

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD

Form 6-K

April 30, 2004

1934 Act Registration No. 1-14700

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For the month of April 2004

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

No. 8, Li-Hsin Rd. 6,

Hsin-chu Science Park

Taiwan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes

No

(If Yes is marked, indicated below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82 .)

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.

Date: April 30, 2004

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

By /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

TSMC 2004 First Quarter Report

Hsinchu, Taiwan, April 30, 2004 - Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. today held an investor conference to discuss results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, where revenues reached NT\$57.51 billion while net income and fully diluted earnings per share came to NT\$18.79 billion and NT\$0.93, respectively.

On a sequential basis, despite a 4.0 percent increase in wafer shipments, a 3.2 percent decline in wafer average selling price (ASP) combined with a 1.5 percent weaker U.S. dollar exchange rate brought 2004 first quarter revenue to a similar level of last quarter. Net income and earnings per share for the first quarter of 2004 grew 17.4 percent.

Gross Margin for the first quarter of 2004 improved slightly to 39.5 percent from 39.3 percent in the previous quarter due to higher utilization levels, while net margin improved substantially to 32.7 percent as compared to 27.7 percent previously.

Compared to the same period over last year, TSMC 2004 first quarter net sales grew 46.2 percent and net income grew substantially by 331.2 percent.

Lora Ho, TSMC vice president and chief financial officer, said TSMC's first quarter marks the beginning of a year where we believe TSMC will once again deliver record-breaking financial performances in terms of both top-line and bottom-line results.

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TSMC's 2004 first quarter results

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

| | 1Q04 | 1Q03 | YoY | 4Q03 | QoQ |
|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Amount* | Amount | Change % | Amount | Change % |
| Net sales | 57,513 | 39,325 | 46.2 | 57,780 | -0.5 |
| Gross profit | 22,729 | 10,386 | 118.8 | 22,707 | 0.1 |
| Income from operations | 17,541 | 6,195 | 183.2 | 16,625 | 5.5 |
| Income before tax | 18,435 | 4,180 | 341.0 | 17,568 | 4.9 |
| Net income | 18,789 | 4,358 | 331.2 | 16,002 | 17.4 |
| EPS(NT\$) | 0.93** | 0.21*** | 342.2 | 0.79**** | 17.4 |

* 2004 first quarter figures have not been approved by Board of Directors

** Based on 20,236 million weighted average outstanding shares

*** Based on 20,221 million weighted average outstanding shares

**** Based on 20,232 million weighted average outstanding shares

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