AXT INC Form 8-K December 02, 2004

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 01, 2004

## AXT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-24085

(Commission File Number)

94-3031310

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4281 Technology Drive Fremont, California 94538 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (510) 683-5900

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 01, 2004, AXT, Inc. ( AXT ) announced that it has reached a final settlement with Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. ( SEI ), a Japanese corporation, of the litigation commenced in Japan by SEI against AXT alleging infringement of certain SEI patents, and of the interference action between an AXT patent and an SEI reissue application brought in the United States. The settlement includes a global intellectual property cross-licensing agreement. AXT recorded a charge of approximately \$1.4 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2004 in connection with this settlement. The settlement requires that payment of this amount be made in early January, 2005 and the litigation in Japan be withdrawn shortly thereafter. A copy of the press release announcing the settlement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated December 01, 2004.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### AXT, INC.

Date: December 02, 2004 By: /s/ DONALD L. TATZIN

Donald L. Tatzin

Interim Chief Executive Officer

/s/ WILSON W. CHEUNG Wilson W. Cheung

Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number		Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 01, 2004.	
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