



NEWS RELEASE

SMIC Reports 2015 First Quarter Results

All currency figures stated in this report are in US Dollars unless stated otherwise.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial

Shanghai, China May 7, 2015. Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (NYSE: SMI; , or our), one of the leading semiconductor foundries in the world, today announced its consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

First Quarter 2015 Highlights

Revenue was \$509.8 million in 1Q15, increased 4.9% QoQ from \$485.9 million in 4Q14 and increased 13.0% YoY from \$451.1 million in 1Q14.

Gross margin was 29.4% in 1Q15, the record high since 2004 Q1, compared to 22.5% in 4Q14 and 21.3% in 1Q14.

Dr. Tzu- Last year we successfully taped out new products for a broad range of applications for 65nm and 40nm, and as a result, in Q1 we had growth and in Q2 we are guiding additional growth.

In the first quarter, our revenue grew to \$509.8 million, historically our highest Q1. Gross margin was a ten-year high of 29.4% and we achieved our twelfth consecutive profitable quarter. Revenue from 40nm and 65nm grew more than 25% quarter-over-quarter and more than 58% year-over-year.

To address our technology progress, we continue to work on 28nm product qualification. We are pleased to report that we have already received a purchase order and will begin risk production in Q2.

Revenue from China has continued to be over 40% of our total revenue in the past 8 quarters and accounted for 47% of our total revenue in Q1 2015. As the largest and most advanced foundry in China, we believe we are well-positioned to benefit from an overall growing IC ecosystem in China.

Conference Call / Webcast Announcement

Date: May 8, 2015

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The call will be webcast live with audio at http://www.smics.com/eng/investors/ir_presentations.php or <http://edge.media-server.com/m/p/qiyindif>.

An archived version of the webcast, along with an electronic copy of this news release will be available on the SMIC website for a period of 12 months following the webcast.

SMIC has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission its annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014. The annual report is available on our website at www.smics.com. In addition, all SMIC ADR holders have the ability, upon request, to receive a hard copy of our complete audited financials free of charge.

About SMIC

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation ("SMIC"; NYSE: SMI; SEHK: 981) is one of the leading semiconductor foundries in the world and the largest and most advanced foundry in mainland China. SMIC provides integrated circuit (IC) foundry and technology services at 0.35-micron to 28-nanometer. Headquartered in Shanghai, China, SMIC has a 300mm wafer fabrication facility (fab) and a 200mm mega-fab in Shanghai; a 300mm mega-fab and a second majority owned 300mm fab under development for advance nodes

About Non-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Non-GAAP) Financial Measures

in this press release non-GAAP operating expenses which consist of total operating expenses as adjusted to exclude the effect of employee bonus accrual, government funding and gain from the disposal of living quarters. This earnings release also includes second quarter 2015 guidance for non-GAAP operating expenses. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with IFRS.

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Group management regularly uses these non-GAAP financial measures to understand, manage and evaluate the Group's business and make financial and operational decisions.

The accompanying table has more information and reconciliations of each non-GAAP financial measure to its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. A reconciliation of non-GAAP guidance measures to corresponding GAAP measures is not available on a forward-looking basis.

Summary of First Quarter 2015 Operating Results

Amounts in US\$ thousands, except for EPS and operating data

	1Q15	4Q14	QoQ	1Q14	YoY
Revenue	509,798	485,893	4.9%	451,083	13.0%
Cost of sales	(359,871)	(376,554)	-4.4%	(354,965)	1.4%
Gross profit	149,927	109,339	37.1%	96,118	56.0%
Operating expenses	(104,423)	(107,691)	-3.0%	(66,533)	56.9%
Profit from operations	45,504	1,648	2661.2%	29,585	53.8%
Other income (expense), net	6,125	10,259	-40.3%	(9,189)	-
Profit before tax	51,629	11,907	333.6%	20,396	153.1%
Income tax expense	(54)	(10,446)	-99.5%	(1,454)	-96.3%
Profit for the period	51,575	1,461	3430.1%	18,942	172.3%
Other comprehensive income:					
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(400)	309	-	(1,095)	-63.5%
Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	1,451	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	52,626	1,770	2873.2%	17,847	194.9%
Profit for the period attributable to:					
SMIC	55,477	28,387	95.4%	20,261	173.8%
Non-controlling interests	(3,902)	(26,926)	-85.5%	(1,319)	195.8%
Profit for the period	51,575	1,461	3430.1%	18,942	172.3%
Gross margin	29.4%	22.5%	-	21.3%	-
Earnings per ordinary share ⁽¹⁾					
Basic	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Diluted	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Earnings per ADS ⁽²⁾					
Basic	0.08	0.04		0.03	
Diluted	0.07	0.04		0.03	
equivalent wafers)	692,131	660,049	4.9%	581,621	19.0%
Capacity utilization ⁽³⁾	99.7%	93.0%	-	84.2%	-

