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~ 6.6 billion people on the planet

3.3 billion cellular connectivity

1 billion+ phones / year

16 phones per second (NOKIA)

~ 400,000+ retired / day / US

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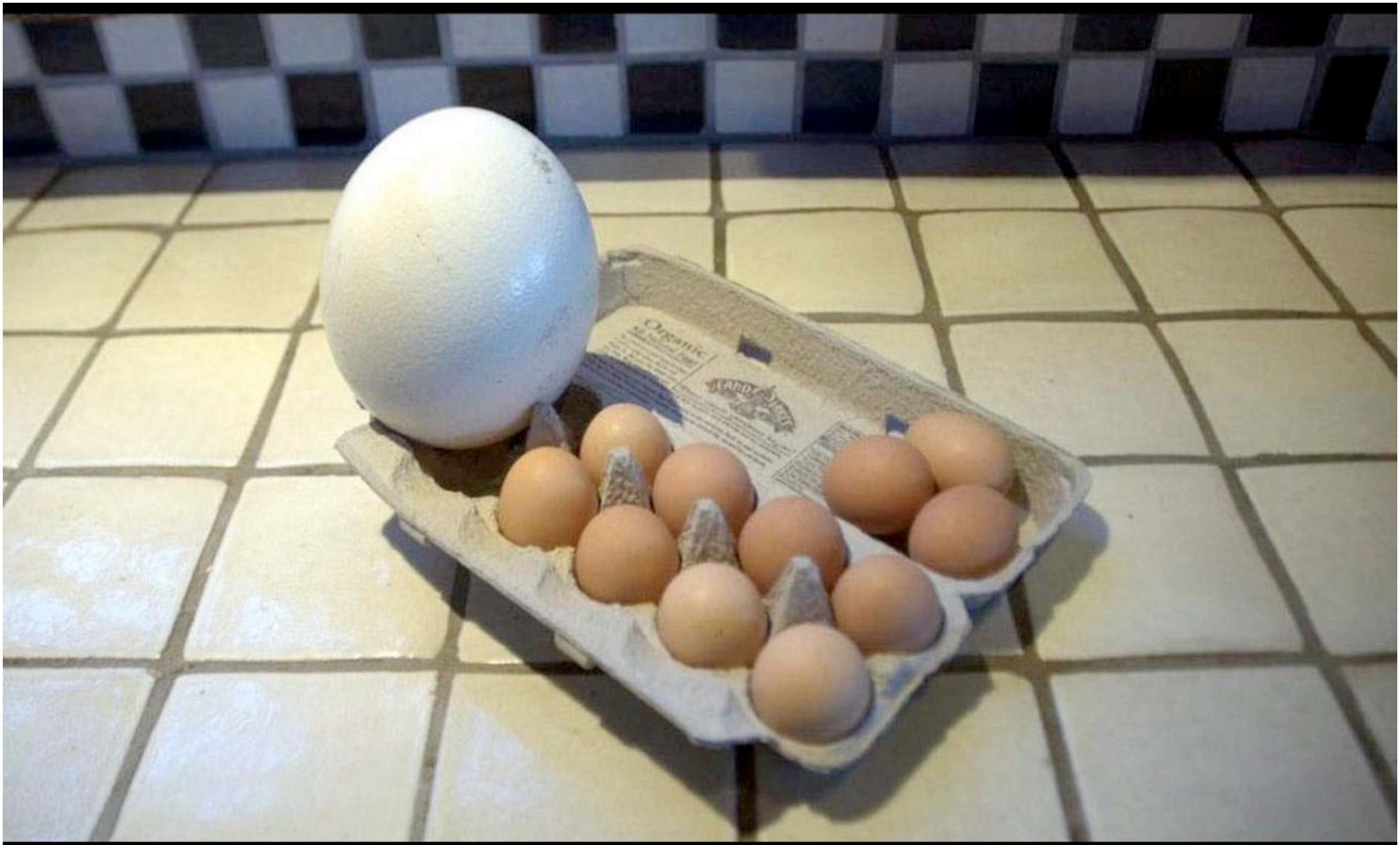

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how we work

contextual, open studios, ad-hoc interviews, participatory design, ...

