

SINTX Technologies, Inc.

Q2 about inline. We believe biomedical and ceramic armor commercialization ramp in 2023 to be positive for stock. Lowering P/T to \$10.

Q2 about inline: SINTX recently (on August 8) reported its Q2 2023 (ending June) results. Revenue was \$0.5 million, compared with our and consensus estimates of \$0.6 million. Net loss was \$3.4 million or EPS of \$(0.78), compared with our estimates of \$(0.70) and consensus of \$(0.80). There was no Q2 guidance.

Operating expenses: Operating expenses were \$3.6 million (vs. \$4.0 million in Q1).

No guidance: Management again declined to provide forward guidance.

Lowering 2023 estimates: We are lowering our 2023 estimates for revenue to \$2.3 million, from \$3.0 million, and for EPS to \$(3.67) from \$(3.39).

Focused on silicon nitride commercialization: SINTX is focused on developing silicon nitride products for medical and non-medical products in collaboration with medical/non-medical products manufacturers. The company believes that silicon nitride has a superb combination of properties that make it ideally suited for many medical applications. The company is actively developing products with its OEM partners and have shipped prototype orders.

Enters ceramic armor market: In July 2021, SINTX acquired from B4C, LLC the equipment and technical processes required to make ballistic armor plates. The acquisition price was ~\$2.8 million. Separately, SINTX entered into a technology license agreement with Precision Ceramics USA Inc. to manufacture a ceramic composite for defense armor applications. SINTX announced in February 2023 that its new SINTX Armor facility in Utah is operational.

Large market potential: The company is aiming for wide commercial opportunities across medical and non-medical industries for silicon nitride.

Key catalysts expected in 2023: SINTX's goal in 2023 is to reach key technology and sales milestones including: 1) support CTL and drive further adoption of silicon nitride spinal fusion devices 2) develop commercial opportunities outside of spine 3) apply its silicon nitride technology platform to other OEM opportunities 4) launch of SINTX Armor.

Acquisition of TA&T: In June 2022, the company acquired Technology Assessment and Transfer, Inc., increasing SINTX's capabilities in the aerospace, defense, and biomedical markets. TA&T is an advanced ceramics business that specializes in developing innovative materials for defense, biomedical, and industrial applications. The purchase price was \$760,000.

Cash balance: The company ended Q2 with \$9 million in cash and no debt. In Q1, the company raised \$12 million selling stock (2.2 million shares at \$5.60). We believe the company has enough cash until mid-2024.

Positive high risks versus rewards: While we expect numerous silicon nitride products to be announced over the next year, there is still a long road to successful product commercialization. However, we believe the ~billion dollars market potentials presents a high reward for the risks.

Current valuation attractive: Maintaining our BUY rating, but lowering our 12-month price target to \$10 from \$15. This is based on a NPV analysis, representing significant upside from the current share price. We believe this valuation appropriately balances out the company's high risks with the company's high growth prospects and large upside opportunities.

Company Description

Based in Salt Lake City, UT, SINTX Technologies is an OEM ceramics company that develops and commercializes silicon nitride for medical and non-medical applications.

Stock Data

Exchange:	NasdaqCM
52-week Range:	\$1.11 – 58.00
Shares Outstanding (million):	4.4
Market cap (\$million):	\$6
EV (\$million):	\$(3)
Debt (\$million):	\$0
Cash (\$million):	\$9
Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million):	\$0.2
Float (million shares):	4
Short Interest (million shares):	~0
Dividend, annual (yield):	\$0 (NA%)

Revenues (US\$ million)

	<u>2023E</u> <u>(Cur.)</u>	<u>2023E</u> <u>(Old)</u>	<u>2024E</u> <u>(Cur.)</u>	<u>2024E</u> <u>(Old)</u>
Q1 Mar	0.5A		0.9E	1.0E
Q2 Jun	0.5A	0.6E	1.0E	1.2E
Q3 Sep	0.6E	0.8E	1.1E	1.3E
Q4 Dec	<u>0.7E</u>	<u>1.1E</u>	<u>1.4E</u>	<u>1.5E</u>
Total	2.3E	3.0E	4.4E	5.0E
EV/Revs	N/A		N/A	

Earnings per Share (pro forma)

	<u>2023E</u> <u>(Cur.)</u>	<u>2023E</u> <u>(Old)</u>	<u>2024E</u> <u>(Cur.)</u>	<u>2024E</u> <u>(Old)</u>
Q1 Mar	(1.74)A		(0.72)E	(0.67)E
Q2 Jun	(0.78)A	(0.70)E	(0.73)E	(0.68)E
Q3 Sep	(0.76)E	(0.68)E	(0.73)E	(0.69)E
Q4 Dec	<u>(0.75)E</u>	<u>(0.67)E</u>	<u>(0.70)E</u>	<u>(0.69)E</u>
Total	(3.67)E	(3.39)E	(2.88)E	(2.74)E
P/E	N/A		N/A	

*Reflects a 1:100 reverse stock split in December 2022.

