James Webb Space Telescope Program

Mirror Manufacturing Status

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Axsys Technologies - Status



Status as of 5/24/2007

- Primary Mirror Segments
 - EDU is Complete
 - All 18 flight Primary Mirror segments are complete
 - Spare B and C segments almost 3/4 complete
 - Axsys is fabricating beryllium delta frames that attach to the back of each segment
 - 1 complete, 12 in work
- Secondary Mirror
 - First Secondary Mirror is complete
 - Second Secondary Mirror ~ 30% complete
- Tertiary Mirror
 - Tertiary Mirror is in work and ~ 30% complete



Flight Segment Machining is Complete





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Attention: Martyn Acreman General Manager Axsys - Precision Machined Products

Subject: BATC Subcontractor Recognition

Reference: Subcontract 03JRL00010

Dear Mr. Acreman:

On behalf of Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. (BATC), : would like to take this opportunity to recognize Axeys Technologies' successful completion of the Primary Mirror Segment machining for the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). This is a major milestone for Axeys Technologies, and one that has been critical to BATC and the continuing success of the entity JWST project.

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JWST is the next great observatory being developed by NASA's Goldard Space Flight Center (GSFC). It is an infraredoptimized space telescope designed to study the earliest stars and galaxies formed after the Big Bang. Optics are the heart of any telescope and the quality of the large hexagonal mirrors being produced by the Berytium Mirror Team is vital to the mission of the JWST observatory.

Axeys Technologies' completion of the benyllium blank machining shows the determination and dedication of the Axeys Technologies team. This team has demonstrated excellent problem solving akils, outstanding project management and upper management support to keep the program focused on success. We have benefited from the attention to detail and willingness to continually improve the manufacturing process at your Cullman, AL, Facility.

BATC is very pleased with the excellent working relationship that has developed with Axsys Technologies. Your willingness to do what it takes to get the job done has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to a long and prosperous working relationship in the future. Once again, congratulations on the successful completion of the Primary Mirror Segment machining.

President and chief Executive Officer Ball Aerospace& Technologies Corp.

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Axsys Technologies In-Process Photos



Machining of all 18 flight beryllium Primary Mirror blanks completed at Axsys Technologies



Machining of flight beryllium Secondary Mirror blanks at Axsys Technologies



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TM Setup Piece during pocket machining

18 PM Segments - As-Machined Optical Surfaces











Delta Frame Production at Axsys Technologies





Delta Frame In-process Pictures at Axsys Technologies



L3 – SSG - Tinsley Major Accomplishments



- Primary Mirror manufacturing hardware is on-line
- Metrology equipment development is nearing completion
- The EDU segment continues to path-find the process at Tinsley
- The receipt of 17 flight Primary Mirror segments
 - 14 segments have entered coarse grinding phase
 - 4 segments have completed coarse grind and are in Smooth Out Grind phase



- Secondary Mirror received at Tinsley and hardware needed for processing at Tinsley is nearing completion
- Completed significant investment to upgrade the Tinsley quality system to meet demanding needs of JWST mirror manufacturing



Ed Weiler's Q&A with Tinsley Team





"There will be only once for the First view of the First Light from Galaxies forming at the beginning of the Universe"





Lively Q&A with the Tinsley crew

and discussion of why JWST will not have HST situation with spherical aberration



PM Manufacturing Hardware is on-line







Computer-controlled Optical Surfacing Machines (8X) 8 qualified for production



Fixture Transfer Station (1x) 1 qualified for production



Thermal Processing Chambers (2x) 2 qualified for production



Metrology Equipment Integration Nearing





IR Scanning Shack-Hartmann Wavefront Sensor (2x) 1 qualified, 1 in qualification



CMM Profilometer (2x) 2 qualified for production







Visible Interferometric Test Station (2x) 2 in integration





PMSA EDU (PM Segment SN EDU) Status



- EDU continues to be pathfinder for Tinsley process
- EDU is nearing the end of the smooth out grind process and will enter into the rough polishing phase next







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Batch #1 (Pathfinder) PM Segments



PMSA #1 (EDU-A / A1 / A1)

PMSA #5 (11 / B3 / B3)

Batch #2 PM Segments



PMSA #4 (5 / A2 / A2)

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PMSA #2 (6 / B2 / B2)

PMSA #3 (7 / C2 / C2)

PMSA #6 (12 / C3 / C3)



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Batch #3 PM Segments



PMSA #7 (13 / A4 / A4)

PMSA #8 (17 / B5 / B5)

Batch #4 PM Segments



PMSA #10 (16 / A5 / A5) BATC MSR 5-23-07 PMSA #11 (20 / B6 / B6)

PMSA #12 (15 / C4 / C4)

PMSA #9 (4 / C1 / C1)



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Batch #5 PM Segments



PMSA #13 (8 / A3 / A3)

PMSA #14 (22 / B7 / B7)

Batch #6 PM Segments

PMSA #15 (18 / C5 / C5)



Machining complete at Axsys, TRL-6 activities complete at Ball, Model correlation at NGST complete.



PMSA #16 (19 / A6 / A6) BATC MSR 5-23-07 PMSA #17 (6 / B1 / B1)

PMSA #18 (21 / C6 / C6)



Secondary Mirror Processing at Tinsley



Secondary Mirror has been Received at Tinsley



Tinsley's SM hardware is nearing completion and SM processing at Tinsley should begin soon



Hindle shell for Tinsley Test in work

SM surrogate used for GSE qualification

CCOS machine being upgraded for SM



BATC Mirror Manufacturing Accomplishments



- 1st flight segment shipping container built and qualified
 - Used to ship B1 from BATC to NGST for acoustic testing



- SMA GSE nearing completion
 - SMA GSE mounts and cryogenic test hardware nearing completion
 - SMA GSE lenses in polish phase at L3-SSG-Tinsley
- Ball Optical Test Station (BOTS) plans / designs are in work
- Initial hexapod test / characterizations are complete
- PM cryogenic testing plans / designs are in work
- Coating requirements defined and vendor selection should happen this summer



SMA GSE for Cryogenic Test Status: Mounts in Integration at BATC and Lenses in Polish at Tinsley



SMA Optical GSE Handling and Rotation Fixtures



SMA Optical GSE Mass Simulators



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SMA Optical GSE Mount Alignment Station

SMA Optical GSE – Aspheric Test Plate Lens in Polish





SMA Optical GSE – Illumination Lens in Polish



- Determining the surface figure affects of the C2 to C3 conversion
- Create a gravity back-out file to be used at XRCF



BATC Hexapod Assembly and Test







XRCF PMSA Integration Plans in Development



XRCF Chamber

- Each PM will be tested at cryogenic temperatures at the XRCF to:
 - Create a cryogenic hit map
 - Demonstrate the segments pass final requirements

5 Around Test Stand Designs are Maturing



JWST Mirror Manufacturing Summary



Ball Aerospace

- Cryogenic testing plans for the Primary Mirror segments and Secondary Mirror are well under way
- Optical and mechanical GSE for the Secondary Mirror cryogenic test is nearing completion
 - Mounts are built and lenses are in polishing phase

Axsys Technologies

- All flight Primary Mirror segment blanks have been completed
- First Secondary Mirror blank has been completed
- Spare Secondary Mirror, flight Tertiary Mirror, and PM delta frames are in work

Tinsley Laboratories

- Primary Mirror manufacturing hardware is complete and metrology equipment integration is nearing completion
- 18 Primary Mirror segments and 1 Secondary Mirror are at Tinsley for processing
- 15 Primary Mirror segments have entered into the grinding phase of processing