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ASMPT Announces 2016 Interim Results

Strong Order Intake

Continuous Improvement in Profitability

Highlights

Second Quarter of 2016

- Group revenue of US\$472.8 million, representing an increase of 28.2% over the preceding quarter and a decline of 2.5% against the same period last year
- Net profit of HK\$354.4 million, representing a surge of 177.0% over the preceding quarter and a decline of 19.1% against the same period last year
- Earnings per share of HK\$0.89 for the second quarter 2016
- Back-end equipment revenue of US\$255.1 million, representing increases of 54.6% and 6.3% over the preceding three months and the same period last year, respectively
- Materials revenue of US\$61.8 million, representing increases of 12.0% and 7.1% over the preceding three months and the same period last year, respectively
- SMT Solutions revenue of US\$155.9 million, representing an increase of 4.9% over the preceding three months and a decline of 16.7% against the same period last year
- New order bookings of US\$561.4 million, an increase of 37.1% and 13.6% over the preceding quarter and the same period last year, respectively
- Cash and bank deposits of HK\$2.75 billion as of 30 June 2016

First Half of 2016

- Group revenue of US\$841.1 million, representing a decline of 4.2% against the first six-month period of last year and an improvement of 6.0% over the second six-month period of last year
- Net profit of HK\$482.3 million, representing a decline of 33.3% and an increase of 109.6% as compared to the first and second six-month period of 2015, respectively
- Earnings per share of HK\$1.22 for the first half of 2016
- Back-end equipment revenue of US\$419.9 million, representing increases of 1.0% and 23.4% over the first and second six-month period of last year, respectively
- Materials revenue of US\$116.9 million, representing increases of 2.1% and 10.0% over the first and second six-month period of last year, respectively
- SMT Solutions revenue of US\$304.3 million, representing contractions of 12.5% and 12.2% against the first and second six-month period of last year, respectively
- New order bookings of US\$970.7 million, representing increases of 1.3% and 27.5% over the first and second six-month period of last year, respectively
- Order backlog stood at US\$519.2 million as of 30 June 2016

(Hong Kong, 29 July 2016) — The world's No.1 semiconductor assembly and packaging equipment and SMT equipment supplier **ASM Pacific Technology Limited** ("ASMPT" / the "Group") (Stock code: 0522) today announced its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2016. During the second quarter, the Group experienced strong order intake led by the Back-end Equipment and SMT Solutions businesses, resulting in a strong improvement in bookings with a quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year growth of 37.1% and 13.6% respectively. The Group's profitability continued to improve as gross margin expanded 1.3% as compared to the same period in 2015.

ASMPT reported revenue of HK\$6.53 billion for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was 4.2% lower than the revenue of HK\$6.82 billion for the first six months of 2015. The Group's consolidated profit after taxation for the first six months was HK\$482.3 million, which was a decrease of 33.3% from the net profit of HK\$722.9 million for the corresponding period last year. Basic earnings per share for the period under review was HK\$1.22 (2015 1H: HK\$1.80).

In the second quarter of 2016, the Group experienced strong order intake, as a result, Group bookings for the first half of 2016 were US\$970.7 million, a strong improvement of 27.5% against the preceding six-month period and a year-on-year improvement of 1.3%. The Group's book-to-bill ratio, representing net bookings over billings, was 1.15. The backlog as of 30 June 2016 was US\$519.2 million, which was an increase of 19.7% from the end of the first quarter of 2016.

After considering the near to mid-term cash flow need for the Company, the Board recommends an interim dividend of HK\$0.80 per share, representing a payout ratio of 65.9%.

Mr. Lee Wai Kwong, Chief Executive Officer of ASMPT, said, "Despite uncertain macroeconomic conditions, the improvement in bookings seen in the preceding quarter has continued into the second quarter of 2016. All three of our business segments experienced a year-on-year booking improvement during the quarter. The strategic changes implemented in the past three years have continued to contribute positively to the profitability improvement of the Group. In particular, gross margins for both Back-end Equipment segment and Materials segment achieved year-on-year as well as sequential improvement."

