TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD Form 6-K May 10, 2004

1934 Act Registration No. 1-14700

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 May 2004

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

 $(Translation\ of\ Registrant\ \ s\ Name\ Into\ English)$

No. 8, Li-Hsin Rd. 6,

Hsinchu Science Park,

Taiwan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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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.

Date: May 10, 2004

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

By: /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED

This is to report the amount of common shares bought back by TSMC from the Taiwan Stock Exchange on May 10, 2004.

Date	05/10/2004
Number of common shares bought back	13,000,000
Value of common shares bought back	NT\$719,946,682
Average buyback price per share	NT\$55.38
Accumulative number of shares bought back	49,691,000
Percentage of accumulative shares bought back to total outstanding common shares	0.25%

Note: The Company is required by the ROC Securities and Futures Commission to make a public announcement whenever accumulative shares repurchased exceed NT\$300, 000,000 in value.