TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD

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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 January 2003

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. (Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

No.121 Park Avenue III
Science-Based Industrial Park
Hsin-chu, Taiwan
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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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	V

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

TSMC Monthly Sales Report -- December 2002

Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, January 9, 2003-- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. ("TSMC" or "the Company") (TAIEX: 2330, NYSE: TSM) today announced that net sales for December 2002 totaled NT\$11,278 million, while revenues from January to December 2002 totaled NT\$160,898 million.

TSMC Spokesperson Mr. Harvey Chang noted that the Company's book-to-bill ratio was above 1.0 in both November and December 2002, indicating steady growth in orders. However, TSMC realized a decrease in unit sales for December 2002 as the holiday season drew to a close, resulting in a 22.7% revenue decline compared to the month prior and a 3.9% decrease on a year-over-year basis. The Company's sales revenues from January through December 2002 represented a 27.8% increase over the corresponding 2001 period.

Mr. Chang noted that net sales for the fourth quarter of 2002 were slightly higher than those for the third quarter because fourth quarter revenues came

partially from inventory for the end of the third quarter of 2002. The Company's utilization rate was 61 percent in the fourth quarter of 2002 as previously forecast, although relatively low over the third quarter of 2002. Gross margins are expected to decline five to six percentage points over the same period.

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Sales Report: (Unit: NT\$ million)

Net Sales	2002/(1)/	2001	Growth
December	11,278	11,733	-3.9%
January through December	160 , 898	125,888	27.8%

(1): Year 2002 figures have not been audited.

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This is to report the changes or status of 1) Sales volume 2) funds lent to other parties 3) Endorsements and quarantees 4) Financial derivative transactions for the period of December 2002.

1) Sales volume (NT\$: Thousand)

Time	Items	2002	2001	Changes	(%)
Dec.	Invoice amount	12,612,131	9,425,369	3,186,762	33.81%
JanDec.	Invoice amount	163,369,433	125,256,525	38,112,908	30.43%
Dec.	Net sales	11,277,901	11,733,275	-455 , 374	-3.88%

JanDec.	Net sales	160,898,329	125,88	8,003 	35,010,326	27.
) Funds lent	to other parties	(NT\$ Thousand)				
	Lir	nit of lending		Bal.	As of period end	-
SMC		39,845,773			-	
SMC's subsidi		27,099,972	(590)		347,530	-
	Limit o	 f endorsements	December			-
SMC		59,768,660			23,632,040	
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SMC endorses	for subsidiaries		(40,120)		23,632,040	
SMC's subsidi	aries endorse fo		0		0	
SMC endorses	for PRC companies		0		0	
		PRC companies			0	_
	derivatives transa ourpose (for asset	actions cs / liabilities den	nominated in	foreign	n	
		Liabi	 lities:		4,274,850,000	-
Underlyin	ng assets / liabi			EUR:	89,000,000	-
			Assets:	US\$	715,000,000	_
	ıl instruments				orward contracts	

a-2. Hedging purpose (for the position of floating rate liabilities)

Underlying assets / liabili					
Financial instruments			Interest rate swap		
Realized profit (loss)			-		
b. Trading purpose: None.					
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.					
	Taiwan Se	miconductor Manufac	turing Company Ltd.		
Date: January 9, 2003 By		ey Chang			

Harvey Chang

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer