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SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (the Registrant) is furnishing under the cover of Form 6-K:

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Exhibit 99.2: Press announcement, dated January 31, 2005, regarding the Registrant's settlement of the litigation with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Semiconductor Manufacturing
International Corporation

By: /s/ Richard R. Chang

Name: Richard R. Chang
Title: Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 31, 2005

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INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(STOCK CODE: 0981)

SMIC REPORTS REVENUE RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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All currency figures stated in this report are in US Dollars unless stated otherwise.

The financial statement amounts in this report are determined in accordance with US GAAP.

Highlights

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SMIC settles litigation with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation.

Shanghai, China January 31, 2005. Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (NYSE: SMI; SEHK: 981) (SMIC or the Company), one of the leading semiconductor foundries in the world, today announced that during the three months ended December 31, 2004, sales increased 6.2% to \$291.8 million from \$274.9 million in the prior quarter.

We are pleased to report continued revenue growth through the fourth quarter of 2004, said Dr. Richard Chang, President and Chief Executive Officer of SMIC. During the fourth quarter of 2004, we have

engaged 19 new customers, 12 of which are China fabless companies. While the global semiconductor industry has softened, the Greater China region continues to demonstrate strength accounting for more than 10% of total revenues indicating that China's domestic demand for semiconductors is still growing. New customers and existing customer commitments contributed to our fourth quarter fab utilization of 95%. As we continue expanding our portfolio of process technologies, we plan to start pilot production of 90nm technology in the second half of 2005. From a business operations and technology standpoint, 2004 was a significant year for SMIC as we continue to focus on execution rooting our future plans upon solid business fundamentals. We will continue to expand our 12" fab and expect to grow our revenues in 2005.

We are pleased to announce that the Company last evening resolved pending patent and trade secret litigations with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, continued Dr. Chang. Under the settlement's terms, SMIC will pay TSMC \$175 million, payable in installments over six years (\$30 million in each of the first five years and \$25 million in the sixth year). In addition, the two parties will cross license to each other's patent portfolio through December 2010. The agreement also provides for the dismissal of all pending legal actions without prejudice between the two companies in U.S. District Court, California State Superior Court, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and Taiwan District Court as well. In the settlement agreement, TSMC covenants not to sue SMIC for itemized acts of trade secret misappropriation as alleged in the complaints, although the settlement does not grant a license to use any of TSMC's trade secrets. The patent cross license and settlement agreement are terminable upon a breach by SMIC, which may result in the reinstitution of the legal proceedings and acceleration of the outstanding payments under the settlement agreement.

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The Company is currently in the process of finalizing its analysis of the impact of the settlement on the Company's financial statements for the fourth quarter and the year ending December 31, 2004 under United States generally accepted accounting principles and other applicable accounting regulations. Therefore, the Company is unable to provide at this time, its results of operations for the fourth quarter of 2004 or any guidance relating to the first quarter of 2005, other than those contained in this release. The Company anticipates that it will be able to provide these results within four to six weeks time.

Conference call/Webcast announcement details

Date: January 31, 2005

Time: 8:00 a.m. Shanghai time

Dial-in numbers and access codes: U.S. 1-617-847-8709 or HK 852-3002-1672 (Pass codes: SMIC).

A live webcast of the fourth quarter results announcement will be available at <http://www.smics.com> under the Investor Relations section. An archived version of the webcast, along with a soft copy of this news release will be available on the SMIC website for a period of 12 months following the webcast.

About SMIC

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Safe harbor statements

(Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)

This press release may contain, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on SMIC's current assumptions, expectations and projections about future events. SMIC uses words like believe, anticipate, intend, estimate, expect, project similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of SMIC's senior management and involve significant risks, both known and unknown, uncertainties and other factors that may cause SMIC's actual performance, financial condition or results of operations to be materially different from those suggested by the forward-looking statements including, among others, the impact of the settlement of the litigation with TSMC on the Company's financial statements for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2004, that the Company anticipates that it will be able to provide within four to six weeks time, risks associated with cyclical and market conditions in the semiconductor industry, intense competition, timely wafer acceptance by SMIC's customers, timely introduction of new technologies, SMIC's ability to ramp new products into volume, supply and demand for semiconductor foundry services, industry overcapacity, shortages in equipment, components and raw materials, availability of manufacturing capacity and financial stability in end markets.

