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The British medium Financial Times (FT.com) reported the interview of Rick TSAI, chief executive of TSMC, on 11th-May, 2009, releasing that “ [t]he world’s biggest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, is considering diversifying away from chips for the first time in its 22-year history to combat declining industry margins.” In stead, TSMC may turn its regard to green sector.

“If you look at the past five to 10 years, growth [in the industry] has slowed down,” Rick TSAI, chief executive, told the Financial Times. “It is very logical and natural for a company of our size to look for opportunities for extra growth.” As a matter of fact, at the beginning of May, ibid., TSMC has appointed Ying-cheng CHAO, president of TSMC China, to head a new business unit that will look at possibilities in green energy, such as solar panels. “In the long term, the world needs to be a greener place,” Mr. TSAI said, but added that no decision had been made. “We’re looking at these things from a very long-term point of view. It’s not just try to get in and make a quick profit.”

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