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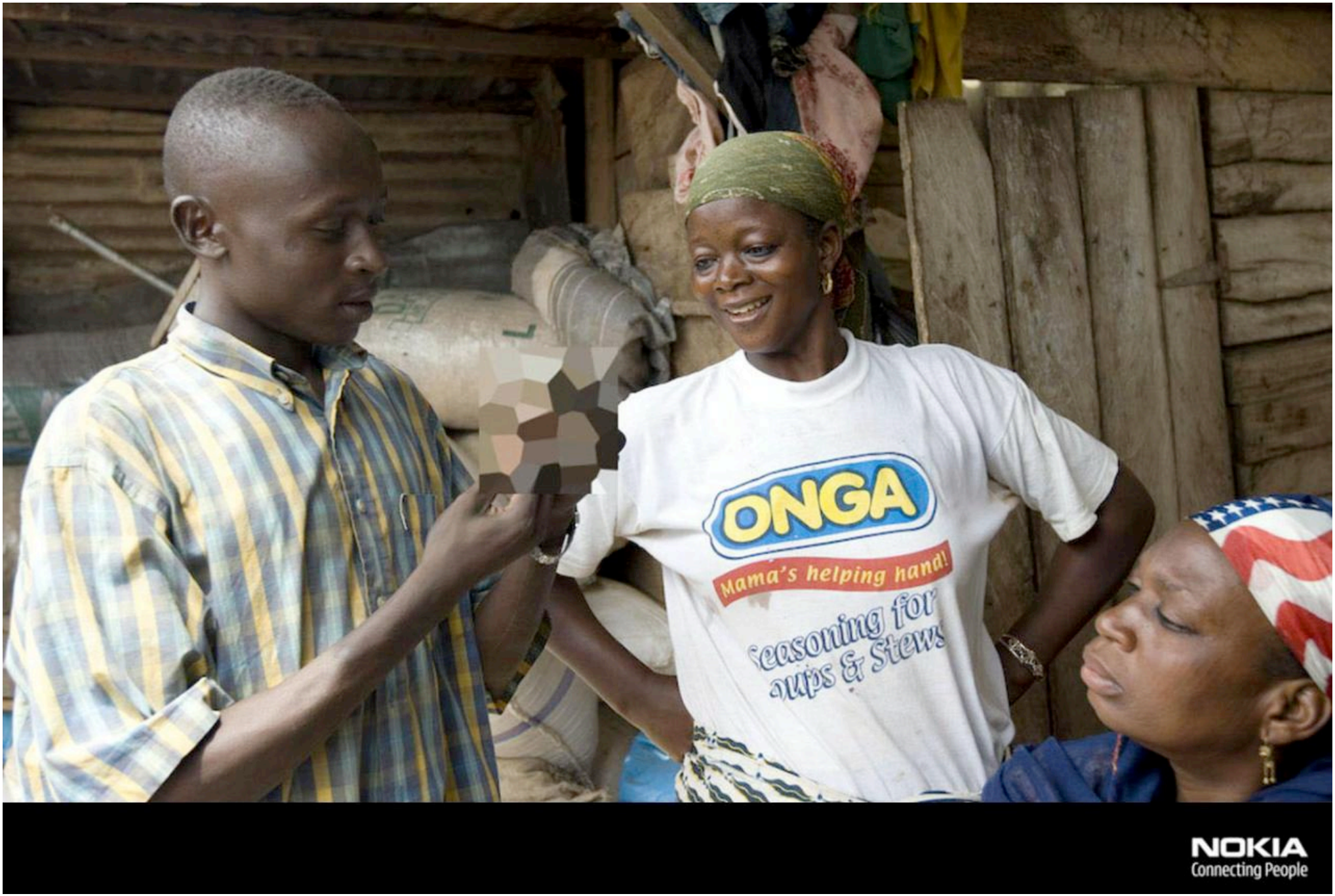
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mobile phone markets

research conducted in Ji Lin, Chengdu, Beijing, Xiamen, Cairo, Tehran, Lhasa, Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, Delhi, Mumbai, Ulan Bataar, Soweto, Accra, Kampala++

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how does it work?

