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ASM Announces New Wire Bonder Customers

Bilthoven, The Netherlands, February 24, 2004 -- ASM International N.V. (Nasdaq: ASMI and Euronext Amsterdam: ASM) announced today that its 54%-owned subsidiary, ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd. (Hong Kong Exchanges: 0522), the world's largest supplier of assembly and packaging equipment to the global semiconductor equipment industry, has received initial Eagle-60 gold wire bonder orders from two US customers. The bonder deliveries are slated to begin in March 2004.

Patrick Lam, Managing Director of ASMPT, indicated that these initial bonder orders extend the ASM product range supplied to these valued North American customers. "We are particularly proud of these competitive wins that included extensive evaluation of fine pitch, looping control, bonding quality and throughput capabilities", commented Mr. Lam. "Both US companies are leading global suppliers of advanced integrated circuits used in a broad spectrum of sophisticated power and communications end market applications."

Launched in 2002, the award-winning, Eagle-60 gold wire bonder is the industry's first production machine capable of 35-micron fine pitch bonding. It also offers 20-percent higher productivity than its predecessor model. ASM has gained market share with each generation of new gold wire bonders since introduction in 1998.

About ASM and ASMPT

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>

ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd. with headquarters in Hong Kong, has operations in Shenzhen China, Singapore and Malaysia. It is the world's largest supplier of a full line of assembly and packaging equipment for the semiconductor industry. It also supplies the Photonics and



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Optoelectronics markets. With its financial strength and R&D resources, ASMPT offers its customers total solutions in process innovations, package development and factory automation. ASMPT is 54%-owned by ASM International N.V. ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd. common shares trade on the Hong Kong Exchanges under the symbol: 0522. For more information, visit ASMPT's web site at www.asmpacific.com

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