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- ❖ Global Sourcing Management
- ❖ Purchasing & the Law
- ❖ Developing Practical Negotiation Skills
- ❖ Benchmarking Logistics Practices
- ❖ Understanding International Trade Operations
- ❖ Improving & Measuring Supply Chain Performance
- ❖ ESI & VMI for Procurement Managers
- ❖ Tender Evaluation & Contract Admin
- ❖ Effective Management of Partnerships & Strategic Alliances
- ❖ Integrated Logistics Management
- ❖ Purchasing Systems & Administration
- ❖ Effective Communications for Professionals
- ❖ Presenting a Procurement Plan



## Educational Courses



- ❖ Diploma in Purchasing & Materials Management
- ❖ Diploma in Logistics Management
- ❖ Certificate in Logistics Management
- ❖ Certificate in Inventory Management
- ❖ Certificate in Contract Management
- ❖ Certificate in Negotiation Skills

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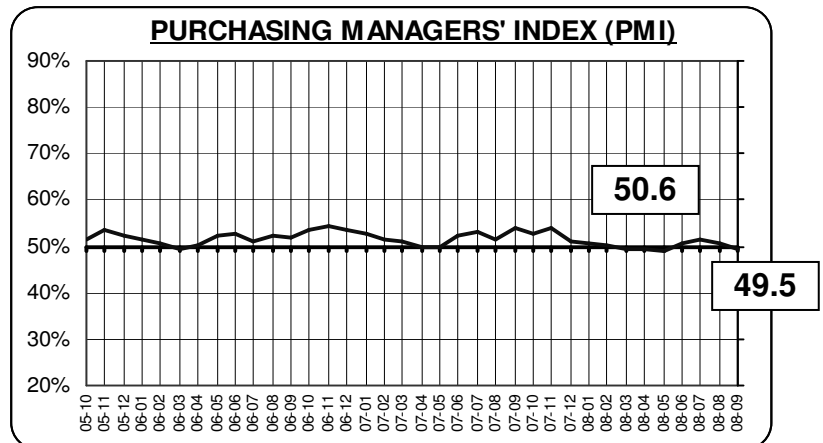
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## SEPTEMBER PMI contracted marginally at 49.5

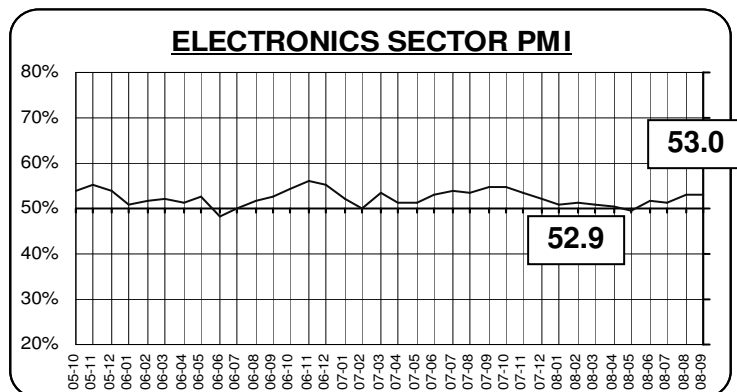
*- The electronics index expanded further at 53.0*

The SEPTEMBER reading of the Singapore Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) indicated that the manufacturing economy contracted for the first time after having recorded 3 consecutive months of expansion. The PMI posted a reading of 49.5, which was a decline of 1.1 points over the previous month.

The marginal contraction in the overall PMI was attributed to a contraction in new orders intakes and new export orders, as well as lower production output and input prices. Stockholdings of inventory and finished goods continued to expand. Overall imports reverted to expansion whilst employment index continued to contract.



In the electronics sector, most of the indicators recorded expansion readings with the exception of the employment index. The sector recorded further expansion at 53.0, which was a marginal increase of 0.1 point over the previous month. It was the 4th consecutive month of expansion for the electronics sector. The readings indicated further growth in new orders from the domestic and overseas markets. Whilst higher readings were recorded for production output and imports, stockholdings of inventory and finished goods as well as the input prices expanded and posted lower readings.



A reading of the Singapore Purchasing Managers' Index above 50 indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding and that the economy is generally declining when the reading falls below 50.