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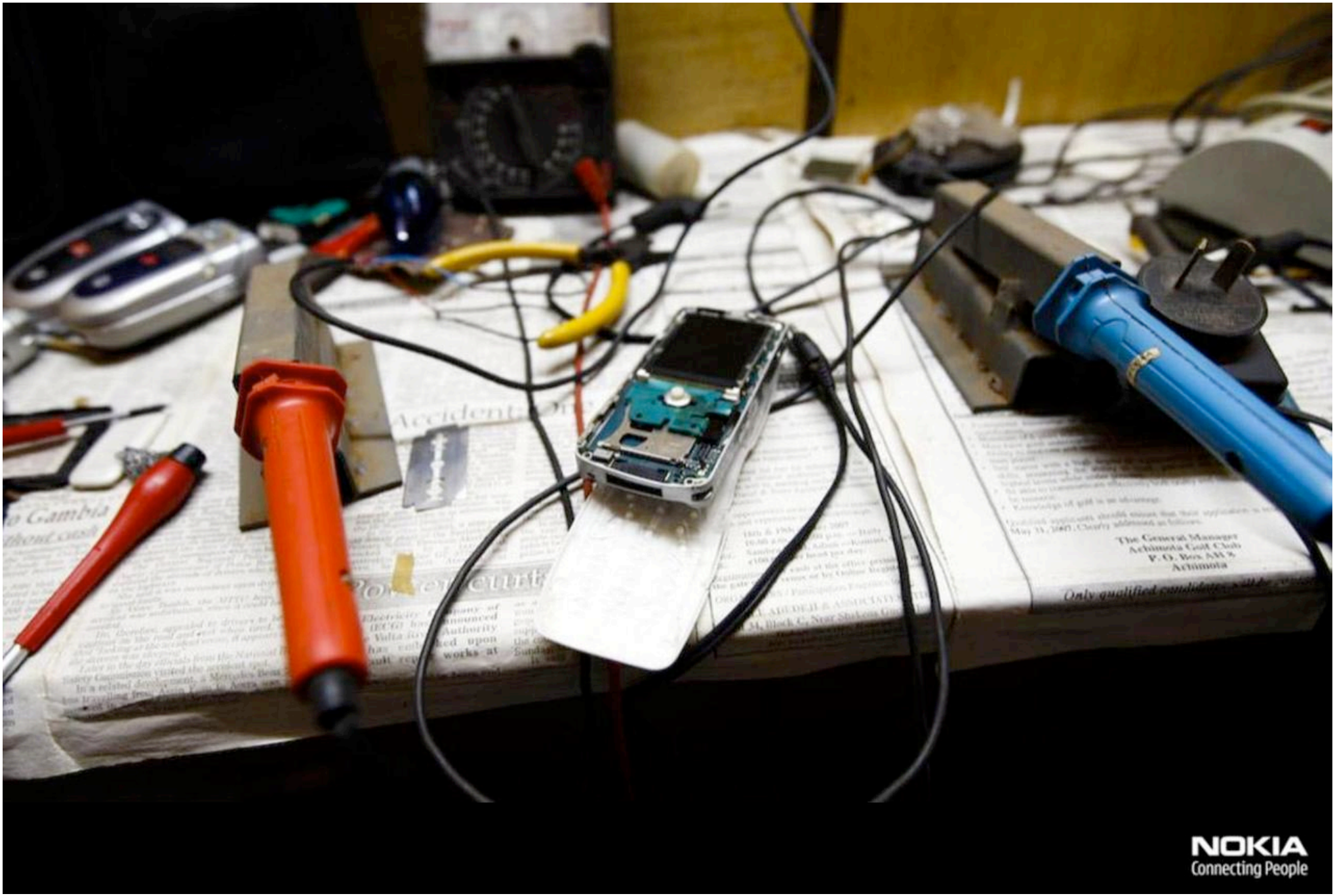
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