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German FDI regulator spoils GlobalWafers' €4.35 billion Siltronic deal

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All good things are worth waiting for? Not in the case of the planned takeover of Munich-based chip supplier Siltronic by its Taiwanese rival GlobalWafers. After more than a year of intense FDI screening, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action let the deal fail. Exceptionally, not by prohibiting it: the procedure simply took too long. The Ministry did not render a decision before GlobalWafer's bid expired on 31 January with a new bid being unlikely. Whether you think the non-decision is a cop-out or a false signal, it once again highlights the impact FDI screenings can have on M&A deals – especially for investors from the Far East and targets from the high-tech sector. Here are our key takeaways on timeline and contractual measures.

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