# IC'ALPS | APPLICATION ASIC/SoC FEASIBILITY STUDY The lowest risk path to success



### Your challenge



As CEO, COO, BU Manager or Project Manager you have to secure the **ROI** of your internal development projects.

An **ASIC** - Application Specific Integrated Circuit - exclusive and specifically tailored to your application might be a helpful whether you are looking for **miniaturization** of your product, extended **battery** life, **protection** of your know-how, reduction of components **costs**, or **technological advantage** over competition.

Your initial **cost-benefit** analysis has provided positive contextual elements about the contribution of an ASIC to your competitiveness. But, custom integrated circuit design is not your core expertise.

#### To move forward with ASIC integration, do you need:

- Experts' advices on the architecture of your electronic subsystem?
- An evaluation of the performances of an integrated circuit specifically designed to fulfill your system requirements?
- A detailed specification of your ASIC?
- An assessment of costs and timeline for development, industrialization and production of your custom ASIC?

## **Our solution**

IC'Alps' core business is analog and mixed-signal ASIC development & supply. We develop ASIC solutions mainly for the medical, industrial, mil/aero, and oil & gas markets, compliant with ISO 9001, ISO 13485, EN 9100 requirements.

In the frame of a feasibility study, we provide you with all the **TECHNICAL**, **ECONOMIC**, and **TIME** related elements required to evaluate the viability of your **ASIC design/supply project**.







### Scope



Each company and each project is different but we have developed a **flexible approach** towards feasibility study:

- Focusing on architecture definition of the ASIC and simulation of critical performances
- Providing a detailled ASIC specification or a specification of one or more critical functions
- Including industrialization and production forecast of your ASIC

# How does it work?

### 1st step, UNDERSTANDING AND CONSOLIDATION

IC'Alps will take a deep dive in understanding your electronic system:

- Contraints at BoM level
- Use cases
- Operating modes
- Integration of functions into the ASIC
- Interfaces required at system level
- PCB schematics

Our project team will also assess the current state of technical development based on a review of existing literature.

With this first step, IC'Alps consolidates **your expressed needs** and we reach a mutual agreement on the **expected results** of the feasibility study.

#### 2nd step, OUR TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

IC'Alps will assess different **scenarios** of circuit **integration** (for example HW/SW partitioning, functions partitioning in several ASICs, ...), each with their pros and cons.

Our project team will also build and simulate a model of the critical functions in your electronic system for a first level assessment of the **performances**.

Depending on the scope of the feasibility study, and after cost, risks and schedule analysis, IC'Alps can also recommend the suitable **supply chain** for production of your ASIC.



### Results

We customize a Team for your project, to provide you within a 1 to 3 months time frame, a la carte **report**:

- Project timescale
- ASIC architecture proposal and reachable performances
- Estimate of silicon area and power consumption
- Risks and opportunities assessment
- List of project deliverables and milestones
- Suggested supply chain
- ASIC development costs up to industrialization

### Feasibility Study

## BENEFITS

Our process for feasibility study coupled with our in-depth knowledge of ASIC technology offer you the lowest risk path to success

- Provide valuable information to your Management Board for a go/no-go decision
- Simplify your communication with your technical Teams and Partners through better visibility of project costs, timescale and milestones
- Get the best Rol from your product with experts advice to select the best ASIC performances versus cost trade-off
- Identify new design opportunities
- Enhance the success rate of your ASIC project by evaluating multiple project parameters