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## REPORT: **Wafer dicing by Laser-MicroJet®**

for

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### TASK

The Laser-MicroJet® technology has been tested for dicing of specific wafer (Si: 230µm + Black material: 100µm).

The goal of this study was to demonstrate the capabilities of an IR laser for dicing of “black material”.

### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION AND PREPARATION

| SAMPLE | Material  | Silicon and black material |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------|
|        | Dimension | Ø 300 mm                   |
|        | Thickness | 330 µm                     |
|        | Quantity  | 2 pcs                      |


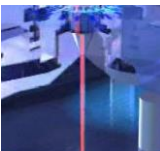

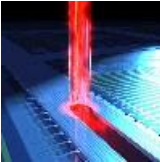
2 wafers were available for this new set of tests.

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## PROCESS: INSTRUMENT & TEST PARAMETERS

For these experiments, the LDS 200M equipped with an IR Laser has been used as the machine configuration in our lab.

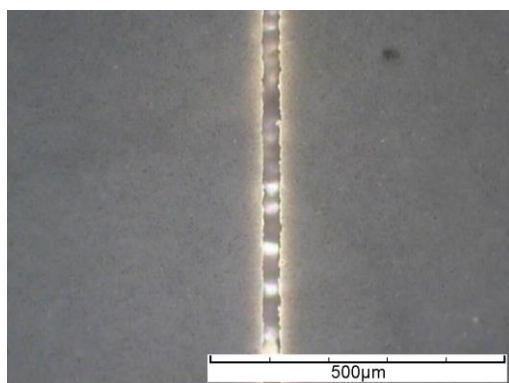
In the table below, the optimized processing parameters used in the experiments are summarized:

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|    | <b>SYSTEM</b>                  | Machine type       | LCS 300           |
|    | <b>MICROJET®<br/>PARAMETER</b> | Nozzle diameter    | 40 $\mu\text{m}$  |
|   |                                | MicroJet® diameter | ~32 $\mu\text{m}$ |
|   |                                | Water pressure     | 150 <i>bar</i>    |
|   |                                | Assist gas         | He                |
|   | <b>LASER PARAMETER</b>         | Laser type         | L101IR            |
|   |                                | Wavelength         | 1024 <i>nm</i>    |
|   |                                | Pulse frequency    | 50 <i>kHz</i>     |
|   |                                | Average power      | ~30 <i>W</i>      |
|   |                                | Pulse width        | ~400 <i>ns</i>    |
|  | <b>CUTTING PARAMETER</b>       | Cutting speed      | 100 <i>mm/s</i>   |
|   |                                | Number of passes   | 6                 |

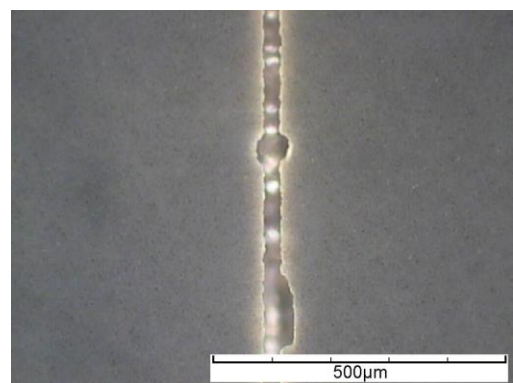
## RESULTS

The highest priority was to optimize the process to get the best cutting quality.

The following microscope pictures give an overview on the quality obtained with the Laser-Microjet® technology.



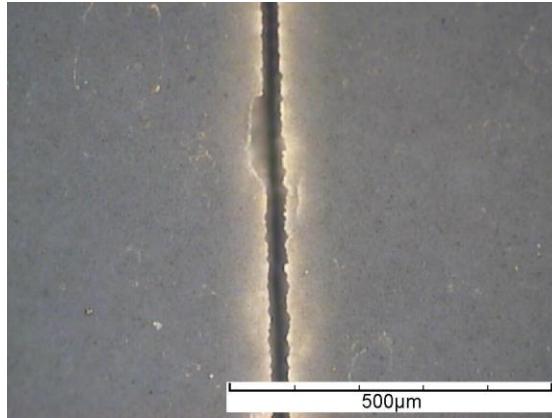
**PICTURE 1:** Microscope image of a line (top view)



**PICTURE 2:** Microscope image of the same line (top view). Some delamination is visible.

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You can find below the result obtained with a 50 $\mu$ m nozzle and a short pulse green laser (G60)



**PICTURE 3:** Microscope image of a line with the highest magnification (bright field illumination; top view)

Note: Only grooving trials were tried with the IR laser as the main priority was to focus on cutting mold with high quality.

## CONCLUSION

These tests show that:

- Laser wavelength does not have any real impact on mold cutting
- Low Pressure and low fluence are very important to limit the chipping and delamination of the mold compound.
- 100 mm/s seems to be the optimal cutting speed
- Mold bounding quality may be critical for delamination

Next step:

Additionnal tests are going to be performed with the first laser source (G30 laser) used for cutting silicon. This laser has a shorter pulse width (~15ns) and this may has an impact on the cutting quality.