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ASMPT Announces 2017 Annual Results

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ASMPT SETS MANY NEW RECORDS IN 2017**Highlights****2017**

- * Record Group revenue of US\$2.25 billion, representing an increase of 23.0% over the preceding year
- * Net profit of HK\$2.80 billion and earnings per share of HK\$6.90, representing a surge of 94.4% over the preceding year
- * Record Back-end equipment revenue of US\$1.11 billion, representing an increase of 19.5% over 2016
- * Record Materials revenue of US\$275.2 million, representing an increase of 14.5% over 2016
- * Record SMT solutions revenue of US\$865.9 million, representing an increase of 30.9% over 2016
- * Record new order bookings of US\$2.34 billion, representing an increase of 24.7% over 2016
- * Book to bill ratio was 1.04
- * Cash and bank deposits of HK\$3.06 billion at the end of December 2017

Second Half of 2017

- * Record half-year Group revenue of US\$1.20 billion, representing increases of 21.0% and 14.1% over the second half of 2016 and the first half of 2017, respectively
- * Net profit of HK\$1.32 billion and earnings per share of HK\$3.24, representing an increase of 37.6% over the same period of 2016 and a decrease of 11.1% over the first half of 2017
- * Half-year Back-end equipment revenue of US\$539.0 million, representing an increase of 6.3% over the second half of 2016 and a decrease of 4.7% over the first half of 2017
- * Record half-year Materials revenue of US\$139.3 million, representing increases of 12.8% and 3.1% over the second half of 2016 and first half of 2017, respectively
- * Record half-year SMT solutions revenue of US\$517.1 million, representing increases of 44.6% and 49.0% over the second half of 2016 and the first half of 2017, respectively
- * New order bookings of US\$1.07 billion, representing an increase of 18.1% as compared with the second half of 2016 and a decrease of 15.6% over the first half of 2017

Fourth Quarter of 2017

- * Group revenue of US\$541.5 million, representing an increase of 20.1% over the fourth quarter of 2016 and a decrease of 17.3% over the preceding quarter
- * Net profit of HK\$453.0 million and earnings per share of HK\$1.12, representing an increase of 19.8% over the fourth quarter of 2016 and a decrease of 47.5% over the preceding quarter
- * Group bookings increased by 5.5% as compared with the fourth quarter of 2016 and decreased by 13.6% over the preceding quarter
- * Backlog amounted to US\$538.6 million as of end 2017, an increase of 27.2% compared with a year ago

(Hong Kong, 1 March 2018) — The world's No.1 semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment supplier **ASM Pacific Technology Limited** ("ASMPT" / the "Group") (Stock code: 0522) today announced its annual results for the year ended 31 December 2017. During the year, riding on the super cycle of the semiconductor industry, the Group has set many records, including the Group and all three business segments achieved new revenue record. The Group's very strong performance was mainly driven by robust demand for IC/Discrete and CMOS Imaging Sensor (CIS) equipment, leadframes and SMT Solutions.

ASMPT achieved revenue of HK\$17.52 billion in the year ended 31 December, 2017, representing an increase of 23.0% as compared with HK\$14.25 billion in the previous year. The Group's consolidated profit after taxation for the year was HK\$2.80 billion, which was 94.4% higher than the previous year. Basic earnings per share for the year amounted to HK\$6.90 (2016: HK\$3.61). Gross margin of the Group grew 2.6% (264bps) to 40.2%, the highest achieved since 2010.

The Board of Directors recommends a final dividend of HK\$1.30 (2016: final dividend of HK\$1.10) per share. The total dividend payout for 2017 is HK\$2.50 (2016: HK\$1.90) per share.

During the year, Group booking sets a new record with US\$2.34 billion, representing a growth of 24.7% year-on-year. The book-to-bill ratio was 1.04. Group backlog as of end of 2017 rose to US\$538.6 million, representing a growth of 27.2% year-on-year.

