For the year ended 31 December 2001

1 GENERAL

The Company is an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Its ultimate holding company is ASM International N.V. ("ASM International"), a company incorporated in the Netherlands.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. Its principal subsidiaries are engaged in the design, manufacture and marketing of machines, tools and materials used in semiconductor industry.

2 ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE/ CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the current year, the Group has adopted for the first time a number of new and revised Statements of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP"s) issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. Adoption of these SSAPs has led to a number of changes in the Group's accounting policies. The revised accounting policies are set out in note 3. In addition, the new and revised SSAPs have introduced additional and revised disclosure requirements which have been adopted in these financial statements. Comparative amounts for the prior year have been restated in order to achieve a consistent presentation.

The adoption of these new and revised SSAPs has resulted in the following changes to the Group's accounting policies that have affected the amounts reported for the current or prior periods.

Dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date

In accordance with SSAP No. 9 (Revised) "Events after the balance sheet date", dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date are not recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date, but are disclosed as a separate component of equity on the face of the balance sheet. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively.

Segment reporting

In the current year, the Group has followed the basis of identification of reportable segments to that required by SSAP No. 26 "Segment reporting". Segment disclosures for the year ended 31 December 2000 have been amended so that they are presented on a consistent basis.

Goodwill

In the current year, the Group has adopted SSAP No. 30 "Business combinations" and has elected not to restate negative goodwill previously credited to reserves. Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1 January 2001 will be credited to income at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary. Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1 January 2001 is presented as a deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

截至二零零一年十二月三十一日止年度

簡介

本公司為一家於開曼群島註冊成立之豁免公司,其股份於香港聯合交易所有限公司上市買賣。本公司之最終控股公司為於荷蘭註冊成立之ASM International N.V.(「ASM International」)。

本公司為一家投資控股公司。其主要附屬公司業務為 設計、製造及銷售半導體工業所用之器材、工具及 物料。

採納會計實務準則/會計政策之變動

於本年度,本集團首次採納香港會計師公會頒布之若 干經修訂及新訂之會計實務準則,並因此改變部份會 計政策。經修訂之會計政策載於附註3。此外,新訂及 經修訂之會計實務準則增加及修訂披露要求。本財務 報表已採納該等規定。為達致呈報方式一致,去年度 之比較數額已重新編列。

本集團因採納該等經修訂及新訂之會計實務準則,導 致會計政策出現了下列變動,而有關變動已對現行或 過往期間所申報之數額造成影響。

結算日後建議或宣派之股息

根據會計實務準則第9條(經修訂)「資產負債表日後事 項」,於資產負債表日後建議或宣派之股息並不列為負 債,惟須在資產負債表中披露為資本之獨立部份。此 會計政策之改變有追溯效力。

分部報告

於本年度,本集團已採納會計實務準則第26條「分部 報告」所規定有關確定須呈報分部之基準。為達致呈報 基準一致,截至二零零零年十二月三十一日止年度之 分部資料已作出相應修改。

商譽

於本年度,本集團已採納會計實務準則第30條「業務 合併」,亦選擇不重列先前計入儲備之負商譽。於二零 零一年一月一日前因收購而產生之負商譽將於出售有 關附屬公司時計入收益。於二零零一年一月一日後因 收購而產生之負商譽列為資產減值,並將依據情況撥 入收益計算,從而得出結餘。

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group") made up to 31 December each year. All significant inter-company transactions and balances within the Group have been eliminated on consolidation.

The results of subsidiaries acquired and disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from and up to their effective dates of acquisition and disposal respectively.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is recognised as an asset and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life.

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition over the cost of acquisition. Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1 January 2001 will be credited to income at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary. Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1 January 2001 is presented as a deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and when title has passed.

Income from investments, which represents principally interest received and receivable, is accounted for on an accrual basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rates applicable.

Interest income from bank deposits is accounted for on an accrual basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rates applicable.

主要會計政策

財務報表乃按歷史成本規定及依據香港普遍採用之會 計原則編製。本公司所採用之主要會計政策如下:

綜合基準

綜合財務報表包括截至每年十二月三十一日止本公司 及其附屬公司(以下稱為「本集團」)之財務報表。所有 集團內公司間之重大交易及結餘均於綜合時註銷。

本年度購入及出售附屬公司之業績,分別由購入日期 起及截至出售有效日期止列於綜合收益報表。

商譽

於綜合賬目時產生之商譽指有關收購成本超出本集團於 收購當日在附屬公司可辨認資產及負債之公平價值中所 佔權益之部分。商譽乃確認為資產,並按其可用經濟年 期以直線法攤銷。

負商譽指本集團於收購當日在附屬公司可辨認資產及負 債之公平價值中所佔權益超出收購成本之部分。於二零 零一年一月一日前因收購而產生之負商譽將於出售有關 附屬公司時計入收益。於二零零一年一月一日後因收購 而產生之負商譽列為資產減值,並將依據情況分析撥入 收益計算,從而得出結餘。

收入確認

貨物銷售於付運貨物或當移交業權後確認。

投資收入主要包括已收及應收之利息,乃參照尚存本 金以適用利率按應計基準入賬。

銀行存款利息收入乃按尚存本金以適用利率按應計基 準入賬。