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COMPANY UPDATE

Rating: BUY

Ticker: SINT

Price: \$1.28

Target: \$10
(from \$15)

Exhibit 1: SINTX Investment Highlights

SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO & EXPERTISE

SINTX holds a broad portfolio of advanced ceramics materials, with application across technical, antipathogenic, and medical market sectors. SINTX has unmatched global expertise in the development and application of silicon nitride, the premium portfolio offering.

EVOLVING

SINTX has fundamentally transformed over the past two years from a specialty materials company into an OEM that can serve many different markets with various product offerings that span significant ranges of quality, value, and economics.

INVEST

Invest at the inflection point as SINTX begins a new trajectory immediately post two acquisitions which set up the organization for long-term success

Focus Markets



Biomedical

- Used in over 40,000 human spine implantations
- Expanding with composites and coatings



Antipathogenic

- Antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral applications
- Applications to PPE, filters, surfaces, coatings, wound care, catheters, wound drains, incontinence, and fem care



Industrial/Armor

- Able to withstand extreme conditions
- Used in aerospace, bearings, and drilling
- Personnel, aerospace, and vehicle protection

Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 2: SINTX's Silicon Nitride

SINTX Technologies Inc.

SINTX Technologies is a leading manufacturer of silicon nitride.

Silicon nitride...

- Is favorable to human cells and promotes bone fusion
- Discourages bacterial adhesion on its surface
- Inactivates viruses—including the SARS-CoV-2 virus

SINTX has investigated silicon nitride heavily, with over 130 peer-reviewed scientific papers and presentations.



STX-100

STX-100 silicon nitride has the best combination of mechanical, thermal, and electrical properties of any technical ceramic. Utilized when durability, thermal stability, exceptional strength, and wear resistance are required.



ENERGY



AUTOMOTIVE &
AEROSPACE BRAKES



AEROSPACE
MATERIALS



AUTOMOTIVE
CERAMICS



WELDING

Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 3: SINTX's Product Market Opportunity

CERVICAL INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION DEVICES

THORACOLUMBAR INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION DEVICES

FEMORAL HEAD FOR TOTAL HIP*

FEMORAL COMPONENT FOR TOTAL KNEE*

DENTAL IMPLANT*

THE IDEAL BIOMATERIAL

Strength and fracture toughness: Interlocking anisotropic grains deflect and bridge cracks.

Wear resistance: High hardness, strength, and fracture toughness prevent wear.

Material phase stability: No spontaneous phase transformation or associated weakening.

Hydrophilicity: Tunable through modification of surface topography and chemistry, from $<10^\circ$ up to $\sim 70^\circ$.

Osseointegration: Nanostructured topography combined with complex surface chemistry optimal for cell adhesion and bone growth.

Favorable imaging: Semi-radiolucent density appears bone-like in X-rays and low magnetic susceptibility eliminates distortion in CT and MRI scans.

Bacterial resistance: Surface chemistry, nanotexture, and charge inhibit biofilm formation.

* Product Candidates

Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 4: SINTX Armor

ARMOR

There is an ever-increasing demand for lightweight, comfortable ceramic armor with advanced protection against armor piercing rounds. SINTX's ARMOR ceramics offer advanced hardness and extreme light weight.

Transparent ceramic ARMOR provides superior ballistic protection at less than half the weight and thickness over traditional glass laminates.



AEROSPACE
ARMOR



TRANSPARENT
CERAMICS



VEHICLE
ARMOR



BODY
ARMOR



SINTX Armor – New in 2021

SINTX has entered the ceramic armor market through the purchase of assets and technology from B4C, LLC and a technology partnership with Precision Ceramics USA. SINTX will develop and manufacture high-performance ceramic armor plates for personnel, aircraft, and armored vehicles.



