



Press Release

- **Unisem ends the year with RM569.0 million revenue, 15.2% growth from FY2004**
- **Profit before taxation increased by 18.4% to RM39.8 million**
- **Net income recorded at RM22.3 million for FY2005**

Kuala Lumpur, 27 February 2006 – Unisem (M) Berhad today announced results for the fourth quarter (**4Q05**) and the financial year ended 31 December 2005 (**FY2005**).

The Group's revenue for the 3-month ended 31 December 2005 rose 8.6% to RM167.8 million compared to RM154.6 million in the prior quarter (**3Q05**). Net profit of the Group for 4Q05 recorded at RM12.0 million compared to net income of RM13.7 million in 3Q05.

Correspondingly the Group's 4Q05 revenue represents an increase of 39.1% compared to RM120.7 million in the same quarter a year ago (**4Q04**). Net profit for 4Q05 was RM11.4 million higher than the net income of RM0.6 million in 4Q04.

For FY2005, the Group recorded revenue of RM569.0 million, an increase of 15.2% from the revenue of RM493.9 million in financial year ended 31 December 2004 (**FY2004**). Net profit for FY2005 was at RM22.3 million compared to net profit of RM34.3 million in FY2004.

Group earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (**EBITDA**) margin rose to 34.7% in 4Q05 compared to 33.6% in 3Q05. For FY2005 the Group recorded EBITDA of RM172.7 million, an increase of 27% as compared to RM135.9 million in FY2004. EBITDA margin for the financial year grew from 27.5% in FY2004 to 30.4% in FY2005. The improvement was mainly due to increased revenue, improved product mix and higher capacity utilization. Equipment capacity utilisation rose to about 80% in 4Q05 from about 70% in 3Q05.

Group's capital expenditure committed in 4Q05 was RM122.2 million, principally for equipment, construction of cleanroom facilities and factory buildings. Total Group's capital expenditure committed in FY2005 was RM277.6 million.

Outlook

The managing director, Mr John Chia commented, "At Unisem, we saw a sequential quarterly growth of 8.6% in revenue, a record quarterly revenue, in 4Q05. We expect continued strength in Unisem's business arising from strong market demand. This is in line with the trend in the semiconductor industry and bodes well for Unisem's prospects in the coming financial year."

Mr. Chia concluded, "The Board of Directors has recommended a tax-exempt final dividend of RM0.05 per share." The final dividend is subject to shareholders' approval at the coming annual general meeting.