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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 quarantees 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.