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ASE Inc. Press Release

Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C., March 17, 2016 – Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. (TWSE Code: 2311, NYSE Code: ASX) ("ASE") announced today that the tender offer by ASE for common shares (including common shares represented by American depositary shares) of Siliconware Precision Industries Co., Ltd. ("SPIL"), launched on December 29, 2015, was unsuccessful due to failure to satisfy the tender offer conditions, as ASE did not receive approval from the Taiwan Fair Trade Commission ("FTC") for the proposed combination between ASE and SPIL before the expiration of the tender offer. Over 27.57% of SPIL shareholders participated in this tender offer. ASE sincerely thanks all members of various fields who supported this tender offer, particularly all SPIL shareholders who participated in this tender offer. ASE deeply regrets not being able to purchase shares from all participating SPIL shareholders due to the FTC not approving the proposed combination before the expiration date of this tender offer. ASE has instructed its tender agents to return all shares to participating SPIL shareholders as soon as possible.

Currently, the Taiwanese semiconductor packaging and testing industry is facing an unprecedented and intense challenge. Semiconductor businesses of other countries and regions – both integrated device manufacturers ("IDMs") and outsourced assembly and test ("OSAT") companies – have dramatically improved their global competitiveness through large-scale mergers and acquisitions, and certain players have arisen in the global market with significant support from the government. ASE deeply believes that, only if Taiwanese packaging and testing peers form a national team to face numerous current challenges through the active integration of resources and response to government policies, can the Taiwanese packaging and testing industry maintain its competitive advantage. ASE's acquisition of an equity interest in SPIL was aimed at seeking cooperation with SPIL in order to consolidate both parties' resources and excellent teams. In so doing, both parties could grasp the opportunity of next-generation packaging and testing technologies, welcome the arrival of the "Internet of things" and miniaturization, and jointly create a new blue ocean for the Taiwanese packaging and testing industry against a backdrop of intensifying competition in the global semiconductor industry from IDMs and OSATs.

During the tender offer period, ASE listened with an open mind to the opinions and recommendations expressed by individuals from all walks of society, and hereby makes the following four statements:

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- 1. ASE's determination to seek integration with SPIL has not changed; after obtaining the FTC's approval, ASE expects to continue seeking the support of SPIL shareholders in order to complete the acquisition of 100% equity interest in SPIL.
- ASE's promise to maintain SPIL's legal entity status, legal entity name, current employee benefits, work conditions and personnel regulations, and retain the current SPIL management team and all employees with the utmost good faith to protect their employment right, has not changed.
- 3. In order to realize ASE's promise to maintain its roots in Taiwan, integrate the industry, innovate technology, and look after SPIL employees, suppliers and industry partners, concurrent with the acquisition of SPIL, ASE will plan to establish an industrial holding company in Taiwan. In the future, the industrial holding company will separately hold 100% equity interests in both ASE and SPIL, both of which shall retain their legal entity status, allowing ASE and SPIL to become parallel sibling companies under the same holding company, and at the same time jointly creating a platform for mutual benefit that maintains the current operating model of the two companies. The newly established industrial holding company will be listed in Taiwan (and the American depositary shares of the new holding company will be listed in the U.S.) and all current operations of ASE and SPIL in Taiwan will be maintained. ASE will invite, in utmost good faith, Chairman Lin and President Tsai of SPIL to join the board of the industrial holding company and jointly manage the industrial holding company with ASE's management team. In addition, they will continue to serve as chairman and president of SPIL, respectively, and lead the current SPIL management team to look after all SPIL employees as well partners in the up-, mid- and downstream industry chain.
- 4. Driven by the twin engines of ASE and SPIL's packaging and testing, the newly established industrial holding company can be expected to strengthen resource consolidation in Taiwan's current semiconductor packaging and testing and related industries and become a new innovation platform for the industry. By drawing on the strength of up-, mid- and downstream businesses in the semiconductor packaging and testing industry, it can face the challenges posed by intense changes in the global semiconductor landscape.

Faced with new competition in the greater environment and the major decision of the industry's future development, ASE sincerely calls upon individuals from all walks of domestic society to adopt a macro perspective and soberly view the impact of development trends in the global semiconductor industry on the Taiwanese packaging and testing industry. Integration of the Taiwanese packaging and testing industry is both necessary and timely. The merger between ASE and SPIL is neither a fight for management rights nor an act of impulse, but rather a critical question of survival for the entire Taiwanese semiconductor packaging and testing supply chain. Founding a business is not easy, but conserving what has been established is even more difficult. ASE's management team deeply believes that simply maintaining the status quo and reaping the fruit of our predecessor's labor is not a currently

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acceptable option.

Based on our determination for sustained operation in Taiwan, as well as our promise to look after the families of tens of thousands of Taiwanese employees, ASE chose to take the first step in integration. We also hoped our tender offer could stimulate the industry's integration, generate complementary synergy, and help the future development of the Taiwanese semiconductor industry reach a new high point in terms of enhanced efficiency, economic scale, and depth of research and development and innovation. Even though the process of integration has its challenges and difficulties, building on past success is our joint responsibility and society's expectation. ASE sincerely hopes that SPIL and ASE can jointly create the glory of Taiwan, so that a brighter day may soon arrive for the next generation of the Taiwanese semiconductor packaging and testing industry.

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