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July 24, 2006

1934 Act Registration No. 1-14700

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

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 2006

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)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F V Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No V

(If "Yes" is marked, indicated below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82: .)

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TSMC REAFFIRMS STRONG FOUNDRY PARTNERSHIP WITH ATI

HSINCHU, TAIWAN, R.O.C. - JULY 24, 2006 - TSMC said today that based on our discussions with ATI, our business with ATI will continue as usual after its merger with AMD. This merger will not affect ATI's relationship with TSMC. As a part of AMD, ATI's business will continue to operate in a fabless business model and maintain its strong foundry partnership with TSMC.

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SIGNATURES

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 24, 2006

By /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer