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ASMPT Achieves Record 2014 Annual Results

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***ASMPT Achieved New Billing Record;
Net Profits More Than Double*****Highlights****2014**

- * Record Group revenue of US\$1.83 billion, representing a strong increase of 31.3% over the preceding year
- * Net profits of HK\$1.60 billion and earnings per share of HK\$3.99, representing a surge of 186.4% over the preceding year
- * Back-end equipment revenue of US\$877.2 million, representing a strong increase of 30.8% over 2013
- * Record Materials business revenue of US\$245.2 million, achieving a growth of 10.3% over 2013
- * Record SMT solutions revenue of US\$712.3 million, representing a strong increase of 41.0% over 2013
- * Record new order bookings of US\$1.91 billion, representing a strong increase of 37.8% over 2013
- * Bookings improved for all three business segments over 2013
- * Retained the global #1 position in the semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment market
- * Cash on hand of HK\$2.59 billion at the end of December 2014

Second half of 2014

- * Record half-year Group revenue of US\$1.07 billion, representing strong increases of 39.9% and 41.5% over the first half of 2014 and the second half of 2013, respectively
- * Net profits of HK\$1.03 billion and earnings per share of HK\$2.56, representing surges of 78.8% and 220.3% over the first half of 2014 and the same period of 2013, respectively
- * Back-end equipment revenue of US\$475.0 million, representing increases of 18.1% and 33.4% over the first half of 2014 and the second half of 2013, respectively
- * Record half-year Materials business revenue of US\$122.9 million, representing increases of 0.5% and 7.7% over the first half of 2014 and the second half of 2013, respectively
- * Record half-year SMT solutions revenue of US\$472.2 million, representing surges of 96.5% and 65.0% over the first half of 2014 and the second half of 2013, respectively
- * New order bookings of US\$875.5 million increased by 32.6% compared to the same period of 2013 but contracted 15.4% against the preceding six months

(Hong Kong, March 5, 2015) — The world's No.1 semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment supplier **ASM Pacific Technology Limited** ("ASMPT" / the "Group") (Stock code: 522) today announced its annual results for the year ended December 31, 2014. 2014 has been another satisfying year in the Group's strategic transformation. All three of the Group's business segments achieved revenue growths over the preceding year, notably with both the SMT Solutions and Materials business segments setting multiple new records. Not only did the Group again achieve many new records, it also successfully established its SMT Solutions business as its second growth engine.

During the year, ASMPT achieved a turnover of HK\$14.23 billion, representing a rise of 31.3% as compared with HK\$10.84 billion for the previous year. The Group's consolidated profit after taxation for the year is HK\$1.60 billion which is 186.4% higher than the previous year's net profit of HK\$558.6 million. Basic earnings per share for the year amounted to HK\$3.99 (2013: HK\$1.40).

The Board of Directors has resolved to recommend to shareholders the payment of a final dividend of HK\$1.30 (2013: HK\$0.50) per share. Together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.80 (2013: HK\$0.35) per share, the total dividend payment for year 2014 will be HK\$2.10 (2013: HK\$0.85) per share.

New order bookings for all three segments of the Group's business improved over the previous year. New order bookings last year amounted to US\$1.91 billion, a strong increase of 37.8% as compared to 2013, and achieved a new record for the Group.

During the year, the Group completed two acquisitions, which have served to further expand its product portfolio and will significantly enhance the Group's competitiveness in the marketplace. Over the past four years, the Group has successfully expanded its total addressable market from approximately US\$5 billion in 2010 to around US\$10 billion currently.

Mr. Lee Wai Kwong, Chief Executive Officer of ASMPT, said, "The acquisitions added valuable technologies to the Group. With the addition of the multi-beam laser separation, printing and surface-mount technologies to the Group's traditional core competencies in back-end assembly and packaging, we are now well-equipped to address new and emerging advanced packaging applications such as embedded printed circuit boards (PCB), system-in-package (SIP), wafer-level packaging, redistribution layers (RDL), flip-chip bonding, thermo-compression bonding (TCB) and advanced CMOS imaging sensors (CIS)."

Back-end Equipment business continued to be the top supplier in the global market, a position that the Group first attained in 2002. Revenue of this segment grew by 30.8% last year to HK\$ 6.80 billion, which was the second highest in the Group's history, and contributed 47.8% to the Group's total revenue. Its profitability improved significantly last year, achieving a gross margin of 41.9% and a segment result of 20.2%, representing improvements of 609 bps and 976 bps over the previous year, respectively. The improvement was mainly due to stable average selling price, aggressive cost reduction efforts, and the introduction of new models of machines. New order bookings for Back-end Equipment last year increased strongly by 41.8% as compared to 2013. It was the second highest level of bookings in the Group's history.

The Group's Lead frame business continued to set new revenue records and it has grown to become the 4th largest global supplier. Profitability of this business has improved last year. Whilst revenue increased by 10.3% year-on-year, segment results improved by 29.0%. New order bookings for Lead frames increased by 3.6% last year as compared to 2013, setting a new record in the process.

SMT Solutions business has arrived at a new revenue record and has taken over the world number two position. Revenue of this segment grew 41.0% to HK\$5.52 billion last year with market share has crossed the 20% level, which is a remarkable growth from around 11-12% when the business was acquired by the Group back in 2011. Bookings of this segment grew 48.8% last year, thereby achieving a new bookings record. Bookings were boosted by 50.2% year-on-year during the second half of last year.

