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- Video leading CMOS wafer processing fab
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My background

- 1994 EE
 - Faculty of Electronic Engineering EF, Nis, Srbija
- 2000 PhD
 - EPFL Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2000-2006
 - XEMICS SA & Semtech Coorporation, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 2007 Today
 - CSEM Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology, Neuchâtel, Switzerland



CSEM at a glance

 Incorporated, not-for-profit *Research and Technology Organization (RTO)*, supported by the Swiss Government



CSEM's technology programs

- MEMS
- Surface engineering
- Systems
- Ultra-low-power integrated systems





Fostering innovation ...



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Microelectronics at CSEM

- 30 years history of low power IC design; roots in Swiss watch industry
- Leading edge **low-power** and **low-voltage** RF/Analog/Digital IC experience
- R&D of complex analog/digital **ASICs** and **System-on-Chip** (SoC)
- Team of 70 including 60 experienced designers & embedded software engineers
- Global ASIC service :
 - Design
 - Industrialization
 - Management of the Production and Test
 - Fabless One-Stop ASIC Shop





Innovation for extended battery life



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Global semiconductor market

• Semiconductor market today is >300 billion dollar market



Source: IC Insights, Infineon and Yole Développement



Top 12 Worldwide semiconductor foundries by revenue (Millions of U.S. Dollars)

Rank Company	2012 Revenue
1TSMC	17130
2Globalfoundries	4200
3UMC	3602
4SMIC	1702
5 Samsung	1295
6TowerJazz	639
7IBM Microelectronics	634
8 Powerchip Technology	614
9Hua Hong NEC	602
10Vanguard International	580
11Dongbu HiTek	478
12MagnaChip Semiconductor	390
Others	2711
Total Market	34577



Source: Gartner

Technology process nodes & CAPEX



Semiconductor foundry main players

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Global Capacity

Installed Monthly Capacity for Each Geographic Region by Minimum Geometry as of Dec-2012



Source: IC Insights

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Moore's Law & more





Source: ITRS

In summary - what are the semiconductor global trends?

- Big market
- High production volumes
- Huge investments
- Activity shift toward Asia
- Fabless business increasing
- CMOS technology domination
- Intensive R&D for "More Moore (Moore's law)"
- Less players in More Moore
- More Moore & More-Than-Moore in parallel



Video (youtube.com)

- An example of a leading CMOS, fully automated, wafer processing fab
- Automation; 500-1000 steps per lot
- Main Manufacturing Areas
 - Diffusion
 - Ion Implantation
 - Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)
 - Photo Lithography
 - Etching
 - Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD)
 - Chemical Mechanical Polishing (CMP)
 - Process Control & Inspection
 - Testing & Packaging



CMOS clean room environment - Huge manufacturing facility!

- Large infrastructure with several floors
 - Including an easy access to the fab the equipment installations for service and maintenance
 - Huge, closed machines (clusters) several tones each
 - Deionized water installation
 - Vibration isolation
 - Clean air conditioning including also temperature & humidity control
 - Materials & wafer storage
 - Hazardous chemicals storage and security including sensor systems ...
- Continuous, guaranteed (back-up) power (large) supply
 - 1.4 to 1.6 kWh (chip fabrication) per 1 cm² IC => 20MW for 30kwfr/m





Fab international & local suppliers

- Equipment/tools
- Consumables
 - Chemicals
 - Materials
 - ...
 - Cloths cleaning
 - ...
- Services
 - Logistics / Customs
 - IT







Design services



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Serving all aspects of design enablement and turnkey services, OPC/mask operations and assembly solutions.

Design Tools	Library Solutions	IP Solutions	SoC Design Services	Mask Services Partners	Assembly/ Test Services	Analog & Mixed Signal/RF Design Services
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Human resources (non exhaustive list)

- 24h/7d non-stop operation
- Process engineers (no real R&D; process porting)
- Operators
- Maintenance engineers
- Electrical engineers
- IT engineers
- Quality & reliability engineers
- Material scientists and chemistry experts
- Customer support/application engineers
- Business and administration ...
- A modern fab => easily up to 1000 people; many with high qualifications



Quality & reliability

- Discipline
 - Strict application of quality procedures
- Document control
- Qualification plans & reliability testing
- Engineering Change Notice
- In-line process control
- Process Control Monitoring (silicon gating PCM)
- Failure & structural Analysis
- Quarterly reliability monitoring





Conclusions

- Semiconductor fab is serious business decision requiring extensive investments
- Could generate numerous qualified jobs and side companies, including IC design
- Technology could be ported to the new fab (no important R&D)
- Engineers, operators ... can be trained during the installation phase
- Numerous international experts would be required to manage, install and maintain the fab
- It would be great chance for the Serbian High-Tec development
- Can Serbia offer the right environment and qualified staff?



Thank you for your attention!



