MICRON FAB

The powerful earthquake that struck central Italy on Monday was centered roughly 30Km (18 miles) from a Micron wafer fabrication plant in Avezzano. Objective Analysis contacted Micron for a report on the situation.



Micron replied with the following statement:

Fortunately, Micron's team members at its Avezzano fabrication facility are safe and our thoughts are with those whose families, friends and neighbors affected by the earthquake. There appears to be no major damage to the facility or impact to customers. There was a precautionary evacuation of the factory as standard procedure. The fab was back up and running within 6 hours, which is typical for any evacuation. Micron is working with our local site leadership to determine the best ways to support the earthquake victims in the long-term.

#### **About the Avezzano Fab**

The Avezzano facility came to Micron as a part of their acquisition of TI's DRAM business in the middle 1990s. It was Micron's first wafer fabrication plant outside of the United States. This facility, in the Italian countryside, is now used to manufacture CMOS image sensors for Micron's Aptina Imaging subsidiary.

As with many other semiconductor markets, there is an oversupply in the CMOS image sensor market. The fact that the fab was up and running within 6 hours indicates that there is little reason to expect this earthquake to impact availability or pricing.

Like Micron, our sympathies go to those impacted by the quake.

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