



ASM International N.V.

## **ASM International Clarifies Guidance Statement Addressed on Second Quarter Conference Call**

**Bilthoven, The Netherlands, July 29, 2004** – ASM International N.V. (NASDAQ: ASMI and Euronext Amsterdam: ASM) said today that, because of an apparent misunderstanding of several statements made during its Second Quarter 2004 conference call on July 28, 2004, concerning the future profitability of its Front-End or wafer processing operations, the company is issuing the following clarification.

ASM International anticipates continued growth for its Front-end semiconductor equipment operations through the second half of 2004 with a further acceleration in 2005, based in part on the anticipated continued industry expansion, but more specifically on the strength of ASMI's recent technology wins across a broad range of product and process offerings, as well as customer spending plans outlined for next generation technology nodes. Based on these industry and customer roadmaps, ASM reiterated that its Front-end business segment is expected to achieve positive earnings from operations in 2005.

ASM's Back-end operations, represented by its 54% ownership in ASM Pacific Technology Ltd.(ASMPT), the world's largest manufacturer of assembly and packaging equipment for the semiconductor industry, have consistently achieved profitability every year since ASMPT was founded in Hong Kong, in 1976.

### **About ASM**

ASM International N.V. headquartered in Bilthoven, the Netherlands, is a global company servicing one of the most important and demanding industries in the world. The Company possesses a strong technology base, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, a competent and qualified workforce and a highly trained, strategically distributed support network. ASM International and its subsidiaries design and manufacture equipment and materials used to produce semiconductor devices. ASM International and its subsidiaries provide production solutions for wafer processing (Front-end segment) as well as assembly and packaging (Back-end segment) through facilities in the United States, Europe, Japan and Asia. ASM International's common stock trades on NASDAQ (symbol ASMI) and Euronext Amsterdam Stock Exchange (symbol ASM). For more information, visit ASMI's website at [www.asm.com](http://www.asm.com)



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