

## **COMPANY PRESENTATION**

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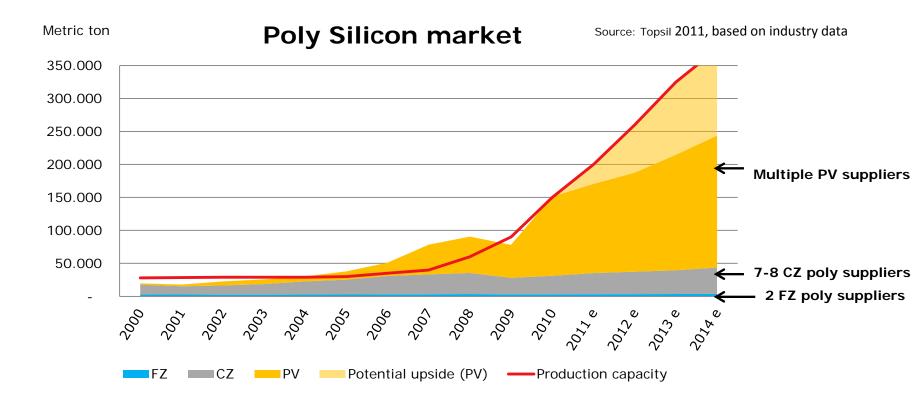
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#### POLY MARKET, LONG TERM AGREEMENTS (LTAS)



## POLY SILICON MARKET CONSIDERABLE GROWTH DRIVEN BY PV



 Poly silicon for PV market cannot be used in CZ or FZ markets due to differences in technical specifications.

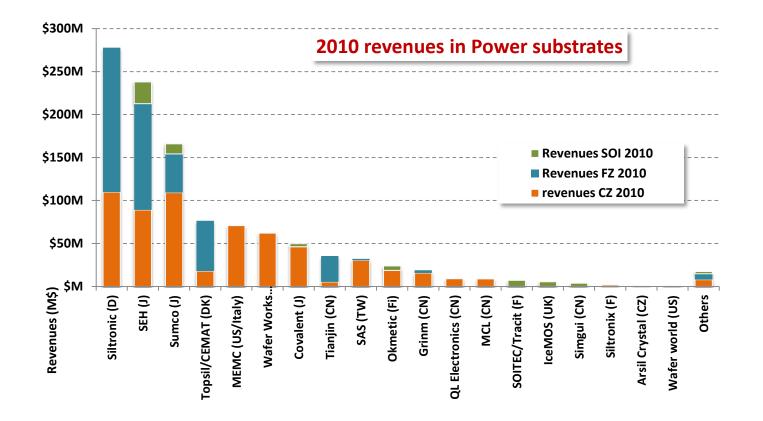


## **POLY SILICON FOR FLOAT ZONE A FRACTION OF OVERALL POLY MARKET**

- Poly for FZ manufacturing constitutes diminutive percentage of aggregated poly market.
- Poly for Float Zone is attractive business for existing FZ manufacturers:
  - Very few players in the market place
  - Supply/demand characterised by 2 suppliers and 5 customers; bargaining power at supplier
  - Alternative source (CZ/FZ) established in 2007 by one of the major FZ manufacturers.
- Entry of new FZ poly suppliers unlikely, due to relatively small market and high entry barriers (Poly silicon technology and production difficult and costly to develop).



# FLOAT ZONE MANUFACTURERS



Source: Yole Developpement, 2011

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## LONG TERM AGREEMENTS - POLY AN INDUSTRY STANDARD

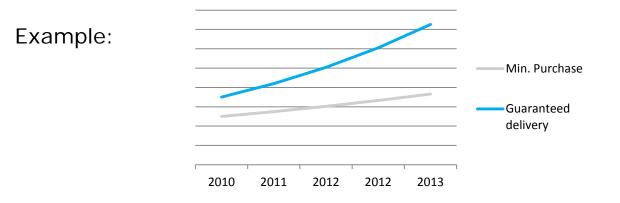


- All three poly-technologies are available to Topsil, Long Term Agreements (LTAs) applicable for 1+2.
- Topsil has entered into LTAs to safeguard access to poly used for NTD.
- LTA is industry standard for poly silicon supply.
- >90% of poly for FZ manufacturing is supplied in LTAs.
- Purchase outside the LTAs is depending on accessible capacity, relations, etc. Prices will be equal to or higher than LTA prices.
- No correlation between CZ-poly and FZ-poly pricing.