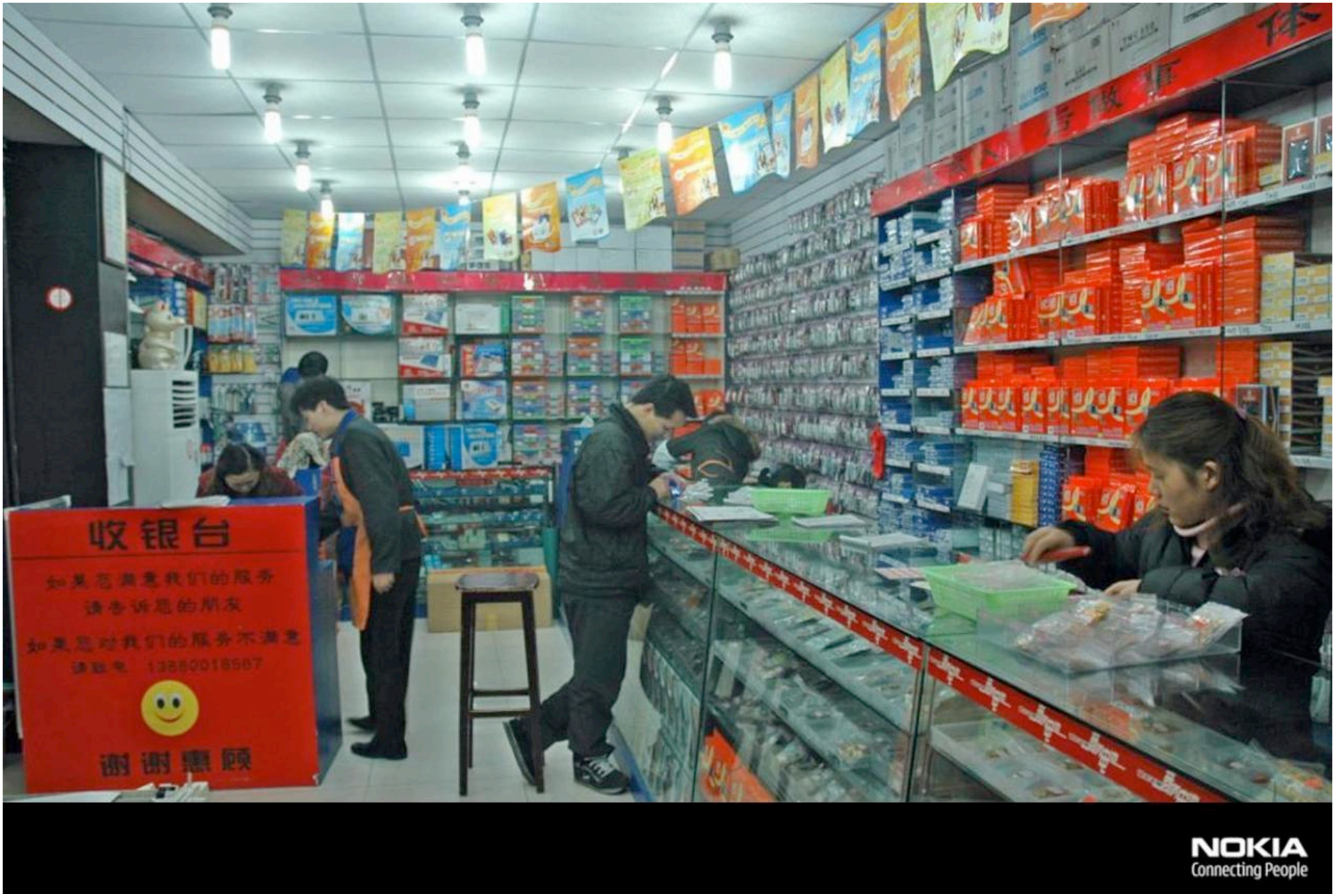
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what services do they offer?

