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TRANSFER OF LISTING AND QUOTATION OF ASTI SHARES TO SGX MAINBOARD

Singapore, 25 April 2005 – SESDAQ-listed ASTI Holdings Limited (“ASTI” or “The Group”), a leading global technology company and market leader in semiconductor equipment, service and machine vision, is pleased to announce that it has been granted in-principle approval for the transfer of the listing and quotation of its shares from SESDAQ to the SGX Mainboard.

ASTI shares, which have been listed on SESDAQ since 8 July 1999, will be traded on the Mainboard from 9am on 28 April 2005.

Commenting on the transfer from SESDAQ to Mainboard, Mr Charles Cher, CEO of ASTI said, “The transfer to Mainboard is testament to ASTI’s credible track record. We would like to thank our shareholders for their unwavering support of our Group. With our Mainboard status, we hope to be better able to attract institutional investors and improve the visibility of the Group.”

ASTI has an issued and paid-up share capital of \$30,438,421.50 comprising 304,384,215 ordinary shares of \$0.10 each.

The transfer of the listing and quotation of ASTI shares will have no effect on the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries.

About ASTI Holdings Limited

ASTI, listed on the SGX SESDAQ, is a leading global technology company and market leader in semiconductor equipment, service and machine vision inspection solutions.

ASTI has a comprehensive range of semiconductor equipment that encompasses wafer level CSP/bare die sorting systems, vision inspection and tape and reel systems, laser markers and lead conditioners.

ASTI is also one of the world’s leading providers for semiconductor inspection services as well as IC device programming services. We serve as an alternative to allow our customers to optimize their resources on their core value propositions.

ASTI's proprietary machine vision inspection applications represent the cornerstone of our technology, enabling precise characterization of mechanical defects such as flawed laser markings, cracks, chips and misaligned leads. With our intelligent software, in-house digital cameras and programmable lighting systems, we offer customized solutions for inspection needs in semiconductor, electronics, pharmaceutical and biometrics industries.

ASTI currently operates in Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, India, United Kingdom and the USA.

ASTI reported a 222% jump in net profit for FY2004 to S\$17.8 million on turnover of S\$117.9 million, an increase of 66% from FY2003.

For more information on ASTI, please visit its website : www.astigp.com

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