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### LONG TERM AGREEMENTS - POLY CENTRAL TO MANAGE AND REDUCE RISK

- LTAs are strategically important to Topsil.
- Contracts stipulate agreed volume + price within a certain period.
- In support of Topsils growth plans, the LTAs safeguard increasing poly levels year on year.
- Topsil to purchase agreed volumes in 2011.





## POLY QUALITY ISSUE



### BOLY QUALITY ISSUE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED

Quality issue: "Challenge in reaching uniform quality, compared to historic levels"

- Quality issue with one supplier in first half of 2011 is currently under investigation.
- Long history of being able to reach mutually beneficially solutions on technical as well as business issues.
- Both parties have keen interest in solving the matter and expanding business.
- Topsil is confident to reach agreement.
- In addition to pending issue, technology improvements to optimise yield and support of future 8" FZ is being discussed.



CUSTOMER LONG TERM AGREEMENTS (LTAS)



#### LONG TERM AGREEMENTS - CUSTOMERS SIX CUSTOMERS SIGNED UP

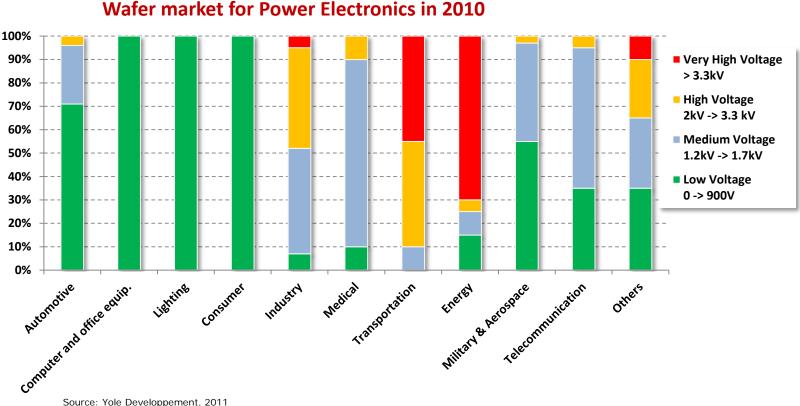
- Long Term Agreements (LTAs) with six main customers from 1-1-2010 which gave customers favourable terms in exchange for committed purchase
  - Three contracts renewed three new contracts.
- Contents of LTAs according to customer preferences: Some customers prefer to include main part of orders in LTA (contracted prices, yet more volume fixed), whereas others prefer less volume fixed, yet market prices outside of LTA coverage.
- In total, contracts secure volumes corresponding to 40% of 2010 revenues.
- LTAs introduced by Topsil to link and balance poly contracts with sales (reduce risk) and build customer relations (not industry standard).
- No changes to contractual framework or agreed terms since launch.



#### NTD, TRANSPORT SECTOR



#### **TRANSPORT AND ENERGY MARKETS REQUIRE HIGHEST VOLTAGE LEVELS**

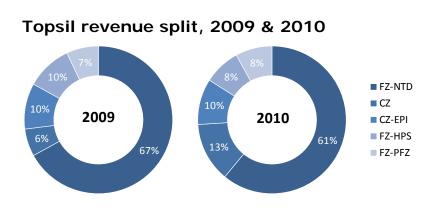


Source: Yole Developpement, 2011



#### MARKET LEADER HIGH-VOLTAGE NTD

- Market position on NTD unchanged, total market share of around 7% on power market, 2010 and 2011 to date\*.
- App. 50% market share of NTD in main segments.
- NTD accounted for 61% of total sales in 2010.
- Current estimate that app. 1/3 of Topsils NTD sale in 2010/11 to be used in the transport sector, mainly traction.





