



## Press Release

### **UNISEM RECORDED RM331.2 MILLION REVENUE, RM24.3 MILLION IN NET INCOME IN 3Q 2008**

**Kuala Lumpur, 6 November 2008** – Unisem (M) Berhad today announced results for the third quarter ended 30 September 2008 (**3Q08**).

The Group recorded revenue of RM331.2 million for 3Q08, an increase of 8.8% compared to RM304.5 million in the same quarter a year ago (**3Q07**). The increase was mainly due to the increased revenue contribution from Unisem Chengdu and overall sales volume. Group's net profit of RM24.3 million for 3Q08 was lower compared to RM30.9 million achieved in 3Q07. This was mainly attributable to higher foreign exchange losses and higher utilities cost.

As compared to the prior quarter (**2Q08**) the Group revenue represents an increase of 2.2% from RM324.1 million. Net profit decreased 2.8% to RM24.3 million for 3Q08 compared to RM25.0 million in 2Q08. The decrease in profits was mainly due to higher foreign exchange losses and higher utilities cost.

For the 9-month period ended 30 September 2008 (**9m08**), the Group recorded revenue of RM966.0 million, an increase of 57.7% from the revenue of RM612.6 million in the same period ended 30 September 2007 (**9m07**). Net profit for 9m08 was at RM71.5 million an increase of 17.2% compared to RM61.0 million in 9m07.

Group earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (**EBITDA**) for 3Q08 was about RM72.8 million, EBITDA margin was about 22%. Equipment capacity utilization averaged at about 77% in 3Q08. Group capital expenditure incurred in 3Q08 was about RM52.8 million, principally for purchase of equipment for packaging, wafer bumping and final test activities for Unisem (M) Berhad, Unisem Chengdu, Unisem Mauritius and Unisem-Advanpack Technologies Sdn Bhd.

Commenting on the outlook of the Group, Mr. John Chia Sin Tet, group managing director said, "The unprecedented turmoil in the financial markets globally in recent weeks will inevitably have an adverse impact on the Group's operations. Measures have been put in place to mitigate a likely slowdown in the Group's revenue and earnings in the near term. The Board of Directors however believes that despite an imminent slowdown the longer term prospects of the Group remains positive given the diversity of our products and services, the geographical spread of our facilities and the growing trend in the industry towards total outsourcing of assembly and testing services to subcontract houses in the Far East."

#### **About Unisem**

Unisem is a global provider of semiconductor assembly and test services for many of the world's most successful electronics companies. Unisem offers an integrated suite of packaging and test services such as wafer bumping, wafer probing, wafer grinding, a wide range of leadframe and substrate IC packaging, wafer level CSP and RF, analog, digital and mixed-signal test services. Our turnkey services include design, assembly, test, failure analysis, and electrical and thermal characterization. With approximately 9,500 employees worldwide, Unisem has factory locations in Ipoh, Malaysia; Wales, United Kingdom; Chengdu, People's Republic of China; Batam, Indonesia and Sunnyvale, USA. The company is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. For more information about the company, its products and services, please visit its website at [www.unisemgroup.com](http://www.unisemgroup.com).