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ASM ANNOUNCES 2008 NINE MONTHS RESULTS

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ENHANCED TURNOVER OF US\$570 MILLION DESPITE MARKET DOWNTURN
REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LONG-TERM PROSPECTS OF SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY

Highlights

First nine months of 2008

- Group turnover of US\$570 million for the first nine months of 2008, an increase of 13.2% over same period last year
- Earnings per share of HK\$2.41 for the first nine months of 2008

Third quarter 2008

- Group turnover of US\$194 million, a decline of 2.3% over same period last year and sequential decline of 5.8% over the previous quarter
- Profit of HK\$267 million and earnings per share of HK\$0.68, a decline of 32% over same period last year and sequential decline of 29% over the preceding quarter
- Equipment turnover of US\$152 million, representing a 4.6% decline over Q3 2007 and a 7.3% decline over the preceding three months
- Leadframe turnover of US\$42 million, achieving 6.9% revenue growth over Q3 2007 and a 0.1% decline over the preceding three months
- New orders booking of US\$161 million, a decline of 22.3% from the preceding three months
- With zero bank borrowings and cash on hand of HK\$509 million at the end of September 2008

(Hong Kong, October 29, 2008) — The world's No.1 semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment supplier **ASM Pacific Technology Limited** ("ASM" / the "Group") (Stock code: 522) today announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008. The Group continued to report robust quarterly performance and enjoyed high billings despite worsening macroeconomic conditions.

During the quarter under review, ASM reported a turnover of HK\$1,516 million, representing a decline of 2.3% as compared to HK\$1,552 million for the third quarter of 2007. The Group's consolidated profit after taxation for Q3 2008 is HK\$267 million, 32% lower than the corresponding period in 2007. Basic earnings per share amounted to HK\$0.68 (2007 Q3: HK\$1.01).

The Group's two core operations both made healthy strides. During the third quarter of 2008, Equipment revenue decreased by 4.6% to US\$152 million from the same period last year. Accounting for 21.6% of the Group's total turnover, Leadframe revenue achieved an increase of 6.9% over the same quarter last year to US\$42 million and remained at the high level same as the previous quarter.

Mr. Lee Wai Kwong, Chief Executive Officer of ASM, said, “In spite of global economic uncertainties, ASM’s performance during the third quarter of 2008 remained robust. We are pleased to have maintained a high billing level in the third quarter. Indeed, compared with other industry players during this time, our performance is very encouraging and demonstrates again ASM’s resilience in the face of difficult market conditions.”

Even with the impact of the financial tsunami as well as China’s Beijing Olympics and Paralympics, the Group’s new order bookings for the first nine months of 2008 still amounted to US\$543 million and the backlog of orders as of September 30, 2008 totaled US\$123 million. The book-to-bill ratio, representing net bookings over billings, was 0.83 for the third quarter of 2008, which is a decrease from the ratio of 1.0 in the preceding quarter.

The Group’s third R&D centre in Chengdu, Sichuan province, China, has now become operational and will be a strategic growth area for ASM. Though capital expenditure this year will likely be reduced due to market conditions, ASM is dedicated to expanding its R&D team, which is essential for the Group’s long-term development.

Looking forward, **Mr. Lee** said, “Our management possesses ample experience in leading the Group, having helped ASM overcome economic downturns experienced over the past three decades to emerge even stronger. In the short term, the Group will aggressively control costs and expenses to maintain productivity and competitiveness. We remain optimistic about the longer-term prospects of the semiconductor industry. Drawing from the Group’s rich financial resources, strong R&D strengths and dedicated staff, we are confident in our ability to develop ASM to become an even stronger leader in the semiconductor industry.”

About ASM Pacific Technology Limited

ASM has been continuously enlarging its market share, and ranks No. 1 in the world’s semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment industry since 2002. ASM was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1989. The Group is principally engaged in the design, manufacture and marketing of machines, tools and materials used in the assembly and packaging of semiconductors, with operations being carried out in Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia.

Currently, ASM is one of the constituent stocks on the Hang Seng HK MidCap Index under the Hang Seng Composite Index, and the Hang Seng Information Technology Industry Index.

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(N.B.: Enclosed please find the Financial Highlights of ASM Pacific Technology Limited.)

ASM PACIFIC TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

	Three months ended 30 Sep		Nine months ended 30 Sep	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover	1,515,856	1,551,691	4,443,078	3,925,325
Cost of sales	(931,485)	(864,106)	(2,595,182)	(2,222,415)
Gross profit	<u>584,371</u>	687,585	<u>1,847,896</u>	1,702,910
Other income	2,623	7,459	15,965	24,107
Selling expenses	(124,881)	(123,522)	(363,299)	(315,975)
General and administrative expenses	(55,049)	(50,092)	(149,249)	(135,627)
Research and development expenses	(97,381)	(84,414)	(271,360)	(233,453)
Finance costs	-	-	(1)	(71)
Profit before taxation	<u>309,683</u>	437,016	<u>1,079,952</u>	1,041,891
Income tax expense	(42,440)	(44,189)	(138,117)	(102,664)
Profit for the period	<u><u>267,243</u></u>	<u>392,827</u>	<u><u>941,835</u></u>	<u>939,227</u>
Earnings per share				
- Basic	<u><u>HK\$0.68</u></u>	HK\$1.01	<u><u>HK\$2.41</u></u>	HK\$2.42
- Diluted	<u><u>HK\$0.68</u></u>	HK\$1.01	<u><u>HK\$2.40</u></u>	HK\$2.41