#### Actual development - not as expected!

Source: Yole Developpement, 2009



\* Source: Topsil and Yole Developpement, 2011





### R&D A KEY DRIVER - IN SILICON WAFER MARKET

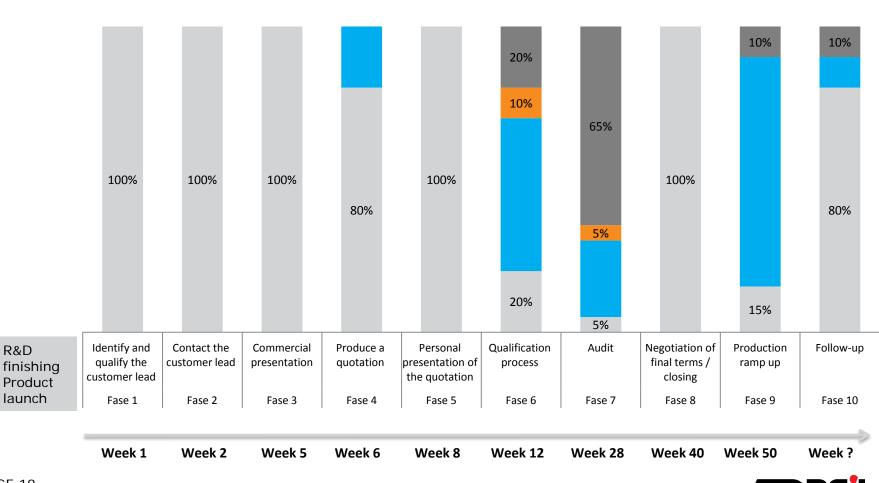
Development in wafer sizes driven by production line requirements (i.e 6" line, 8" line)

- CZ (start 1960s): 3" -> 4" -> 5" -> 6" -> 8" -> 12" -> 16" (400mm) -> 18" (450mm)
- FZ (start 70s): 3 " -> 4" -> 5" -> 6" -> 8"
- 12" FZ theoretically possible.
- Lifecycle of given diameter typically 15-20 years (FZ) and 10 years (CZ).
- Marked development drivers: Technical performance, equipment availability, cost and quality (yield).

		Launch	First Cry	stal	Proces	s locked	Samp	oles Qua	alified	
Product	Proje	ct start Crystal G	rowth	Design of Experiment		Produc	ct capability	Product release	Qualificati follow u	
Time	Yea	ır 0		Year 1		Yea	r 2		Year 3	



# (APP. 3 ITERATIONS OF PHASE 6)



■ Sales ■ Operations ■ R&D ■ QA

#### NEW PRODUCT, 6" PFZ WAFER FOR 600V AND 1200V DEVICES

In December 2010 a new product for IGBT's was released - 6" PFZ - with optimised resistivity control based on a new **patented** 6" and 8" technology platform.

- PFZ represents more than 60% of the total FZ market. Topsil has less than 1% market share in the PFZ market.
- Optimised electrical parameters for medium power devises for industrial, and automotive applications.
- Product parameters have been benchmarked against "best in class" competitor and found "comparable if not better".
- Production experience of 6" PFZ will be used in the 8" development and production ramp.
- PFZ qualifications are running according to plan in terms of expected volume and number of customers – but 1-1½ year delay.





## NEW PRODUCT, 6" PFZ - STATUS WAFER FOR 600V AND 1200V DEVICES

#### Status:

Product development, launch of product and qualification has been more time-consuming than originally anticipated:

- Prioritisation of daily business to PFZ development (machine allocation).
- Decision to extend final R&D work by six months in order to achieve premium electrical product properties.
- Customer motivation (qualification is time consuming and costly).

#### Lessons learned:

- Prioritise R&D equally to daily production (machine allocation).
- New products should be introduced wihtin the customer qualification window.
- Product development, launch and qualification need to run in parallel.



## NEW PRODUCT, 6" EPI WAFER FOR 600V AND 1200V DEVICES

Topsil released a new 6" thick EPI product for medium power devises, Q2 2010.

- CZ-EPI is the most commonly used substrate for low and medium power devises.
- CZ-EPI wafers serve as a common device platform and are used by most power devise manufacturers either in-house or at semiconductor foundries.
- Optimised electrical parameters for medium power devises for consumer, industrial, and automotive applications.
- FZ customers are typically also using CZ-EPI, depending of application.



## NEW PRODUCT, 6" EPI - STATUS WAFER FOR 600V AND 1200V DEVICES

#### Status

Development of new, EPI-product has been more time consuming than originally anticipated:

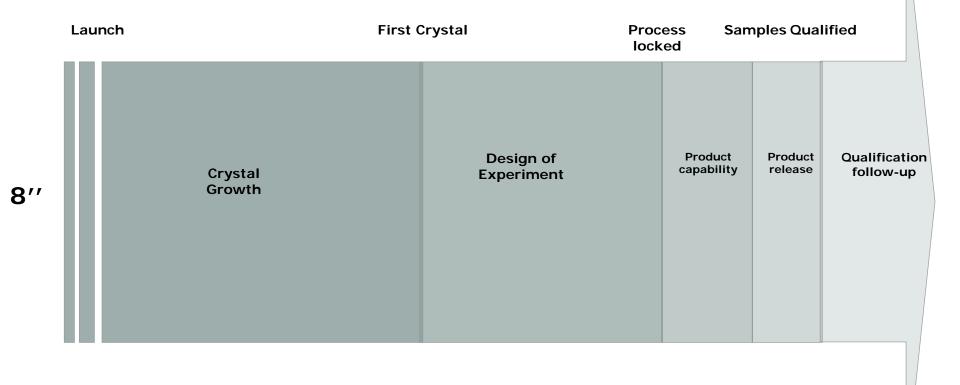
- Process knowledge from existing products not fully transferable to new product R&D was required.
- Specific, technical challenges and issues needed to be resolved.
- Qualification successfully achieved, but variances in production have delayed production ramp.

#### **CZ-business in general**

- CZ substrate sales disappeared unexpected within a very short time frame, customers left 4+5" in favour of 6". Warsaw operation has limited 6" capacity.
- Less bulk CZ, according to plan, however this happened far faster than we have been able to introduce new, thick CZ-EPI.
- New special CZ product getting ready for volume production, following customer demand.



## **INEW PRODUCTS, 8" NTD AND PFZ DEVELOPMENT ON TRACK**





#### CAPACITY EXPANSION NEW FZ-PLANT



- Construction following plan, walls up starting week 38.
- Construction to be completed 2012, followed by step-by-step transfer of technology and people.



## CAPACITY EXPANSION PLANNING OF SMOOTH TRANSFER

- Internal planning procedure in progress.
- Topsil team appointed to handle qualification in close cooperation with each customer.
- Qualification of new plant not to interfere with ongoing manufacture, i.e. old site not to be closed down until qualification completed at new plant.
- Transfer planning addressed with customers (initial phase).







## **WARSAW PLANT RESTRUCTURING PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED**

#### Situation

• Revenue down, fixed cost high.

#### **Response - Execution**

- Solve thick CZ-EPI technicalities, finalise qualification
- Capacity utilisation, sourcing
- Service provision under close examination, with a view to renegotiating service packages
- Trim of organisation.

#### Time frame

Plan to reach break-even shortly to be presented to BOD in very near future.



## WARSAW PLANT

## **– ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES**

- Positive response from Topsil's existing customers who deem Topsil's market position to be strengthened in terms of better control of production and supply chain.
- Developed capability for new feedstock using CZ as feedstock for FZ processes.
- Improved quality of NTD wafers:
  - Developed quality assurance processes to test and support special requirements of high voltage devices
  - In-source wafering of special NTD wafers
  - Established 8" wafering capability to support R&D program
- Strengthened supply chain:
  - Centralised efficient warehouse for Topsil group
  - Established sourcing organisation for ingots and wafers
- Developed waste handling recycling of FZ remelt used for CZ ingots.