- **BoroShock:** A 100% Boron Carbide material for ultimate lightweight performance in ballistic applications.
- **DuraShock:** A composite material made of Boron Carbide and Silicon Carbide – licensed from Precision Ceramics USA – for exceptional multi-hit performance against ballistic threats.

SINTX TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES ITS NEW UTAH ARMOR FACILITY IS FULLY OPERATIONAL

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 9:00AM EST

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Facility will produce high-performance ceramic armor products for personnel, aircraft, and vehicles

SALT LAKE CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SINTX Technologies, Inc. (www.sintx.com) (NASDAQ: SINT; "SINTX" or the "Company"), an original equipment manufacturer of advanced ceramics, announced today that equipment installation along with key renovations and upgrades to its SINTX Armor facility in Salt Lake City are now complete. This milestone is the result of an intensive effort by the SINTX team to upgrade the facility's infrastructure and install armor manufacturing equipment that was acquired from Ohio-based B4C LLC.

Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 5: Silicon Nitride Antipathogenic, Biomedical, and Industrial Catalysts for Growth

BIOMEDICAL

METAL COATINGS

Ceramic coatings for metal orthopedic and dental surgical implants and replacements. These coatings are targeted at overcoming the clinical limitations of metallic implants.

REGULATORY CLEARANCES FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS

Pursuing FDA clearance for SN-PEEK spinal fusion devices in the U.S. and similar clearances in OUS markets.

DENTAL

Working with dental implant companies to potentially supply novel silicon nitride and zirconia-based dental implants.

ABLATION TIPS

Quoting two global medical device companies for a significant volume of 3D printed bioceramic surgical ablation tips.

FOOT AND ANKLE

Leveraging success in spine market to attract interest from global leaders in this specialty area.

ANTIPATHOGENIC

AP FACE MASKS AND MASK FILTERS

Developing civil use antipathogenic face protection.

AUTOMOTIVE CABIN AIR FILTERS

Working with an automotive company on cabin air filters to reduce bacteria and virus.

WOUND CARE

Evaluating antipathogenic wound dressings (bandages, surgical care) for reduced bacteria growth.

MEDICAL TUBING COATINGS

Developing coatings for catheters and medical tubing aimed at reducing infections.

TECHNICAL CERAMICS

COMMERCIAL JETS

Working with two major companies on commercial jet ignition systems – silicon nitride is enabling.

RF ANTENNAS

Working with several companies on RF antennas applications due to the excellent dielectric properties of silicon nitride.

ARMOR

The SLC ARMOR plant will start up in the 1st quarter 2023 with strong interest from potential customers.

WELDING COMPONENTS

In production: components for high-speed welding with an international OEM for automotive applications.

CRITICAL APPLICATIONS

Engaged with many companies in evaluations of our materials in critical applications such as energy and defense.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS & GRANTS

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

Ultra hard materials for armor applications that supports power protection and war fighter protection in military generators and vehicles.

HIGH EFFICIENCY HEAT EXCHANGERS

Developed for high performance military equipment by the Office of Naval Research and Commercial HVAC systems for the Department of Energy.

MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Extended life coatings for electrochemical machining tools.

FUTURE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Leverage 40 years and \$40+M in contracts and technical experience for future opportunities and innovations that can address market needs.

DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY

CMC combustor for high heat temps.