“While 2014 has been a strong year, market participants generally remain confident that 2015 will be similarly healthy. We expect new order bookings in the first quarter of this year to rebound from the level of the last quarter of 2014 to show a moderate double-digit percentage improvement quarter-on-quarter. The combination of the printing business from DEK and placement business from SIPLACE puts ASMPT in a strong position to compete for the number one position in the global SMT market. This second growth engine is expected to propel ASMPT to new heights. Furthermore, together with the Back-end Equipment business, it puts ASMPT in a very good position to address the SIP market. We believe that we have put in place the right product portfolio and business strategy to ride on the growth of the industry and to put ASMPT in a unique position relative to its peers,” **Mr. Lee** concluded.

About ASM Pacific Technology Limited

ASMPT is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1989. The Group is principally engaged in the design, manufacturing, and marketing of machines, tools and materials used in the assembly and packaging of semiconductor devices and surface mount technology, with operations being carried out in China (including Hong Kong), Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Currently, ASMPT is one of the constituent stocks on the Hang Seng HK MidCap Index under the Hang Seng Composite Index, the Hang Seng Information Technology Industry Index, the Hang Seng Hong Kong 35 Index and the Hang Seng Global Composite Index.

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(N.B.: Enclosed please find the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of ASM Pacific Technology Limited.)

ASM PACIFIC TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three months ended 31 Dec		Year ended 31 Dec	
	2014 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2013 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2014 (audited) HK\$'000	2013 (audited) HK\$'000
Turnover	3,445,709	2,763,755	14,229,177	10,841,166
Cost of sales	<u>(2,137,649)</u>	<u>(2,014,315)</u>	<u>(9,179,551)</u>	<u>(7,661,808)</u>
Gross profit	1,308,060	749,440	5,049,626	3,179,358
Other income	25,977	20,019	86,078	31,774
Selling and distribution expenses	(326,975)	(232,060)	(1,161,244)	(898,478)
General and administrative expenses	(176,496)	(174,100)	(620,715)	(560,845)
Research and development expenses	(314,616)	(240,360)	(1,148,382)	(948,295)
Other gains and losses	28,536	(804)	112,012	(7,420)
Other expenses	(168,400)	(104,521)	(168,400)	(104,521)
Finance costs	<u>(38,912)</u>	<u>(4,600)</u>	<u>(120,512)</u>	<u>(18,563)</u>
Profit before taxation	337,174	13,014	2,028,463	673,010
Income tax expense	<u>(93,446)</u>	<u>34,179</u>	<u>(428,509)</u>	<u>(114,421)</u>
Profit for the period, attributable to owners of the Company	<u>243,728</u>	<u>47,193</u>	<u>1,599,954</u>	<u>558,589</u>
Other comprehensive (expense) income				
- exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, which may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(100,381)	50,072	(299,755)	93,807
- remeasurement of defined benefit retirement plans, net of tax, which will not be reclassified to profit or loss	<u>(52,820)</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>(52,820)</u>	<u>12,108</u>
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period	<u>(153,201)</u>	<u>62,180</u>	<u>(352,575)</u>	<u>105,915</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period, attributable to owners of the Company	<u>90,527</u>	<u>109,373</u>	<u>1,247,379</u>	<u>664,504</u>
Earnings per share				
- Basic	<u>HK\$0.60</u>	<u>HK\$0.12</u>	<u>HK\$3.99</u>	<u>HK\$1.40</u>
- Diluted	<u>HK\$0.60</u>	<u>HK\$0.12</u>	<u>HK\$3.98</u>	<u>HK\$1.40</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	At 31 December	
	2014	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,073,489	2,000,800
Investment property	68,467	70,215
Goodwill	405,652	-
Intangible assets	627,338	9,650
Prepaid lease payments	25,587	26,983
Pledged bank deposits	506	213,866
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	22,336	61,490
Rental deposits paid	7,332	16,719
Deferred tax assets	317,448	242,427
Other non-current assets	108,124	79,459
	3,656,279	2,721,609
Current assets		
Inventories	3,886,140	3,236,119
Trade and other receivables	4,119,540	3,115,798
Prepaid lease payments	941	974
Derivative financial instruments	-	4,225
Income tax recoverable	48,296	65,152
Pledged bank deposits	191,306	-
Bank balances and cash	2,593,756	1,596,592
	10,839,979	8,018,860
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,918,458	2,151,810
Derivative financial instruments	9,297	-
Provisions	354,170	348,901
Income tax payable	325,315	251,781
Bank borrowings	151,379	550,778
	3,758,619	3,303,270
Net current assets	7,081,360	4,715,590
	10,737,639	7,437,199

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	At 31 December	
	2014	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	40,252	40,063
Dividend reserve	523,274	200,317
Other reserves	7,641,668	6,840,885
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	8,205,194	7,081,265
Non-current liabilities		
Convertible bonds	2,164,204	-
Retirement benefit obligations	150,147	83,133
Provisions	61,360	85,224
Bank borrowings	16,159	145,384
Deferred tax liabilities	95,870	5,783
Other liabilities and accruals	44,705	36,410
	2,532,445	355,934
	10,737,639	7,437,199