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Washington, DC 20549

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2004

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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Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C., July 30, 2004 Regarding Economic Daily News erroneous front-page report on July 30, 2004, which cited that Morris Chang, TSMC Chairman, was dissatisfied with foreign brokerage houses investment downgrades of TSMC and his statement that TSMC s share price was far underestimated , TSMC made the following clarification:

Yesterday after TSMC s 2Q2004 results conference, when the media requested Dr. Morris Chang s comment on the recent weak performance of TSMC shares, Dr. Chang stated very clearly that I do not comment on TSMC share price. Such statement obviously disproved that of the reporting from the Economic Daily News as stated above.

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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: July 30, 2004 By: /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho

Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer