TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD Form 6-K October 09, 2008

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 October 2008

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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TSMC September 2008 Sales Report

Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C. October 9, 2008 TSMC (TAIEX: 2330, NYSE: TSM) today announced its net sales for September 2008: on an unconsolidated basis, sales were NT\$28,252 million, a decrease of 8.9 percent from August 2008 and a decrease of 0.9 percent from September 2007. Revenues for January through September 2008 totaled NT\$260,941 million, an increase of 17.2 percent compared to the same period in 2007. On a consolidated basis, net sales for September 2008 were NT\$29,315 million, a decrease of 8.0 percent from August 2008 and a decrease of 0.5 percent from September 2007. Revenues for January through September 2008 totaled NT\$268,595 million, an increase of 17.4 percent compared to the same period in 2007.

TSMC Sales Report (Unconsolidated):

| | | | (Unit: NT\$ million) |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| | | | Increase |
| Net Sales | 2008* | 2007 | (Decrease) % |
| September | 28,252 | 28,496 | (0.9) |
| January through September | 260,941 | 222,659 | 17.2 |
| | | | |

^{*} Year 2008 figures have not been audited.

TSMC Sales Report (Consolidated):

| | | | (Unit: NT\$ million) |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| | | Increase | |
| Net Sales | 2008* | 2007 | (Decrease) % |
| September | 29,315 | 29,454 | (0.5) |
| January through September | 268,595 | 228,771 | 17.4 |

^{*} Year 2008 figures have not been audited.

TSMC Spokesperson TSMC Acting Spokesperson: For Further Information:

| Ms. Lora Ho |
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This is to report the changes or status of 1) funds lent to other parties, 2) endorsements and guarantees, and 3) financial derivative transactions for the period of September 2008.

1) Funds lent to other parties (in NT\$ thousand)

| | Limit of lending | September | Bal. as of period end |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| TSMC | 88,648,113 | | |
| TSMC s subsidiaries | 31,743,412 | | |

- * The deviation was due to the fluctuation in currency exchange rate.
- 2) Endorsements and guarantees (in NT\$ thousand)

Limit of endorsements September Bal. as of period end
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N/A
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* The deviation was due to the fluctuation in currency exchange rate.

companies

3) Financial derivative transactions (in NT\$ thousand)

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Hedging purpose (for assets / liabilities denominated in foreign currencies)

| | | | | Others | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--|
| | | Forward | Swap | Buy put | Sell call | |
| Margin Payment | | | | | | |
| Premium Income (Expense) | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Contracts | Notional Amount Mark to Market | 19,014,075 | 17,059,250 | | | |
| | Profit/Loss Notional | (123,079) | (178,580) | | | |
| Expired Contracts | Amount Realized | 27,662,170 | 278,287,571 | | | |
| | Profit/Loss | (418,957) | 215,488 | | | |

TSMC's subsidiaries

Hedging purpose (for assets / liabilities denominated in foreign currencies)

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|-----------------|--|--|---|--|
| | Forward | Swap | Buy put | Sell call |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Notional Amount | 470,655 | | | |
| Mark to Market | | | | |
| Profit/Loss | 69 | | | |
| Notional Amount | 4,255,099 | | | |
| Realized | | | | |
| Profit/Loss | (7,583) | | | |
| | Mark to Market Profit/Loss Notional Amount Realized | Notional Amount 470,655 Mark to Market Profit/Loss 69 Notional Amount 4,255,099 Realized | Notional Amount 470,655 Mark to Market Profit/Loss 69 Notional Amount 4,255,099 Realized | Notional Amount 470,655 Mark to Market Profit/Loss 69 Notional Amount 4,255,099 Realized |

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.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Date: October 9, 2008 By /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho

Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer