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1. **Scope, Purpose, Methodology**

- **Scope**: This Critical Materials Report™ primarily focuses on the markets of silicon parts used in semiconductor process equipment, including silicon base materials and silicon equipment components for wafer process tools used for semiconductor device manufacturing. These parts are considered consumables, given that they are eventually require replacing after repeated use. Details on the supply-chain from high purity polysilicon, base material manufacturers, and silicon fabricators are provided.

- **Purpose**: This report aims to provide an overview of the above scope silicon material and parts supply chain, serving the semiconductor industry. The report includes information on the market landscape of silicon parts suppliers in addition to their dependency on raw materials. This information about this critical material is essential in the running of the semiconductor wafer fabs across the world. The goal is to annually (or bi-annually) track the state of the industry: the health of the supply and demand; to pinpoint any shortcomings or issues faced by the industry; and to provide a guidance for purchasing and industry quality improvement decisions. Business and technical trends relating to changes in the semiconductor industry are also provided to help the reader understand the drivers behind the silicon parts market. We hope to provide a dialog and feedback opportunities for related stakeholders to fine-tune and better manage the supply ups and downs.

- **Methodology**: We track micro-economic and macro-economic trends pertaining to the semiconductor industry and track overall industry trend and needs, equipment supply and demand situation, deduction towards the silicon material requirement, and supplier/fabricators situation one by one. From this vantage point, we check the suppliers/fabricators and the base material company information, and then the raw materials market information. Included in our work is an analysis of public information, website information, supplier interviews, supplier surveys, supplier peer-data cross-checking, and reference comparison. In addition, we conduct a material base usage calculation with respect to a demand and supply micro-economic analysis. We then conduct a forward and backward sweep of the forecast until data is in sync. In the meantime, for the data points that are missing, we use past historic, forward-looking data, and peer data so to extrapolate from three different levels of cross-checking. This provides us an estimation based on judgment from industry experience. Information provided was generated through a combination of primary and secondary market research supported by TECHCET’s database of market information on semiconductor equipment consumables and process materials.
1.1 Supply Chain & Value Chain of Silicon Parts

The value chain of silicon equipment parts starts with polysilicon providers that supply to ingot makers. The ingot is then fabricated into parts before being sold to OEMs or Chip makers, as shown below. This report touches upon each segment of this value chain, with a primary focus on Parts Fabrication.
1.2 OVERVIEW OF OTHER TECHCET CMR™ REPORTS

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