Investors should consider the information contained in SMIC's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including its registration statement on Form F-1, as amended, filed with the SEC on March 11, 2004, especially in the Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations sections, and its registration statement on Form A-1 as filed with the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (SEHK) on March 8, 2004, and such other documents that SMIC may file with the SEC or SEHK from time to time, including on Form 6-K. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could have material adverse effects on SMIC's future results, performance or achievements. In light of these risks, uncertainties, assumptions and factors, the forward-looking events discussed in this press release may not occur. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date stated, or if no date is stated, as of the date of this press release.

Except as required by law, SMIC undertakes no obligation and does not intend to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Summary:

	<u>4Q04</u>	<u>3Q04</u>	<u>QoQ</u>	<u>4Q03</u>	<u>YoY</u>
<i>Amounts in US\$ thousands, except for operating data</i>					
Sales	291,842	274,897	6.2%	145,047	101.2%
Wafers shipped (in 8 wafers)(1)	303,796	263,808	15.2%	153,125	98.4%
Blended ASP	\$ 917	\$ 991	-7.5%	\$ 910	0.8%
Logic ASP(2)	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,091	-6.5%	\$ 967	5.5%
Capacity utilization	95%	99%		97%	

Note:

- (1) Including copper interconnects
(2) Excluding copper interconnects

Sales increased to \$291.8 million in 4Q04, up 6.2% QoQ from \$274.9 million in 3Q04 and up 101.2% YoY from \$145.0 million in 4Q03. Key factors leading to these increases were the following:

increased monthly capacity to 120,417 8-inch wafer equivalents as of the end of 4Q04; and

increased wafer shipments to 303,796 units of 8-inch wafers, up 15.2% QoQ from 263,808 units of 8-inch wafers in 3Q04.

1. Analysis of revenues*Sales analysis*

<u>By Application</u>	<u>4Q04</u>	<u>3Q04</u>	<u>2Q04</u>	<u>1Q04</u>	<u>4Q03</u>
Computer	26.8%	20.5%	22.5%	25.1%	26.7%
Communications	58.1%	57.2%	54.3%	56.0%	55.8%
Consumer	10.2%	17.1%	17.1%	12.7%	13.5%
Others	4.9%	5.2%	6.1%	6.2%	4.0%
<u>By Device</u>	<u>4Q04</u>	<u>3Q04</u>	<u>2Q04</u>	<u>1Q04</u>	<u>4Q03</u>
Logic (including copper interconnect)	75.1%	77.6%	73.5%	72.4%	71.6%
DRAM(1)	20.4%	17.5%	20.8%	21.6%	24.5%
Other (mask making & probing, etc.)	4.5%	4.9%	5.7%	6.0%	3.9%
<u>By Customer Type</u>	<u>4Q04</u>	<u>3Q04</u>	<u>2Q04</u>	<u>1Q04</u>	<u>4Q03</u>
Fabless semiconductor companies	50.2%	35.3%	36.1%	36.6%	30.8%
Integrated device manufacturers (IDM)	47.5%	56.3%	54.8%	54.0%	62.7%
System companies and others	2.3%	8.4%	9.1%	9.4%	6.5%

<u>By Geography</u>	<u>4Q04</u>	<u>3Q04</u>	<u>2Q04</u>	<u>1Q04</u>	<u>4Q03</u>
North America	34.9%	41.8%	44.0%	41.4%	36.2%
Asia Pacific (ex. Japan)	43.5%	31.5%	26.5%	27.2%	28.6%
Japan	8.8%	15.6%	16.2%	16.3%	15.5%
Europe	12.8%	11.1%	13.3%	15.1%	19.7%

