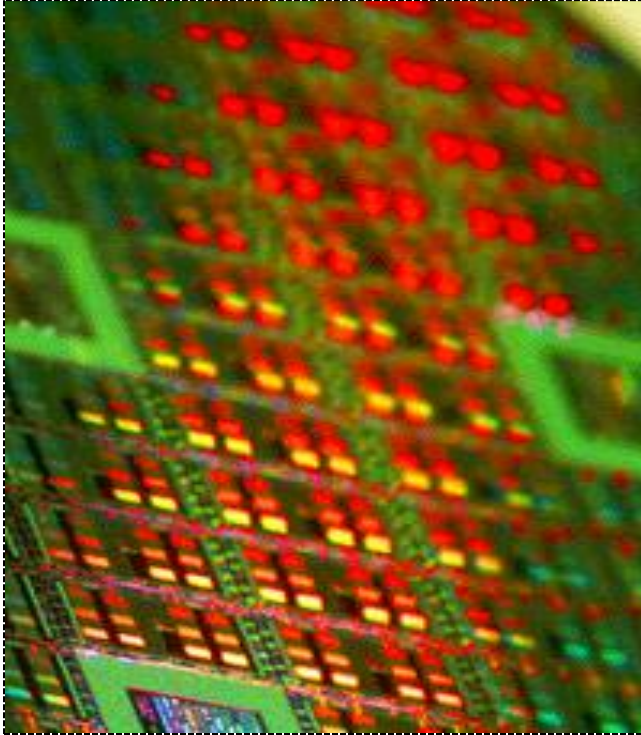




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Summary of the Process

- Announced intention in November 2020 to seek capital by listing Tongmei to IPO in China
- Separate listing of Tongmei, no change regarding the current Nasdaq listing of AXTI
- Tongmei's IPO application was formally accepted for review by the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") in January 2022
- The SSE approved the application in July 2022
- The application is now being reviewed by the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC")
- If approved, the next stage in this process is to conduct a series of one-on-one meetings with interested investment funds in China and assess the level of interest
- Once the meetings are concluded Tongmei's investment banker could request a listing date to begin trading
- We hope to receive CSRC approval in the coming months



Ownership of Tongmei

- AXT currently owns approximately 85.5% of Tongmei
- An additional 10% will be sold if the IPO is approved
- AXT would then own approximately 77% of Tongmei



Benefits to Key Shareholders

- **AXT shareholders**
 - Attractive balance sheet, minimal dilution
 - Displays and leverages/unlocks China assets
 - Strengthens AXT's business development positioning
- **Our customers**
 - Increases confidence in our ability to scale up
 - Confirms our commitment to their projects and to winning their business
- **Our employees**
 - Creates excitement, pride and financial opportunity
 - Strengthens retention, motivation and commitment to excellence

A close-up photograph of a microchip, showing a grid of red and yellow components on a green substrate.

Thank You