ASMPT's Back-end Equipment business performed very well during the first half of this year. Back-end Equipment billings for the period were US\$419.9 million, representing improvements of 1.0% and 23.4% against the same period a year ago and the preceding six months, respectively. The Back-end Equipment business registered a gross margin of 42.5% during the period, representing improvements of 2.1% and 4.2% over the first and second half of 2015, respectively. During the second quarter of this year, the Back-end Equipment segment achieved a gross margin of 44.1%, which is the best gross margin in the past twenty quarters.

For the first six months, Back-end Equipment bookings surged by 48.4% against the preceding six months and increased by 8.5% as compared to the same period a year ago. During the period, the Group experienced strong demand for some of the product areas such as LED and CIS (CMOS Imaging Sensor) equipment.

ASMPT's investment in developing a unique and extensive product portfolio for Advanced Packaging market has continued to expand ASMPT's serviceable available market ("SAM") in the Back-end Equipment market and well positioned the Group to capture future growth opportunities. At the same time, the Group continues to expand its reach in the application-specific markets such as automotive electronics, the power management module, the System-in-Package ("SiP") and the Internet of Things ("IoT"). Overall, the Group believes that its Back-end Equipment business is moving on the right track.

Materials billings for the first six-month period of this year were US\$116.9 million, representing improvements of 10.0% and 2.1% against the preceding six months and the same period a year ago, respectively. On a six-month basis, bookings for Materials segment improved by 9.1% and 11.0% against the preceding six-month period and the same period last year, respectively.

The Materials segment continued to make moderate progress in improving its gross margin and profitability. The Materials segment achieved gross margins of 16.5% during the second quarter as well as the first half of this year, respectively. It represents year-on-year improvements of 1.1% over the second quarter and the first half of last year, respectively.

For the six-month period, the SMT Solutions billings were US\$304.3 million, representing contractions of 12.5% and 12.2% as compared to the first half of 2015 and the preceding six months, respectively. SMT Solutions segment achieved gross margins of 39.8% and 35.8% during the second quarter and the first half of this year, respectively.

Group new order bookings during the second quarter of this year improved by 37.1% and 13.6% as compared to the preceding quarter and the same period a year ago, respectively. The Group is encouraged by the quarter-on-quarter as well as year-on-year booking improvements achieved during the second quarter of this year.

"The market has been developing in line with our expectations to date, assuming that the macro-economic conditions are not going to have a significant impact on our business in the second half of this year, we believe that the Group stands a fair chance to achieve full year billings improvement over last year. With a strong backlog on hand, we expect Group billings in the third quarter of this year to achieve a double-digit percentage improvement and a strong improvement against the same period last year. We expect a seasonal decline in bookings in the third quarter of this year after a strong booking performance in the preceding quarter. We continue to strengthen our competitiveness, evidenced by our ability to generate positive results despite an uncertain macroeconomic environment. We believe that our long-term strategy of focusing on multiple application markets, investing in advanced technologies and collaborating with leading customers will continue to position us well and deliver sustainable results over the long term." Mr. Lee concluded.

About ASM Pacific Technology Limited

ASM Pacific Technology Limited ("ASMPT") (stock code: 0522), as a global technology and market leader, develops and provides leading edge solutions and materials for semiconductor assembly and packaging industries, as well as surface mount technology solutions in a wide range of end-user markets including electronics, mobile communications, automotive, industrial, LED and solar energy. ASMPT consistently invests in R&D to provide customers with innovative and cost-efficient solutions and systems that help them to achieve higher productivity, greater reliability and enhanced quality.

Listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1989, ASMPT is currently one of the constituent stocks on the Hang Seng HK Mid-cap 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. To learn more about ASMPT, please visit www.asmpacific.com.