Note:

(1) Based on weighted average ordinary shares of 35,877 million (basic) and 40,181 million (diluted) in 1Q15, 35,449 million (basic) and 36,701 million (diluted) in 4Q14, and 32,169 million (basic) and 32,513 million (diluted) in 1Q14.

(2) Each ADS represents 50 ordinary shares.

(3) Based on total equivalent wafers out divided by estimated total quarterly capacity.

Revenue increased 4.9% QoQ from \$485.9 million in 4Q14 to \$509.8 million in 1Q15 mainly because wafer shipments increased in 1Q15 due to an increase of demand for 65nm and 40nm. Cost of sales was \$359.9 million in 1Q15, down 4.4% QoQ from \$376.6 million in 4Q14, which was mainly due to the decrease of depreciation, as some equipment had been fully depreciated. Gross profit was \$149.9 million in 1Q15, an increase of 37.1% QoQ from \$109.3 million in 4Q14. Gross margin was 29.4% in 1Q15, up from 22.5% in 4Q14. The change was mainly due to 1) an increase in fab utilization and 2) a decrease of depreciation within the cost of sales in 1Q15. Operating expenses were \$104.4 million in 1Q15, a decrease of 3.0% QoQ from \$107.7 million in 4Q14, mainly due to the reasons stated in Operating Expenses (Income) Analysis below. The change in income tax benefit (expense) was mainly due to the land value-added tax incurred in 4Q14.

The change in non-controlling interests was mainly because
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 Company
 n Beijing) in 4Q14.

Analysis of Revenue

Revenue Analysis			
By Application	1Q15	4Q14	1Q14
Computer	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%
Communications	44.2%	47.4%	39.1%
Consumer	46.3%	43.0%	48.8%
Others	5.9%	7.1%	9.1%
By Service Type	1Q15	4Q14	1Q14

Capacity*

Fab / (Wafer Size)	1Q15	4Q14
	97,000	96,000
Shanghai 12-	31,500	31,500
Beijing Mega Fab (12")	81,000	81,000
Tianjin Fab (8")	42,000	39,000
Total monthly wafer fabrication capacity**	251,500	247,500

Note:

* *Wafers per month at the end of the period in 8" equivalent wafers, calculated on a 30-day basis for comparison purposes*

***Our 8-inch fab in Shenzhen has reached an installed capacity of 10,000 wafers per month but not entered into mass production at the end of 1Q15.*

Monthly capacity increased to 251,500 8-inch equivalent wafers in 1Q15 from 247,500 8-inch equivalent wafers in 4Q14, primarily due to the expansion of capacity in our Tianjin 8-inch fab.

Shipment and Utilization

	1Q15	4Q14	QoQ	1Q14	YoY
Wafer shipments	692,131	660,049	4.9%	581,621	19.0%
Utilization rate ⁽¹⁾	99.7%	93.0%	-	84.2%	-

Note:

(1) *Based on total equivalent wafers out divided by estimated total quarterly capacity.*

Detailed Financial Analysis

Gross Profit Analysis

<i>Amounts in US\$ thousands</i>	1Q15	4Q14	QoQ	1Q14	YoY
Cost of sales	359,871	376,554	-4.4%	354,965	1.4%
Depreciation	100,929	110,352	-8.5%	110,903	-9.0%
Other manufacturing costs	257,708	262,607	-1.9%	243,091	6.0%
Share-based compensation	1,234	3,595	-65.7%	971	27.1%
Gross profit	149,927	109,339	37.1%	96,118	56.0%
Gross margin	29.4%	22.5%	-	21.3%	-

Cost of sales was \$359.9 million in 1Q15, down 4.4% QoQ from \$376.6 million in 4Q14.