#### MARKET OUTLOOK



## LONG TERM MARKET OUTLOOK REMAIN ATTRACTIVE

#### 2010

 Strong underlying market, market growth on high and very high voltage levels, long visibility, 20% increase in wafer volume, analyses pointed towards continuous, very favorable growth rates.

#### 2011

- Shorter visibility late impact of financial crisis, apparent short term market fluctuations.
- Traction Slow-down of projects and project execution due to safety and economics discussion.
- Slow down in the introduction of renewables (e.i. infrastructure and transformers).

#### 2012

• To be communicated March 2012 (Annual report).

#### Long term

• Overall market expectations remain intact acc. to analysts and main customers.



#### MANAGE-MENT FOCUS



### STRATEGIC CHALLENGES -MANAGEMENT FOCUS

$\sum$	Challenge	$\mathbf{>}$	Response		
New Plant Operation					
•	Time to operation /qualification	•	Primary focus on growth in volume; less on closing date for old plant		
New Product Introductions					
•	Delays in PFZ and EPI qualification and sales (R&D etc.)		Projects Groups around PFZ and EPI		
			Solve technical CZ-EPI issues, qualify, ramp		
Core	e business - NTD				
•	Market fluctuations	•	Regain momentum for NTD		
Cost	focus				
•	Cost improvements reached through yield improvements for Topsil and Cemat		Cost improvement programme scaling to reach target		
			Cemat to be run as a production site		
Research & Development					
•	Time to market 8" NTD and PFZ + cost	•	8" Integrated Product Development is scaled to reach target (ingot, wafering etc.)		

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## BACK UP



## **VALUE CHAIN**

THE FLOAT ZONE PROCESS - FROM POLYSILICON TO WAFER



STEP

or











QUARTZ SAND

REDUCTION

DISTILLATION SIEMENS PROCESS

POLYSILICON







**FZ PROCESS** 

CZHOCHRALSKI PROCESS - FROM CRUSHED POLYSILICON TO WAFER

THE FLOAT ZONE PROCESS - FROM POLYSILICON TO WAFER



IRRADIATION

(NTD)



WAFERING



**FINISHED WAFER** 





POLYSILICON



CZ PROCESS







EPITAXY PROCESS

FINISHED WAFER

FROM TOPSIL TO CUSTOMER















DIFFUSION

COMPONENT

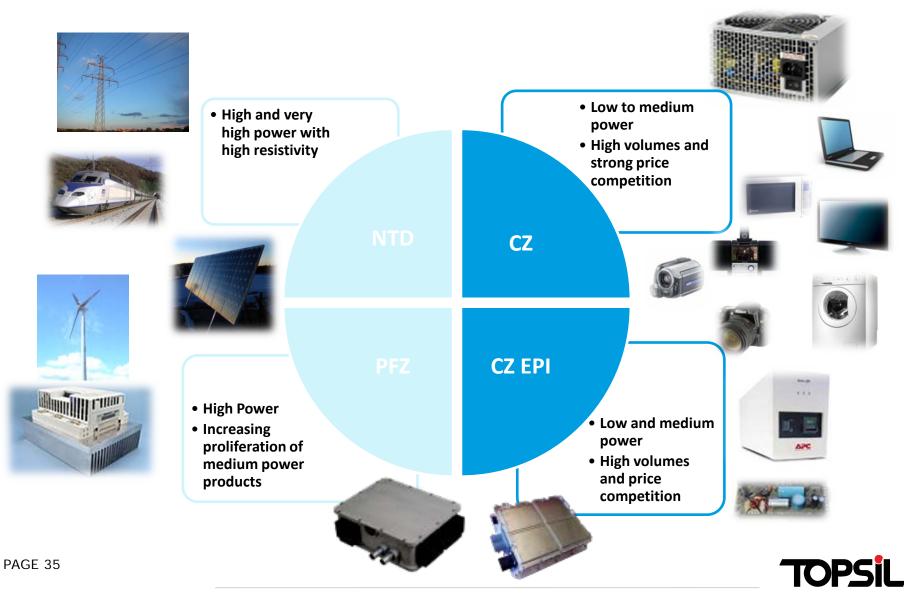
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END-USE

