

**ASM International N.V. Announces Effectiveness of Registration Statement  
for Resale of \$90.0 Million of Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010**

**BILTHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS, October 9, 2003** ---ASM International N.V. (NASDAQ: ASMI and Euronext Amsterdam: ASM) announces that its amended registration statement to register for resale \$90.0 million 5 ¼% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010 and the underlying ASM International common shares into which the Notes are convertible has been declared effective by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. ASM International sold the notes on May 6, 2003, in a private placement for resale by the initial purchaser to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), and outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Act and in reliance on Section 2(1) of the Exemption Regulation pursuant to the Netherlands Act for the Supervision of Securities Trading of 1995.

In the Netherlands, the notes may be offered or sold only to individuals or legal entities who or which trade in securities in the conduct of their profession or trade. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes. This press release is being issued pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135 under the Act, and pursuant to and in accordance with the Exemption Regulation pursuant to the Netherlands Act for the Supervision of Securities Trading, as amended.

**About ASM**

ASM International N.V. is headquartered in Bilthoven, the Netherlands. ASM International is a global company, serving one of the most important and demanding industries in the world. The Company possesses a strong technological base, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, a competent and qualified workforce and a highly trained, strategically distributed support network. ASM International’s subsidiaries design and manufacture equipment and materials used to produce semiconductor devices. ASM International and its subsidiaries provide production solutions for wafer processing, assembly and packaging through their facilities in the United States, Europe, Japan and Asia. ASM International’s common stock shares trade on Nasdaq (symbol ASMI) and the Euronext Stock Exchange in Amsterdam (symbol ASM). For more information, visit ASM’s web site at <http://www.asm.com>

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