Global SMT Sales to Top \$5.6B in 2 Years

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SAN JOSE – Sales of SMT process and inspection equipment could top \$5.6 billion by the end of 2010, says a report out this month.

Unsurprisingly, the Asia-Pacific region is best positioned, with annual sales of SMT equipment projected to grow at a compounded annual rate of 13.3% between 2001 and 2010. U.S. SMT equipment sales were \$718 million in 2006, while sales in Latin America are projected to top \$146 million in 2009.

The assessments were made by **Global Industry Analysts**, a research firm, and released this month. The data do not include sales of test equipment.