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SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

中 芯 國 際 集 成 電 路 製 造 有 限 公 司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(STOCK CODE: 0981)

CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (the "Company") announces that in order to comply with code provision A2.1. of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited regarding the segregation of the roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") elected Professor Yang Yuan Wang ("Prof. Wang"), an existing independent non-executive director of the Company, as chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") to succeed Dr. Richard Ru Gin Chang ("Dr. Chang") with effect from July 28, 2005. Prof. Wang will remain as an independent non-executive director of the Company. Dr. Chang will remain as an executive director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Prof. Wang, age 70, has been a director of the Company since 2001. Prof. Wang has more than 40 years of experience related to the semiconductor industry. He is the chairman of the board of directors of Semiconductor Manufacturing International (Shanghai) Corporation, Semiconductor Manufacturing International (Beijing) Corporation and Semiconductor Manufacturing International (Tianjin) Corporation and is also the Chief Scientist of the Microelectronics Research Institute at Beijing University. He is a fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (USA) and of The Institute of Electrical Engineer (UK).

Prof. Wang has not entered into any services contract with the Company. Prof. Wang's appointment as Chairman will cease upon his ceasing to be a director of the Company. In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, he will retire as a director at the Company's 2007 annual general meeting of the shareholders and will then be eligible for re-election to hold office for an additional three years.

Prof. Wang currently is interested in 500,000 shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Prof. Wang is not related to any director or the senior management of the Company or with any substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Yang Yuan Wang as Chairman and independent non-executive director of the Company; Richard R. Chang as executive director of the Company; Lai Xing Cai and Fang Yao (alternate director to Lai Xing Cai) as non-executive directors of the Company; and Ta-Lin Hsu, Yen-Pong Jou, Tsuyoshi Kawanishi, Henry Shaw and Lip-Bu Tan as independent non-executive directors of the Company.

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation
Richard R. Chang
Chief Executive Officer

Shanghai, PRC
July 28, 2005

* for identification only.