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MALAYSIA'S PIONEER WAFER FOUNDRY MOVING AHEAD

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KUCHING, March 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's Kuching-based pioneer wafer foundry is going on well with volume production using the 0.25um process technology.

"The company has also introduced the 0.18um technology," according to 1st Silicon (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd chief executive officer, Claudio Loddo.

He told Bernama that the current facility was also capable of manufacturing down to 0.13um technology.

"The types and quantity of equipment installed and to be installed are according to plans to meet market demand in both wafer volume and processing technologies," he said.

He added that the timing and schedule and cost involved were constantly being managed and in line with market requirements.

Loddo was responding to questions by e-mail on when the US\$800-million plant would start migrating to 0.13um following manufacturing trends within the global industry to meet customers' new requirements.

The Sarawak State government hold a major stake in the country's first 200mm foundry that was formally declared open by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Feb 23, 2001.

It started its first engineering run in Sept 20, 2000. -- BERNAMA  
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