Mr. Lee Wai Kwong, Chief Executive Officer of ASMPT, said, "2017 has been a record year for ASMPT. While receiving numerous accolades during the year, the Group's revenue achieved new record in which net profit was at a level very close to its historical peak. We are very glad to see that the Group ended the year with a strong momentum as all three business segments delivered positive year-on-year revenue growth. Group revenue for Q4 last year saw a growth of 20.1% year-on-year, while Q4 Group booking grew 5.5% year-on-year to US\$496.5 million, beyond the Group's expectation."

ASMPT's Back-end Equipment Segment did very well in 2017 with an achievement of new record in revenue and a six-year high gross margin. The Segment continued to retain its number one position in the global market, an accolade that ASMPT has been holding for the past sixteen years since 2002, with 2012 being the only exception. Revenue of the Segment grew 19.5% last year to US\$1.11 billion.

Last year, the IC/Discrete market, the largest for the Group in terms of revenue delivered the highest year-on-year growth rate, leading the growth of the Back-end Equipment Segment, reflecting a healthy market driven by smart phones, automotive, IoT (Internet of Things) and power management applications.

ASMPT continued to enjoy a dominant position in the Power Management market driven by strong demands generated by electric cars, wireless charging and other mobile related battery management, while efforts in developing the Advanced Packaging business are well on track. The Group is confident that both the Advanced Packaging and the Power Management markets will grow to become additional pillars of Back-end Equipment business going forward.

ASMPT's Materials Business Segment attained many new records in 2017, in particular, in revenue year-on-year and the second half of 2017. Last year, revenue of the Materials Business Segment amounted to US\$275.2 million, representing a growth of 14.5% from the year before.

New order bookings of the Materials Business Segment in 2017 set a new record, representing a growth of 13.5% as compared with 2016.

Last year, SMT Solutions Segment set new records in billings, bookings and segment profit. Revenue grew 30.9% to US\$865.9 million, while bookings grew 35.4%. Strong demand from the Automotive and Industrial Electronics markets drove the revenue of the Segment to a high level. This segment had further benefited from the latest smartphone upgrade cycle last year due to its superior technology and innovation. Over the past few years, ASMPT made very good progress in the Advanced Packaging market with product offerings from the SMT Solutions Segment. We offer high performance screen printers and placement equipment to the SiP, WLFO and PLFO application markets.

The Group set up additional SMT manufacturing facilities in its Malaysia factory in 2016. It contributed strongly to the growth of the SMT Solutions Segment in 2017.

“Judging from the prevailing market sentiment and momentum, we anticipate that Group booking in Q1 2018 will rebound strongly over Q4 2017, booking of the Back-end Equipment segment is expected to take the lead. Group billing in Q1 2018 is expected to achieve a year-on-year growth rate in the range of a high single digit to a low double digit percentage. All three business segments are likely to deliver positive year-on-year growth rate. As the super cycle in the semiconductor industry continues, our customers are generally optimistic about the business environment in the first half of 2018. We believe ASMPT has made the necessary investments and transformations to its business strategies and organization, and is now well positioned to capture the growth opportunities brought about by the new Data Centric era.” **Mr. Lee** concluded.

About ASM Pacific Technology Limited

As a global technology and market leader, ASMPT (HKEX stock code: 0522), develops and provides leading edge solutions and materials for the semiconductor assembly and packaging industries. Its surface mount technology solutions are deployed in a wide range of end-user markets including electronics, mobile communications, automotive, industrial, LED and alternative energy. Our continuous investments in research and development help to provide our customers with innovative and cost-efficient solutions and systems that enable them to achieve higher productivity, greater reliability and enhanced quality.

Listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1989, ASMPT is currently one of the constituent stocks on the Hang Seng Composite MidCap Index under the Hang Seng Composite Size Indexes, the Hang Seng Composite Information Technology Industry Index under Hang Seng Composite Industry Indexes, the Hang Seng Hong Kong 35 Index and the Hang Seng Global Composite Index. To learn more about ASMPT, please visit our website at www.asmpacific.com.

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

	Three months ended 31 Dec		Year ended 31 Dec	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(unaudited) HK\$'000	(unaudited) HK\$'000	(audited) HK\$'000	(audited) HK\$'000
Revenue	4,227,229	3,520,889	17,522,713	14,249,093
Cost of sales	(2,568,194)	(2,197,740)	(10,471,339)	(8,891,618)
Gross profit	1,659,035	1,323,149	7,051,374	5,357,475
Other income	16,754	47,658	88,410	78,433
Selling and distribution expenses	(432,485)	(321,920)	(1,497,944)	(1,277,326)
General and administrative expenses	(276,180)	(207,805)	(937,624)	(785,079)
Research and development expenses	(381,639)	(334,163)	(1,436,191)	(1,242,775)
Other gains and losses	(19,849)	1,438	(33,360)	(51,348)
Restructuring costs	-	(17,494)	-	(97,899)
Adjustment of liability component of convertible bonds	-	-	202,104	-
Finance costs	(36,913)	(44,090)	(162,489)	(188,532)
Profit before taxation	528,723	446,773	3,274,280	1,792,949
Income tax expense	(75,747)	(68,722)	(478,578)	(354,567)
Profit for the period	452,976	378,051	2,795,702	1,438,382
Profit for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	457,941	386,641	2,815,473	1,463,864
Non-controlling interests	(4,965)	(8,590)	(19,771)	(25,482)
	452,976	378,051	2,795,702	1,438,382
Earnings per share				
- Basic	HK\$1.12	HK\$0.95	HK\$6.90	HK\$3.61
- Diluted	HK\$1.12	HK\$0.95	HK\$6.35	HK\$3.60

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three months ended 31 Dec		Year ended 31 Dec	
	2017 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2017 (audited) HK\$'000	2016 (audited) HK\$'000
Profit for the period	452,976	378,051	2,795,702	1,438,382
Other comprehensive income (expense)				
- exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, which may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	104,846	(234,110)	575,484	(213,983)
- remeasurement of defined benefit retirement plans, net of tax, which will not be reclassified to profit or loss	3,023	(23,634)	3,023	(23,634)
Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period	107,869	(257,744)	578,507	(237,617)
Total comprehensive income for the period	560,845	120,307	3,374,209	1,200,765
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	565,813	128,896	3,393,984	1,226,175
Non-controlling interests	(4,968)	(8,589)	(19,775)	(25,410)
	560,845	120,307	3,374,209	1,200,765

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	At 31 December	
	2017	2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,426,005	2,157,965
Investment property	60,340	57,718
Goodwill	408,696	428,052
Intangible assets	542,101	571,528
Prepaid lease payments	115,046	20,461
Other investment	18,502	-
Pledged bank deposits	2,153	-
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	33,263	32,198
Rental deposits paid	36,120	44,506
Deferred tax assets	361,673	307,015
Other non-current assets	24,761	101,633
	4,028,660	3,721,076
Current assets		
Inventories	5,368,889	4,254,541
Trade and other receivables	6,058,686	4,421,318
Prepaid lease payments	3,849	780
Derivative financial instruments	13,289	1,113
Income tax recoverable	66,553	29,830
Pledged bank deposits	3,351	-
Bank deposits with original maturity of more than three months	691,018	1,071,408
Bank balances and cash	2,365,911	2,138,886
	14,571,546	11,917,876
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,020,855	3,265,973
Derivative financial instruments	234	24,664
Provisions	295,825	272,513
Income tax payable	349,999	332,734
Convertible bonds	-	2,224,895
Bank borrowings	117,219	116,334
	4,784,132	6,237,113
Net current assets	9,787,414	5,680,763
	13,816,074	9,401,839

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	At 31 December	
	2017	2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	40,908	40,824
Dividend reserve	528,175	449,068
Other reserves	10,808,542	8,532,315
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	11,377,625	9,022,207
Non-controlling interests	(149)	4,056
Total equity	11,377,476	9,026,263
Non-current liabilities		
Convertible bonds	2,121,830	-
Retirement benefit obligations	183,277	161,249
Provisions	50,242	46,349
Bank borrowings	-	77,556
Deferred tax liabilities	39,996	55,725
Other liabilities and accruals	43,253	34,697
	2,438,598	375,576
	13,816,074	9,401,839