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

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	3,669,208	3,761,952	6,531,282	6,817,818
Cost of sales	(2,234,829)	(2,341,584)	(4,150,799)	(4,284,315)
Gross profit	1,434,379	1,420,368	2,380,483	2,533,503
Other income	9,163	5,276	14,434	12,950
Selling and distribution expenses	(320,350)	(333,088)	(606,210)	(631,199)
General and administrative expenses	(199,697)	(190,508)	(371,697)	(361,311)
Research and development expenses	(310,565)	(300,404)	(576,851)	(581,636)
Other gains and losses	(26,401)	(18,401)	(31,324)	52,037
Restructuring costs	(78,863)	-	(80,257)	-
Finance costs	(42,174)	(39,158)	(91,663)	(76,954)
Profit before taxation	465,492	544,085	636,915	947,390
Income tax expense	(111,107)	(105,825)	(154,599)	(224,534)
Profit for the period	354,385	438,260	482,316	722,856
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Profit for the period attributable to:	250 222	420.260	402 44 8	722.056
Owners of the Company	359,323	438,260	493,115	722,856
Non-controlling interests	(4,938)	429.260	(10,799)	722.956
	354,385	438,260	482,316	722,856
Earnings per share				
- Basic	HK\$0.89	HK\$1.09	HK\$1.22	HK\$1.80
- Diluted	HK\$0.89	HK\$1.09	HK\$1.22	HK\$1.79
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period	354,385	438,260	482,316	722,856
Other comprehensive (expense) income Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, which may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(107,443)	76,089	30,426	(192,358)
Total comprehensive income for the period	246,942	514,349	512,742	530,498
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	251,866	514,349	523,462	530,498
Non-controlling interests	(4,924)	-	(10,720)	-
	246,942	514,349	512,742	530,498

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	At 30 June	At 31 December	
	2016	2015	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Non-current assets		, , , ,	
Property, plant and equipment	2,184,052	2,218,161	
Investment property	61,105	63,048	
Goodwill	428,213	427,754	
Intangible assets	585,441	604,888	
Prepaid lease payments	22,102	22,573	
Pledged bank deposits	1,425	2,562	
Deposits paid for acquisition of property,			
plant and equipment	31,122	13,666	
Rental deposits paid	27,344	24,755	
Deferred tax assets	315,591	289,846	
Other non-current assets	103,860	106,496	
	3,760,255	3,773,749	
Current assets			
Inventories	4,219,695	3,482,436	
Trade and other receivables	4,555,219	4,304,398	
Prepaid lease payments	846	822	
Derivative financial instruments	3,712	2,108	
Income tax recoverable	33,341	21,774	
Pledged bank deposits	1,441	7,228	
Bank deposits with original maturity of more			
than three months	381,607	254,983	
Bank balances and cash	2,372,675	2,020,145	
	11,568,536	10,093,894	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	3,424,986	2,389,798	
Derivative financial instruments	3,748	9,057	
Provisions	338,261	280,733	
Income tax payable	307,068	415,728	
Convertible bonds	2,172,915	-	
Bank borrowings	90,516	37,459	
	6,337,494	3,132,775	
Net current assets	5,231,042	6,961,119	
	8,991,297	10,734,868	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued

	At 30 June	At 31 December
	2016	2015
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	40,610	40,453
Dividend reserve	324,884	161,812
Other reserves	8,184,256	7,804,254
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	8,549,750	8,006,519
Non-controlling interests	18,746	29,466
Total equity	8,568,496	8,035,985
Non-current liabilities		
Convertible bonds	_	2,264,775
Retirement benefit obligations	142,669	127,833
Provisions	50,222	65,459
Bank borrowings	142,239	141,441
Deferred tax liabilities	56,001	61,622
Other liabilities and accruals	31,670	37,753
	422,801	2,698,883
	8,991,297	10,734,868