Depreciation within the cost of sales decreased 8.5% to \$100.9 million in 1Q15, compared to \$110.4 million in 4Q14. The decrease was mainly because some equipment had been fully depreciated.

Gross profit was \$149.9 million in 1Q15, an increase of 37.1% QoQ from \$109.3 million in 4Q14.

Gross margin was 29.4% in 1Q15, up from 22.5% in 4Q14. The change was mainly due to 1) an increase in fab utilization and 2) a decrease of depreciation within the cost of sales in 1Q15.

Operating Expenses (Income) Analysis

Amounts in US\$ thousands	1Q15	4Q14	QoQ	1Q14	YoY
Operating expenses	104,423	107,691	-3.0%	66,533	56.9%
Research and development, net	53,453	53,113	0.6%	36,653	45.8%
General and administrative	42,486	46,039	-7.7%	23,193	83.2%
Selling and marketing	9,205	9,436	-2.4%	9,708	-5.2%
Other operating income	(721)	(897)	-19.6%	(3,021)	-76.1%

R&D expenses increased slightly to \$53.5 million in 1Q15, compared to \$53.1 million in 4Q14. Excluding the funding of R&D contracts from the government, R&D expenses decreased by \$6.7 million QoQ to \$58.8 million in 1Q15. Funding of R&D contracts from the government was \$5.3 million in 1Q15, compared to \$12.4 million in 4Q14.

General and administrative expenses decreased to \$42.5 million in 1Q15, down 7.7% QoQ from \$46.0 million in 4Q14, mainly because of decreases in share-based compensation expenses, tax surcharges, legal, audit and consulting expenses in 1Q15.

Other Income (expense), Net

Amounts in US\$ thousands	1Q15	4Q14	QoQ	1Q14
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Liquidity

<i>Amounts in US\$ thousands</i>	1Q15	4Q14
Cash and cash equivalent	402,378	603,036
Restricted cash	229,500	238,051
Other financial assets ⁽¹⁾	586,047	644,071
Trade and other receivables	454,383	456,388
Prepayment and prepaid operating expenses	38,969	40,628
Inventories	340,889	316,041
Assets classified as held-for-sale	-	44
Total current assets	2,052,166	2,298,259
Current tax liabilities	33	103
Accrued liabilities	124,711	131,114
Deferred government funding	65,200	62,609
Short-term Borrowings	192,775	162,054
Trade and other payables	699,467	794,361
Total current liabilities	1,082,186	1,150,241
Cash Ratio ⁽²⁾	0.4x	0.5x
Quick Ratio ⁽³⁾	1.6x	1.7x
Current Ratio ⁽⁴⁾	1.9x	2.0x

Note:

(1) Other financial assets contain financial products sold by bank and bank deposit over 3 months.

(2) Cash and cash equivalent divided by total current liabilities.

(3) Current assets excluding inventories divided by total current liabilities

(4) Total current assets divided by total current liabilities.

Capital Structure

<i>Amounts in US\$ thousands</i>	1Q15	4Q14
Cash and cash equivalent	402,378	603,036
Restricted cash	229,500	238,051
Other financial assets ⁽¹⁾	586,047	644,071
Short-term borrowings	192,775	162,054
Long-term borrowings	39,087	256,200
Convertible bonds	382,668	379,394
Corporate bonds	491,976	491,579
Total debt	1,106,506	1,289,227

