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quarter's 38.9%, due to higher levels of capacity utilization, but a lower ASP partially reduced the magnitude of the improvement. Revenues from advanced process technologies (0.13-micron and below) accounted for 43% of total wafer sales, compared to 45% previously. Net margin for the quarter improved to 31.4% from 30.2% in the last quarter.

"Due primarily to demand recovery from our customers, our second quarter business had improved better than we guided previously," said Lora Ho, VP and Chief Financial Officer of TSMC. "We expect the recovery to continue for the coming quarter," noted Ho, "and based on the current business outlook, management's expectations for third quarter 2005 performance are the following":

### TSMC'S 2005 SECOND QUARTER RESULTS :

(Unit: NT\$ million, except for EPS)

|                        | 2Q05<br>Amount* | 2Q04<br>Amount | YoY<br>Inc. (Dec.) % | 1Q05<br>Amount |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Net sales              | 58,516          | 64,869         | (9.8)                | 55,653         |
| Gross profit           | 23,205          | 28,139         | (17.5)               | 21,649         |
| Income from operations | 17,784          | 22,134         | (19.7)               | 16,076         |
| Income before tax      | 17,733          | 23,121         | (23.3)               | 16,265         |
| Net income             | 18,369          | 23,410         | (21.5)               | 16,818         |
| EPS (NT\$)             | 0.74**          | 0.95***        | (21.3)               | 0.68****       |

\* 2005 second quarter figures have not been approved by Board of Directors

\*\* Based on 24,687 million weighted average outstanding shares

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\*\*\*\* Based on 24,684 million weighted average outstanding shares

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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.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Date: July 26, 2005

By /s/ Lora Ho  
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Lora Ho  
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer