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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 12 September 2012, an aggregate of 15,571,250 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

12 September 2012
HK\$ 0.290 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

12

September 2012, being HK\$0.290

and

(b) the average Closing Price for the period from 5 September 2012

to

11 September 2012 (both days inclusive), being HK\$0.287)

Number of Options granted: 15,571,250 Options

Closing price of the Shares on the

date of grant:

HK\$0.290 per Share

Validity period of the Options: The Options are valid for a period

of 10 years commencing on 12 September 2012, subject to earlier termination as provided under the

Share Option Scheme and

applicable

award documents.

None of the grantees is a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of their respective associates (as defined under the Listing Rules).

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation Dr. Tzu-Yin Chiu

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director

Shanghai, PRC 12 September 2012

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