**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A laser processing apparatus, comprising:

a holding table configured to hold a workpiece thereon;

a laser beam generation unit configured to generate a laser beam to be irradiated upon the workpiece held on the holding table;

a branching unit configured to branch the laser beam emitted from the laser beam generation unit into a first laser beam on a first optical path and a second laser beam on a second optical path;

a condenser configured to condense the laser beams branched by the branching unit on a processing face of the workpiece;

an output power measuring unit configured to measure output power of the laser beam emitted from the laser beam generation unit and having passed through the condenser; and

blocking member positioning means disposed between the condenser and the output power measuring unit, said blocking member positioning means including a blocking member and configured to move the blocking member transverse to the first and second optical paths between a first laser beam blocking position at which the

blocking member completely blocks only the first laser beam on the first optical path and a retracted position at which the blocking member blocks none of the first and second laser beams;

the branching unit including an adjustment unit configured to adjust output power balance between the first and second laser beams branched at least to the first optical path and the second optical path.

2. The laser processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an image pickup unit configured to pick up an image of the blocking member; and

a control unit configured to control at least the laser beam generation unit and the blocking member positioning means, wherein

the control unit controls the blocking member positioning means based on a position of the blocking member detected based on the picked up image of the blocking member picked up by the image pickup unit.

3. The laser processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image pickup unit picks up an image of the workpiece held on the holding table.

4. An output power checking method for checking, in a laser processing apparatus in which a laser beam

emitted from a laser beam generation unit is branched at least to a first laser beam on a first optical path and a second laser beam on a second optical path by a branching unit, and the first and second laser beams are condensed to and irradiated upon a processing face of a workpiece held on a holding table by a condenser, output power of the first and second laser beams, the output power checking method comprising:

a total output power measurement step of measuring total output power of the first and second laser beams emitted from the laser beam generation unit and condensed by the condenser;

a blocking step of moving a blocking member transverse to the first and second optical paths and completely blocking at least the first laser beam of the first optical path emitted from the laser beam generation unit and condensed by the condenser using a blocking member;

a non-blocked laser beam output power measurement step of measuring output power of the first and second laser beams, which are not blocked by the blocking member, in a state in which the blocking step is carried out; and

a laser beam output power calculation step of calculating, based on the value measured at the total

output power measurement step and the value measured at the non-blocked laser beam output power measurement step, first output power of the first laser beam branched to the first optical path and second output power of the second laser beam branched to the second optical path.

5. The laser processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the blocking member is mounted on a mounting unit, said mounting unit including a cutout portion.

6. The laser processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the blocking member is a plate that is fastened to said mounting unit, said blocking member being made of a ceramic material.

7. The output power checking method according to claim 4, wherein the blocking member is mounted on a mounting unit, said mounting unit including a cutout portion.

8. The output power checking method according to claim 7, wherein the blocking member is a plate that is fastened to said mounting unit, said blocking member being made of a ceramic material.