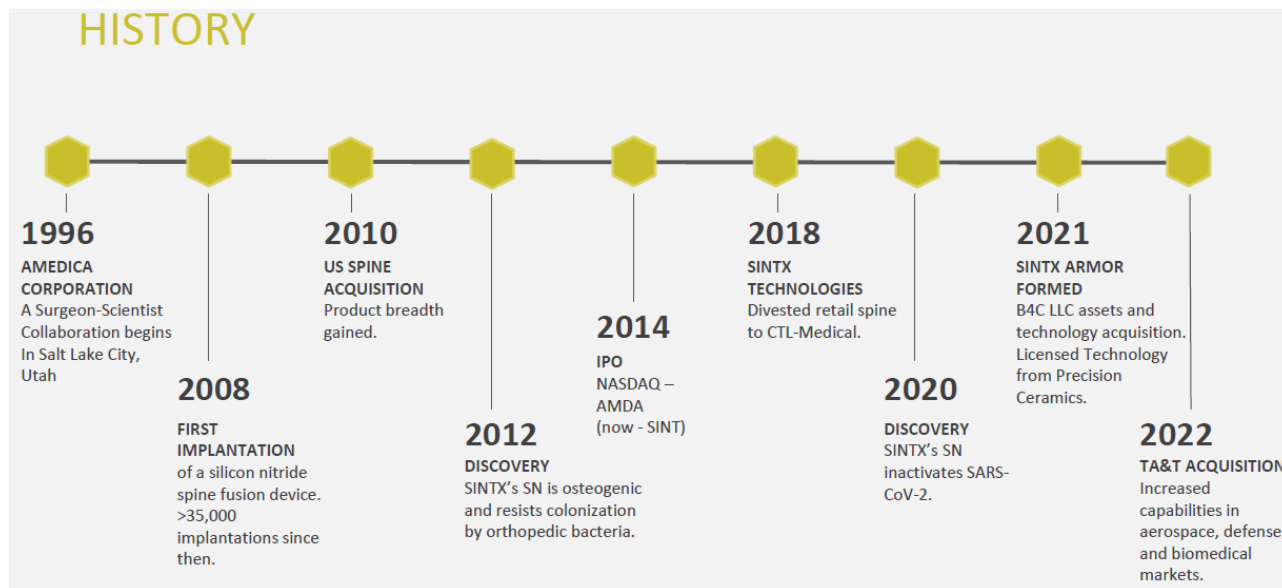
GRANTS

In the last year, awarded three phase 1 grants from NIH totaling \$900K for 3D printed composite devices: spine implants, craniomaxillofacial implants, and trauma plates.

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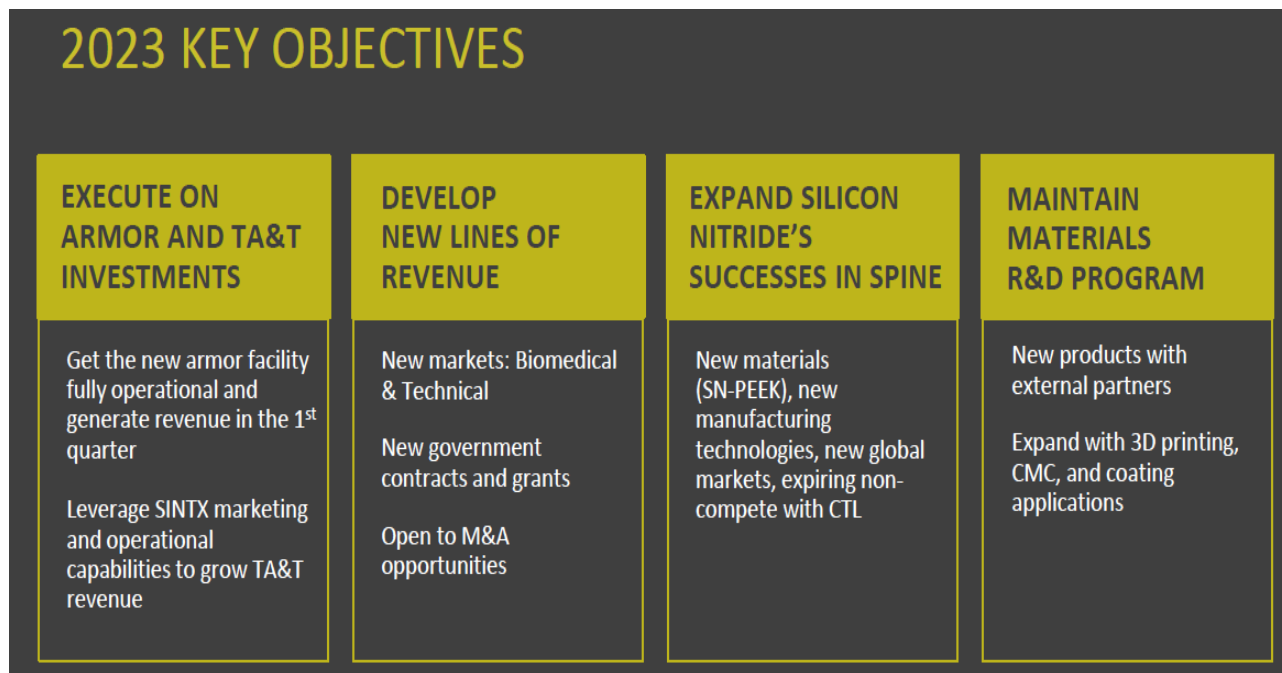
Source: Company report.

