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ASM INTERNATIONAL N.V. ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO SELL PARTIAL STAKE OF APPROXIMATELY 5% IN ASMPT

ASM International N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam: ASM) ("ASMI") today announces that it intends to sell a stake of 20 million shares of the total outstanding share capital in ASM Pacific Technology Ltd. ("ASMPT") through a partial secondary share placement. Following the planned divestment ASMI will own approximately 34% of the shares in ASMPT.

ASMI views long-term value creation as very important. Regularly the Management Board reviews its strategy and, as part of that, the position it holds in ASMPT. The most recent review led to the conclusion that a further reduction of its shareholding of approximately 5% was justified. The Management Board remains of the opinion that, at this moment, a significant stake in ASMPT is of strategic value to ASMI.

Sale of partial stake in ASMPT and use of proceeds

ASMI is proposing a reduction of its stake in ASMPT through an accelerated bookbuild offering to institutional investors of 20 million shares representing a stake of approximately 5% in ASMPT which is launching now.

ASMI intends to use the proceeds for a new share buyback program.

This new share buyback program will be in addition to the one which was announced on March 2, 2017.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited is acting as bookrunner for this transaction.

Once the outcome of the offering has been established, ASMI will make a further public announcement. ASMI has agreed to a 180 day lock-up period.

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ASM International NV, headquartered in Almere, the Netherlands, its subsidiaries and participations design and manufacture equipment and materials used to produce semiconductor devices. ASM International, its subsidiaries and participations provide production solutions for wafer processing (Front-end segment) as well as for assembly & packaging and surface mount technology (Back-end segment) through facilities in the United States, Europe, Japan and Asia. ASM International's common stock trades on the Euronext Amsterdam Stock Exchange (symbol ASM). For more information, visit ASMI's website at <u>www.asm.com</u>.

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