Cash Flow

Recent Highlights and Announcements

Announcement of 2014 Annual Results (2015-03-30)
SMIC Wins Mirror Post "Outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility" Award for the Second Time (2015-03-27)
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Notification of Approval of the Publication of 2014 Annual Results by the Board (2015-03-16)
SMIC Selected as a Constituent of Hang Seng Mainland 100 (2015-03-09)
List of Directors and Their Roles and Functions (2015-03-06)
Change of Executive Director, Chairman of the Board, Chairman of Nomination Committee and Authorised Representative (2015-03-06)
Dr. Zixue Zhou Appointed as Chairman of SMIC (2015-03-06)
Non-exempt Connected Transactions - Exercise of Pre-emptive Rights by Datang and Country Hill (2015-03-02)
SMIC Achieves 8M Pixel CIS Production on 0.13-Micron BSI with Cista (2015-02-27)
Grant of Options (2015-02-25)
SMIC Receives Investment from China Integrated Circuit Industry Investment Fund (2015-02-13)
SMIC Announces (1) Proposed Issue of New Shares under General Mandate and (2) Pre-emptive Rights of Datang and Country Hill (2015-02-12)
SMIC Reports Unaudited Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2014 (2015-02-09)
Notification of Board Meeting (2015-01-19)
List of Directors and Their Roles and Functions (2015-01-09)
Resignation of Non-executive Director and Authorised Representative and Cessation of Office of an Alternate Director (2015-01-09)
MEMSensing Launches the World's Smallest Commercial 3-Axis Accelerometer MSA330 with SMIC (2015-01-05)

Please visit SMIC's website at http://www.smics.com/eng/press/press_releases.php and http://www.smics.com/eng/investors/ir_filings.php for further details regarding the recent announcements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In US\$ thousands except share data)

	For the three months ended	
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	509,798	485,893
Cost of sales	(359,871)	(376,554)
Gross profit	<u>149,927</u>	<u>109,339</u>
Research and development expenses, net	(53,453)	(53,113)
General and administration expenses	(42,486)	(46,039)
Sales and marketing expenses	(9,205)	(9,436)
Other operating income	721	897
Operating expenses	<u>(104,423)</u>	<u>(107,691)</u>
Profit from operation	45,504	1,648
Other income, net	6,125	10,259
Profit before tax	51,629	11,907
Income tax (expense) benefit	<u>(54)</u>	<u>(10,446)</u>
Profit for the period	<u>51,575</u>	<u>1,461</u>
Other comprehensive income		
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>		
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(400)	309
Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	1,451	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>52,626</u>	<u>1,770</u>
Profit for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	55,477	28,387
Non-controlling interests	<u>(3,902)</u>	<u>(26,926)</u>
	<u>51,575</u>	<u>1,461</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	56,528	28,696
Non-controlling interests	<u>(3,902)</u>	<u>(26,926)</u>
	<u>52,626</u>	<u>1,770</u>
Earnings per share attributable to Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation ordinary shareholders		
Basic	0.00	0.00
Diluted	0.00	0.00
Earnings per ADS attributable to Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation ordinary ADS holders		
Basic	0.08	0.04
Diluted	0.07	0.04
Shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	35,876,740,022	35,448,776,011
Shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	<u>40,180,857,955</u>	<u>36,701,481,913</u>

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Comparable GAAP Measures⁽¹⁾

Non-GAAP operating expenses	<u>(99,669)</u>	<u>(113,212)</u>
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Note:

(1) Non-GAAP operating expenses are defined as operating expenses adjusted to exclude the effect of employee bonus accrual, government funding and gain from the disposal of living quarters. SMIC reviews non-GAAP operating expenses together with operating expenses to understand, manage and evaluate its business and make financial and operational decisions. The Group also believes it is useful supplemental information for investors and analysts to assess its operating performance. However, the use of non-GAAP financial measures has material limitations as an analytical tool. One of the limitations of using non-GAAP financial measures is that they do not include all items that impact our net profit for the period. In addition, because non-GAAP financial measures are not calculated in the same

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(In US\$ thousands)

manner by all companies, they may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies. In light of the foregoing limitations, you should not consider the non-GAAP operating expenses in isolation from or as an alternative to operating expenses prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of the non-GAAP operating expenses to its most directly comparable financial measure presented in accordance with IFRS, for the periods indicated.

	For the three months ended		
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	March 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Operating expenses	(104,423)	(107,691)	(66,533)
Employee bonus accrual	10,492	9,925	2,001
Government funding	(5,514)	(12,721)	(11,972)
Gain from the disposal of living quarters	(224)	(2,725)	(2,859)
Non-GAAP operating expenses	(99,669)	(113,212)	(79,363)

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 (In US\$ thousands)

	As of	
	March 31, 2015 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Property, plant and equipment	3,017,149	2,995,086
Prepaid land use right	134,655	135,331
Intangible assets	206,562	