Exhibit 6: SINTX Timeline



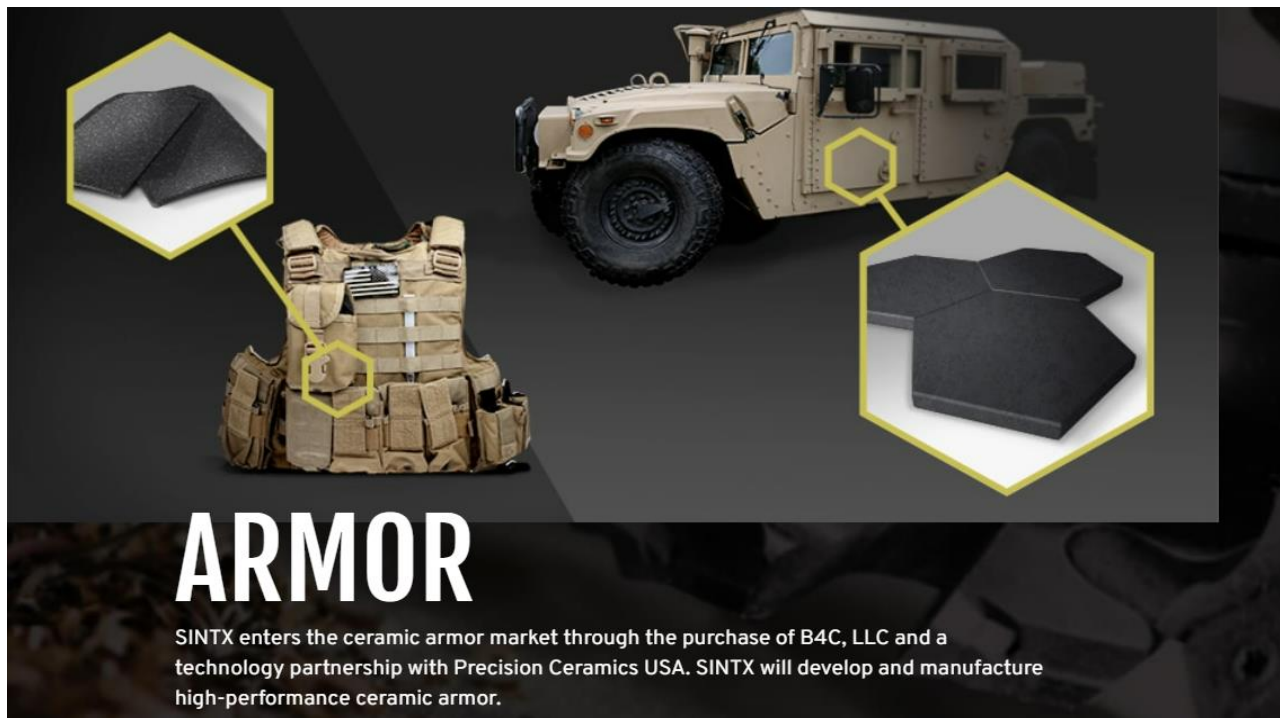
Source: Company report.

Exhibit 7: SINTX Planned 2023 Goals



Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 8: SINTX Enters Ceramic Armor Market (July 2021)



SINTX ENTERS CERAMIC ARMOR MARKET THROUGH PURCHASE OF ASSETS FROM B4C, LLC AND TECHNOLOGY LICENSE FROM PRECISION CERAMICS USA INC.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UT, July 22, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- SINTX Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: SINT) ("SINTX" or the "Company") (www.sintx.com), an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of silicon nitride ceramic for medical and non-medical applications, announced today that it has entered an asset purchase agreement with B4C, LLC of Dayton, Ohio, to acquire the equipment and technical processes required to make ballistic armor plates. Separately, SINTX also entered into a technology license agreement with Precision Ceramics USA Inc. (precision-ceramics.com) to manufacture a ceramic composite for defense armor applications.

Ceramic materials are an integral part of modern armor systems because of their light weight and resistance to high velocity projectiles. Governments worldwide are investing in novel ceramic armor solutions to protect law enforcement and military personnel as well as vehicles, aircraft, and ships against high-intensity threats. B4C, LLC is a specialty producer of Boron Carbide, a ceramic material used in the manufacture of protective body armor plates. Precision Ceramics USA Inc. is an international expert in technical ceramic component solutions.

