

# NEWS RELEASE

**Kuala Lumpur, 13 February 2004** – Unisem (M) Berhad (Unisem) is pleased to announce that it has successfully raised US\$100 million through an issue of convertible Eurobonds by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Unisem International (Labuan) Limited convertible into ordinary shares of, and guaranteed by, Unisem. The transaction represents the first tranche of an intended US\$150 million issue, with the second tranche for the remaining amount planned to be issued over the next 12 months. ING Bank N.V. acted as Sole Global Coordinator of the issue and ING Bank N.V. and Credit Suisse First Boston acted as Joint Bookrunners.

The issue was highly successful and was approximately 8 times oversubscribed by investors from all over the world other than in Malaysia or in the United States. Approximately, 30 per cent of the issue was placed in the United Kingdom, some 30 per cent with offshore United States investors, 25 per cent to Hong Kong investors and 15 per cent to Europe. The first tranche was issued on 12 February 2004 to investors.

The convertible bonds pay a 2 per cent cash coupon semi annually until the bonds expire in five years, on 12 February 2009. On 12 February 2007, investors have the opportunity to sell back, or put, the bonds to the issuer at 107.12 per cent providing a yield of 4.25 per cent. Yield at redemption of the bonds has been set at 112.39 per cent equivalent to a yield of 4.25 per cent. The issue was priced on 6 February 2004. Investors can convert the bonds into shares of Unisem at a price of RM14.00 - representing a 29.6 per cent premium to the closing price on 6 February 2004.

The net proceeds of the issue is mainly for capital expenditure, the acquisition of other packaging and test companies and for general working capital requirements.

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## **About Unisem**

Unisem was incorporated in 1989 and commenced operations in 1992 as an independent IC packaging and test house. Unisem provides full turnkey solutions to its customers in wafer probing, packaging and testing of ICs, tape and reel, and dropship services. Since its commencement, Unisem has invested approximately RM890 million in land, buildings, plant and machinery in its main production facilities in Ipoh, Malaysia. The factories have a total built-up of approximately 570,000 square feet and are erected on a 15-acre site. Unisem has a current staff strength of approximately 3,600.