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Via E-mail

Tzu-Yin Chiu
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**Re: Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation
Form 20-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015
Filed April 25, 2016
File No. 001-31994**

Dear Dr. Chiu:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Martin James

Martin James
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Office of Electronics and Machinery