Through its newly-created and wholly-owned subsidiary called **SINTX Armor**, the Company plans to utilize a two-pronged strategy. The assets acquired from B4C will be used to manufacture and market pure Boron Carbide - the highest strength ceramic armor available. These are designed to protect soldiers against hardened, high-velocity projectiles, against which other materials are not as effective. Additionally, SINTX will jointly develop and manufacture a special, lower cost composite of Boron Carbide and Silicon Carbide, under an exclusive license from Precision Ceramics USA Inc. The composite material is targeted at the law enforcement and civilian armor markets.

Source: Company report.

Exhibit 9: SINTX Acquisition of Technology Assessment and Transfer, Inc. (in July 2022)

July 6, 2022



SINTX Technologies Acquires Technology Assessment and Transfer, Inc.

The Acquisition Broadens Opportunities for SINTX in Aerospace, Defense, and Biomedical Markets

SALT LAKE CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SINTX Technologies, Inc. (www.sintx.com) (NASDAQ: SINT) ("SINTX" or the "Company"), an original equipment manufacturer of advanced ceramics, announced the acquisition of Technology Assessment and Transfer, Inc. (TA&T; <https://www.techassess.com/>), significantly increasing SINTX's capabilities in the aerospace, defense, and biomedical markets.

"We are excited to acquire TA&T and take another step towards diversifying and strengthening SINTX," said Dr. Sonny Bal, President and CEO of SINTX. "TA&T will expand our use of advanced manufacturing technologies and introduce new ceramic material platforms to the SINTX portfolio. We expect the acquisition to bring immediate revenue to SINTX via TA&T's well-established relationships with commercial partners and the U.S. government."

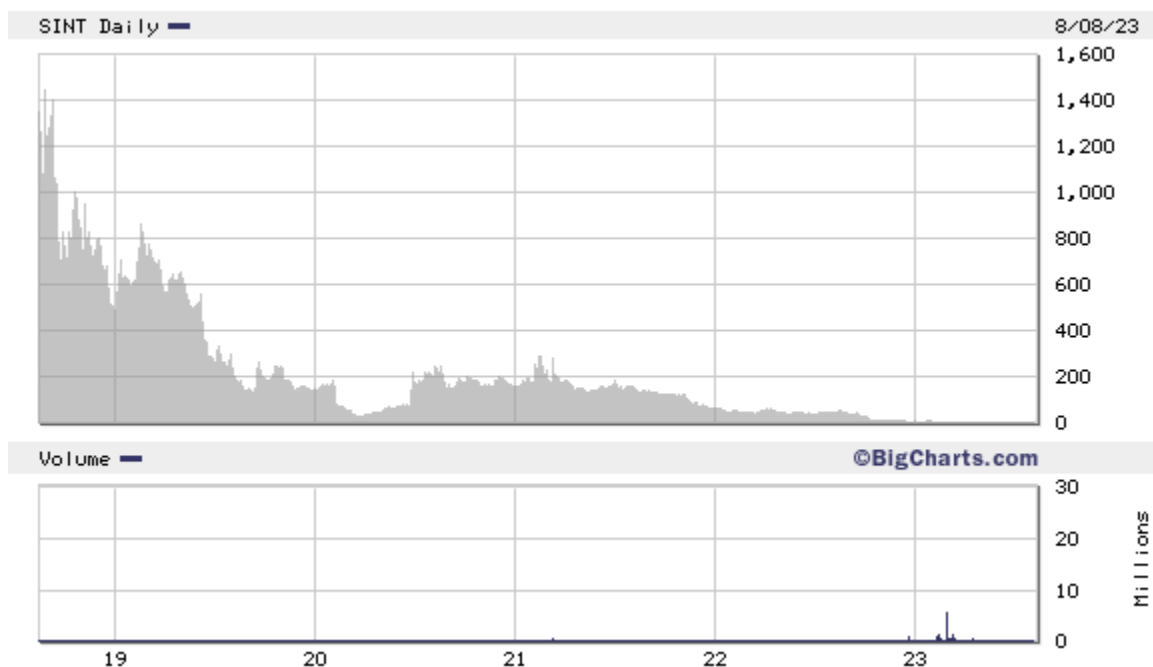
TA&T, based in Maryland, is a nearly 40-year-old advanced ceramics business that specializes in developing and commercializing a broad array of innovative materials for defense, biomedical, and industrial applications. The company's technologies and products include 3D printing of ceramic medical devices and heat exchangers, chemical vapor infiltration and deposition of complex fiber-reinforced ceramic-matrix composites, and hot pressing of transparent armor and other technical ceramics. TA&T has a long track record of successfully winning research contracts and grants from the U.S. government and commercializing its innovative technologies.

As an example of TA&T's innovation, ceramic heater bodies developed, designed, and manufactured by TA&T are a part of the Sample Analysis on Mars (SAM) instrument suite on board the Curiosity Rover (<https://mars.nasa.gov/msl/home/>). These oven heater bodies were manufactured by TA&T using Ceramic Stereolithography, a form of 3D printing and additive manufacturing, and can withstand the extreme temperatures of more than 1,500°F that are required to heat soil samples on Mars in hopes of detecting signs of life. TA&T was selected by NASA to make these parts because of the prohibitive cost of traditional manufacturing techniques.

"Technology Assessment and Transfer is excited about the opportunity that the SINTX acquisition provides for product growth in commercial, aerospace, and medical applications," said Dr. Larry Fehrenbacher, Co-Founder and President of TA&T. "The blend of federally-funded innovative technologies and SINTX's business acumen is a compelling synergistic formula for future success."

Source: Company report.

Exhibit 10: SINTX Technologies, Inc. Stock Price (5-year)



*Reflects a 1:100 reverse stock split in December 2022.

Source: <https://bigcharts.marketwatch.com/>

Exhibit 11: Consensus Expectations (as of August 8, 2023)

	Revenue (mil)			EPS	
	2023E	2024E		2023E	2024E
Q1 Mar	\$0.5A		Q1 Mar	\$(1.74)A	
Q2 Jun	\$0.6E		Q2 Jun	\$(0.80)E	
Q3 Sep	\$0.7E		Q3 Sep	\$(0.69)E	
Q4 Dec			Q4 Dec		
Total	\$2.7E	\$3.9E	Total	\$(2.92)E	\$(2.44)E

*Quarterly estimates may not add to annual estimates due to variations in contributing estimates and rounding.

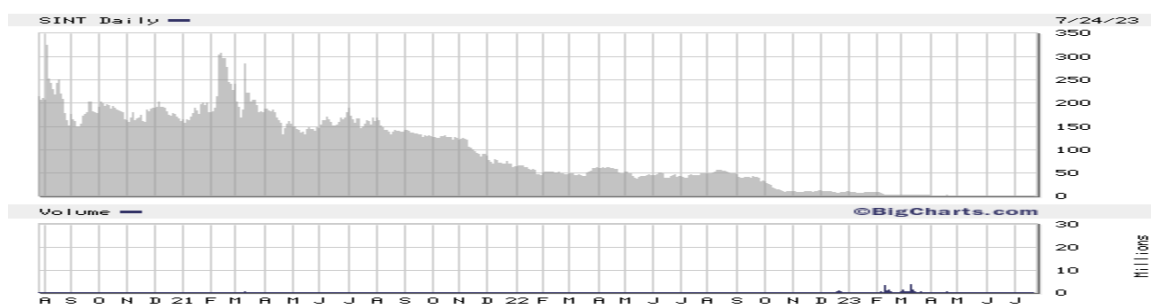
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Source: Company report, Refinitiv, and Ascendant Capital Markets estimates

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Source: <https://bigcharts.marketwatch.com/>

Report	Report Date	Rating	Price Target
1	9/11/2019	Buy	300.00
2	11/15/2019	Buy	325.00
3	4/4/2020	Buy	250.00
4	5/16/2020	Buy	225.00
5	8/21/2020	Buy	400.00
6	11/21/2020	Buy	425.00
7	3/31/2021	Buy	450.00
8	5/21/2021	Buy	475.00
9	8/25/2021	Buy	450.00
10	11/16/2021	Buy	350.00
11	4/13/2022	Buy	325.00
12	6/1/2022	Buy	275.00
13	8/16/2022	Buy	250.00
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15	4/4/2023	Buy	40.00
16	5/30/2023	Buy	15.00

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			Count	Percent
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Sell	1	2%	0	0%
Total	52	100%	16	31%

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