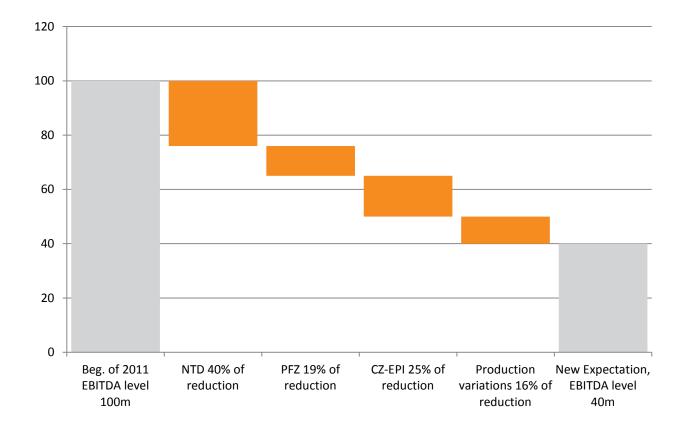


CZ

#### **TOPSIL IS DEDICATED TO HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVICES**

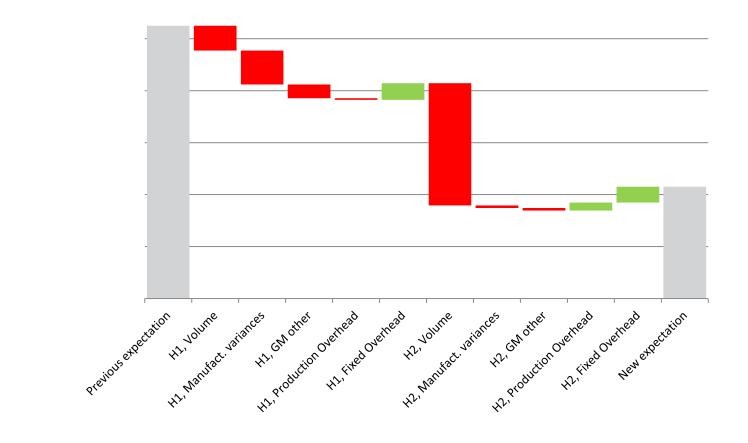


#### ADJUSTED EBITDA 2011





#### **EBITDA EXPLANATIONS**





#### STATUS, NTD

		NTD			
Q2 2011	<ul> <li>NTD sales down late Q2/early Q3. Contract customers adjust present orders and downgrade number of orders for the year</li> </ul>				
Status 2011	<ul> <li>Market down on the short term. Late impact of financial crises</li> <li>Infrastructure and transport sectors hit</li> <li>Chinese decision on lowering maximum speed of high speed trains to direct affect Topsil sales</li> <li>Market share maintained</li> </ul>				
• Growth is expected from 2H, 2012 and forward (based on customer expect					
	NTD 2011	NTD Future			
Market outlook		-			
E 38	Revised     compared to Q1	TOPS			

### **STATUS, CZ-EPI AND NEW PFZ PRODUCT**

	EPI and PFZ			
Q2 2011	<ul> <li>Oualification delay compared to original planning</li> <li>CZ-EPI technical qualification issues</li> <li>PFZ qualification running well, although delayed</li> </ul>			
Status 2011	<ul> <li>Delay to have negative impact on sales</li> </ul>			
Future	<ul> <li>CZ volume growth from 2013 and forward</li> <li>PFZ volume growth from 2012 and forward</li> </ul>			
	2011	Future		
Market outlook	<b>*</b>	×		



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