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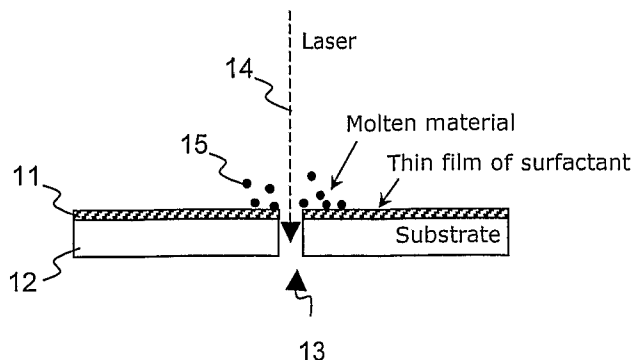
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machined is protected by a surfactant film (11) from debris
(15) produced during machining with a laser beam (14) by
reducing adherence to the surface of debris produced by
the laser machining. The surfactant film is preferably sub-
sequently removed together with debris (15) deposited
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