

SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 6-K

December 24, 2008

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December, 2008

Commission File Number: 001-31994

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

18 Zhangjiang Road
Pudong New Area, Shanghai 201203
People's Republic of China

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F Form 40-F

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: December 24, 2008

By: /s/ Richard R. Chang _____

Name: Richard R. Chang

Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Announcement dated Dec 24, 2008 "Liltigation Update" |
