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**SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(STOCK CODE: 981)**

**GRANT OF OPTIONS**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 17.06A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) (the “**Listing Rules**”).

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (the “**Company**”) announces that on 17 November 2011, an aggregate of 20,614,391 share options (“**Options**”) to subscribe for ordinary shares of par value US\$0.0004 each in the capital of the Company (the “**Shares**”) were conditionally granted, subject to acceptance of the grantees and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, under its 2004 Stock Option Plan adopted on 18 March 2004 (the “**Share Option Scheme**”). If any grant of the Options as detailed below has not been accepted by any particular grantee or is not otherwise in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations, such grant in respect of the particular grantee would not proceed or be effective for legal and regulatory purposes. The following are the details of the Options granted:

Date of Grant:  
Exercise price of the Options

17 November 2011  
HK\$ 0.4 per share  
(being the higher of (a) the closing market price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange as stated in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange (the “**Closing Price**”) on 17 November 2011, being HK\$0.4 and (b) the average Closing Price for the period from 10 November 2011 to 16 November 2011 (both days inclusive), being HK\$0.399)

Number of Options granted:  
Closing price of the Shares on the date of grant:  
Validity period of the Options:

20,614,391 Options  
  
HK\$0.4 per Share  
The Options are valid for a period of 10 years commencing on 17 November 2011, subject to earlier termination as provided under the Share Option Scheme and applicable award documents.

Among the total 20,614,391 Options, 4,471,244 Options were conditionally granted to a Director, subject to acceptance of the grantees and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, with details as follows:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Options</u>
Frank Meng	Independent Non-Executive Director	4,471,244

**Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation**

**Dr. Tzu-Yin Chiu**

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director

Shanghai, PRC

18 November 2011

*As at the date of this announcement, the Directors are Mr. Zhang Wenyi as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Company; Dr. Tzu-Yin Chiu as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Company; Dr. Chen Shanzhi, Mr. Gao Yonggang, Professor Lawrence Juen-Yee Lau and Mr. Zhou Jie as Non-Executive Directors of the Company; and Mr. Tsuyoshi Kawanishi, Mr. Frank Meng and Mr. Lip-Bu Tan as Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company.*