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Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20549

Re: Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. – Rule 12g3-2(b) Filing, Commission File No. 82-3109

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) (1) (i) of Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Should you have any questions on the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call Jin Hyuk Park of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, U.S. counsel to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. at (852) 2514-7665. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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## New Investment in 6<sup>th</sup> TFT-LCD Line

## **Investment Summary**

- **Purpose**: The Company targets to strengthen its industry leadership by capitalizing on early-mover and cost advantages in the fast growing larger size (17" and above) desk-top and TV markets
- Amount: Total of 1.224 Trillion KRW (2003 784 Billion KRW, 2004 440 Billion KRW)
  - 717.9 Billion KRW out of the 784 Billion KRW 2003 proposed investment are not included in '03 Capex budget
  - 66.1 Billion KRW was included in 2003 Capex budget for the shell construction
- Capacity: 60K/Month (1,100\*1,300 mm²)
- Production Schedule: Initial production begins in Dec. 2003

## **Investment Rationale**

- TFT-LCD market trend: Larger and faster diffusion
  - Driven by a rapid transition to larger panels and higher diffusion rate,
    the TFT-LCD market is expected to grow at an annual average rate of 23%
    - (2002 66 million units, 2007 189 million units)
  - Monitor: Driven by accelerated LCD adoption and transition to larger panels, the market is expected to grow at an annual average rate of 26%
    - LCD diffusion rate: 2002 30%  $\to$  2003 43%  $\to$  2005 52%
    - Above 17" share:  $2002\ 35\% \rightarrow 2003\ 49\% \rightarrow 2005\ 68\%$
  - LCD TV: Market is expected to grow at an annual average rate of

70%, propelled by Improving technology but declining panel prices

- Launch of digital satellite broadcasting in 2H '03 in Japan is expected to trigger the demand
- Demand for family size (20"~40") TV is likely to materialize earlier than expected

## ■ 5G productivity comparison

Size (m²)		15"	17"	19"	20"	22W"	32"
5G	1100x1250	15	12	9	6	6	2
	1100x1300	16	12	9	9	8	3