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The technology was dubbed the ETSI DECT-2020 NR since its standardization was largely coordinated by the Sophia Antipolis, France-based European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and involved numerous European

Because it is inherently decentralized and thus not tied to any single infrastructure, the technology is said to cost significantly less than existing cellular networks, both in terms of money and in its carbon footprint.

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The announcements were made at a TSMC house event, the 2021 Online OIP Ecosystem Forum.

The foundry also highlighted the participation of its EDA partners in helping to support the N3 node, to assure eager chip designers that the tools to design and test ICs for N3 will be ready and available. Synopsys jumped the gun; it announced its tools for supporting N3 a full week before TSMC's event. Cadence subsequently had its quarterly earnings call and mentioned its products supporting N3 only after being chided by an analyst for not responding immediately to Synopsys. Siemens waited until the opening day of TSMC's conference to announce its N3 tools.

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Among those listed in the EE Times Silicon 100 startups to watch in 2021, MixComm said the deal with Sivers is worth between \$135 million and \$155 million, depending on achieving commercial milestones. That represents a more than 10-fold return on \$116 million investment by early backer Kairos Ventures.

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However, there are some statements there that, in this time and age, seem to no longer apply. Such as that the corporate executive should not make expenditures on reducing pollution beyond the amount that is in the best interests of the corporation or that is required by law in order to contribute to the social objective of improving the environment. Because such an act will reduce the returns to stockholders of the business, as he is spending their money.

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Most of the capital expenditure is for Bosch's recently launched 300-mm wafer fab in Dresden, where manufacturing capacity is expected to ramp up faster in 2022.

The €1 billion fab began producing chips for Bosch power tools in July, six months ahead of schedule, and chips for the automotive sector in September 2021, three months ahead of the original plan.