Wafer revenue analysis

By Technology (logic, DRAM & copper interconnect only)	4Q04	3Q04	2Q04	1Q04	4Q03
0.13mm	13.8%	11.9%	9.9%	10.1%	10.4%
0.15mm	14.9%	13.2%	13.3%	15.7%	17.5%
0.18mm	33.6%	46.2%	48.6%	44.4%	34.7%
0.25mm	6.0%	6.4%	8.3%	8.3%	10.6%
0.35mm	31.7%	22.3%	19.9%	21.5%	26.8%
By Logic Only(2)	4Q04	3Q04	2Q04	1Q04	4Q03
0.13mm	2.4%	1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
0.15mm	5.3%	4.6%	3.9%	4.4%	1.9%
0.18mm	38.2%	56.2%	63.0%	58.5%	52.9%
0.25mm	7.8%	6.1%	3.1%	5.0%	3.4%
0.35mm	46.3%	31.3%	29.1%	32.1%	41.8%

Note:

- (1) Previously referred to as Memory however, all historical reported figures in this category have consisted of only DRAM devices
- (2) Excluding 0.13mm copper interconnects

Sales from the computer products segment grew faster than other applications in 4Q04 compared to 3Q04.

Percentage of sales from logic wafers, including copper interconnects, decreased to 75.1% of sales in 4Q04, as compared to 77.6% in 3Q04.

Fabless companies increased to 50.2% of sales in 4Q04, as compared to 35.3% in 3Q04.

Percentage of sales generated from Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) customers increased to 43.5% in 4Q04, as compared to 31.5% in 3Q04.

Percentage of wafer revenues from 0.18mm and below technologies decreased to 62.3% of sales in 4Q04, as compared with 71.3% in 3Q04.

Capacity:

Fab/(Wafer Size)	4Q04(1)	3Q04(1)
Fab 1 (8)	45,536	38,820
Fab 2 (8)	35,870	34,824
Fab 4 (12)	7,027	0
Fab 7 (8)	14,182	10,322
Total monthly wafer fabrication capacity	102,615	83,966

Copper Interconnects:

Fab 3 (8")	17,802	15,077
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Total monthly copper interconnect capacity	17,802	15,077
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Note:

- (1) Wafers per month at the end of the period in 8" wafer equivalents

As of the end of 4Q04, monthly capacity increased to 120,417 8-inch wafer equivalents.

Shipment and utilization:

8 wafers	4Q04	3Q04	2Q04	1Q04	4Q03
Wafer shipments including copper interconnects	303,796	263,808	201,534	174,325	153,125
Utilization rate(1)	95%	99%	99%	99%	97%

Note:

(1) Capacity utilization based on total wafer out divided by estimated capacity

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Utilization rate decreased to 95%.

Blended average selling price trend

Logic average selling price trend

(excluding 0.13mm copper interconnects)

The blended ASP decreased to \$917 in 4Q04 from \$991 in 3Q04, mainly due to the shift to production of more mature logic wafers and DRAM pricing pressure.

The logic ASP (excluding 0.13mm copper interconnects) decreased to \$1,020 in 4Q04 from \$1,091 in 3Q04, mainly due to the shift to production of more mature logic wafers.

2. 1Q05 outlook and guidance

Wafer shipments expected to decrease by 5% to 7%.

Utilization expected to be at approximately 85%.

Blended ASP QoQ expected to decrease by 11% to 13%.

3. Recent announcements

SMIC Settles Litigation with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (2005-01-31)

SMIC Updates Guidance For 2004 Fourth Quarter (2004-12-22)

Shanghai Fangtek and SMIC Sign a Strategic Partnership Agreement (2004-12-09)

VeriSilicon Provided Backend Design Service for COMMIT 3G TD-SCDMA Chip, Achieved First Silicon Success (2004-12-08)

Please visit SMIC's website <http://www.smics.com> for further details regarding the above announcements.

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By order of the Board

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