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TSMC September 2003 Sales Hit New Record High

Hsinchu, Taiwan, October 9, 2003 - Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. ("TSMC" or "the Company") (TAIEX: 2330, NYSE: TSM) today announced that net sales for September 2003 totaled NT\$18,911 million, reaching a new historical record high. On a month-over-month basis, September 2003 net sales increased 3.2 percent from August 2003 sales. Compared to the same period a year ago, September 2003 net sales increased 48.3 percent. Revenues for January through September 2003 totaled NT\$144,125 million, an increase of 20.3 percent over the same period in 2002.

Ms. Lora Ho, TSMC spokesperson and vice president, noted that the Company's September 2003 sales revenues increased as a result of higher wafer shipments compared to August 2003.

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Sales Report: (Unit: NT\$ million)

Net Sales	2003/(1)/	2002	Growth
September	18,911	12,755	48.3%
January through September	144,125	119,807	20.3%

(1): Year 2003 figures have not been audited.

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This is to report the changes or status of 1) sales volume, 2) funds lent to other parties, 3) endorsements and guarantees and 4) financial derivative transactions for the period of September 2003.

1) Sales volume (NT\$: Thousand)

Period	Items	2003	2002	Changes	(%)
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Sep	Invoice amount	18,339,163	12,744,063	5,595,100	43.90%
Jan - Sep	Invoice amount	134,963,694	120,079,766	14,883,928	12.40%
Sep	Net sales	18,911,236	12,754,622	6,156,614	48.27%
Jan - Sep	Net sales	144,124,736	119,807,186	24,317,550	20.30%

2) Funds lent to other parties (NT\$ Thousand)

	Limit of lending	Sep	Bal. As of period end
TSMC	59,652,314	-	-
TSMC's subsidiaries	33,373,559	(3,900)	337,800

3) Endorsements and quarantees (NT\$ Thousand)

	Limit of endorsements	Sep	Bal. As of period end
TSMC	74,565,393	(265,200)	22,970,400
TSMC's subsidiaries	N/A	0	0
TSMC endorses for subsidiaries		(265,200)	22,970,400
TSMC's subsidiaries endorse for TSMC		0	0
TSMC endorses for PRC companies		0	0
TSMC's subsidiaries endorse for PRC companies		0	0

4) Financial derivative transactions

a-1. Hedging purpose (for assets / liabilities denominated in foreign currencies)

Underlying assets / liabilities	Liabilities:	YEN:	0
		EUR:	38,000,000
	Assets:	US\$:	1,430,000,000
Financial instruments		FX forward contracts	
Recognized profit (loss)			(NT\$112,524,382)

a-2. Hedging purpose (for the position of fixed rate liabilities / floating rate assets)

Underlying assets / liabilities	Liabilities:	NT\$:	NT\$500,000,000
	Assets	US\$:	US\$11,429,000

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Financial instruments	Interest rate swap
Recognized profit (loss)	-

b. Trading purpose: None.