changing covers, keypads, from replacing speakers, displays to re-soldering circuit boards

'official' vs 'unofficial' components

re-flashing, installing alternative languages, unlocking

software installation and content

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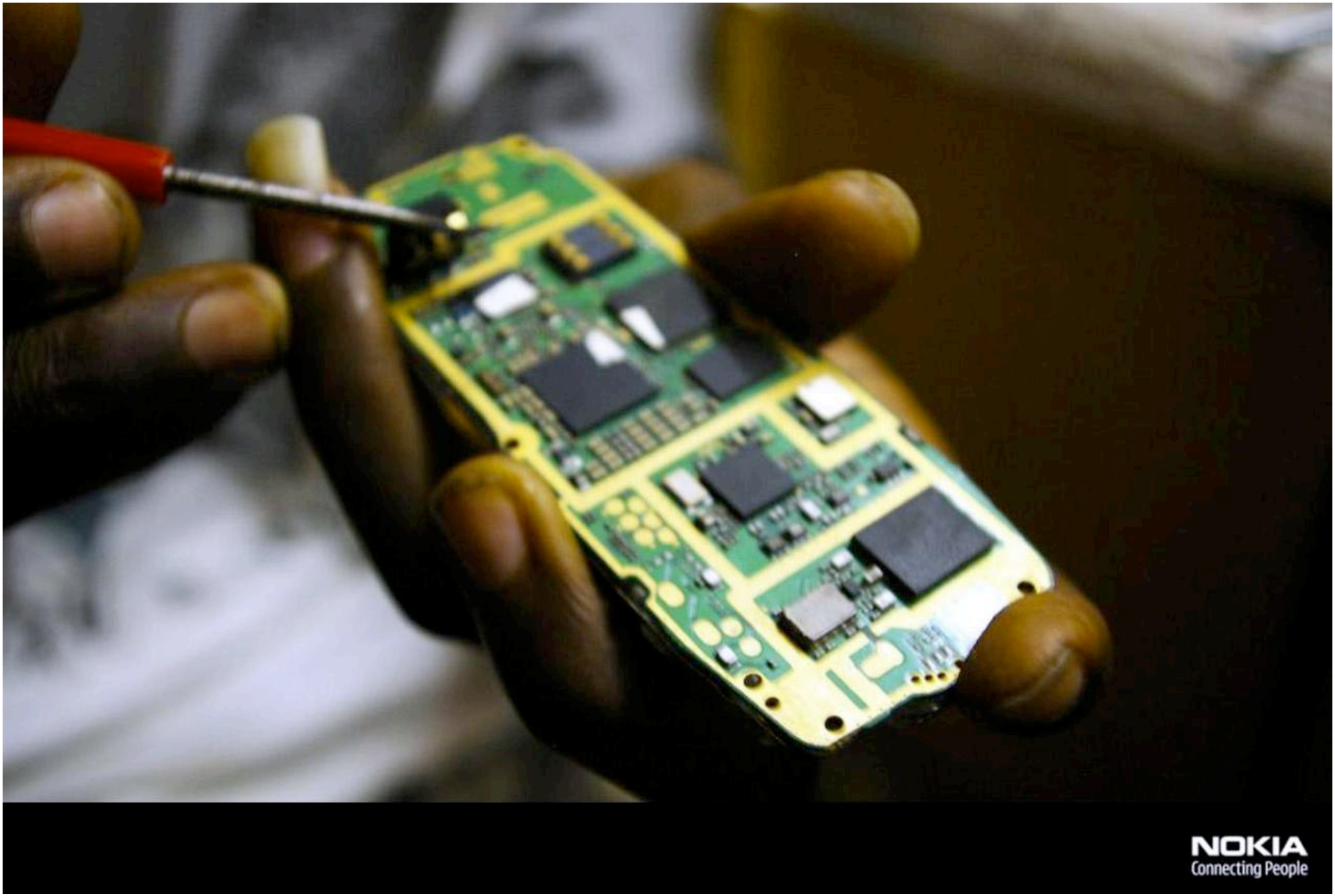
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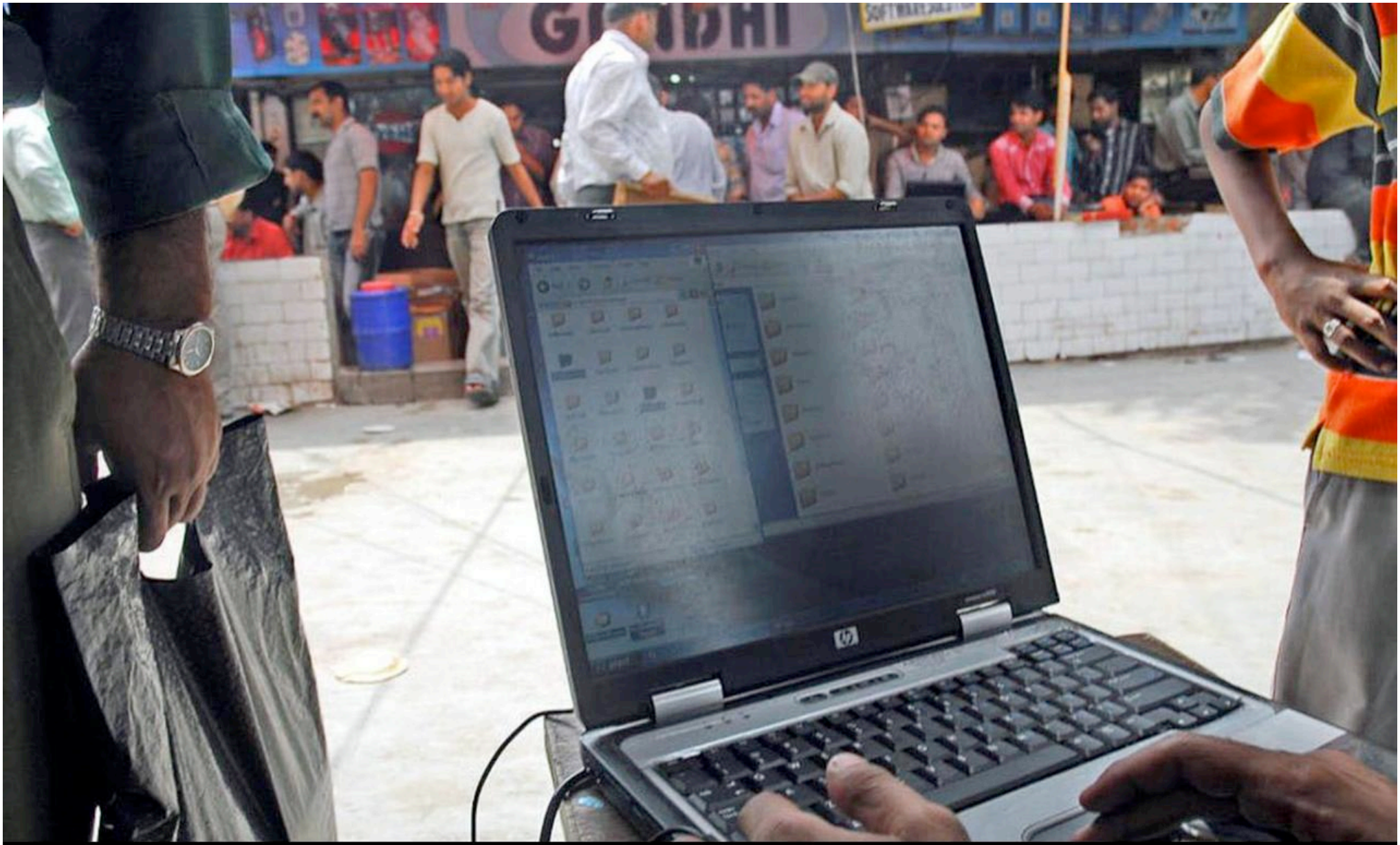

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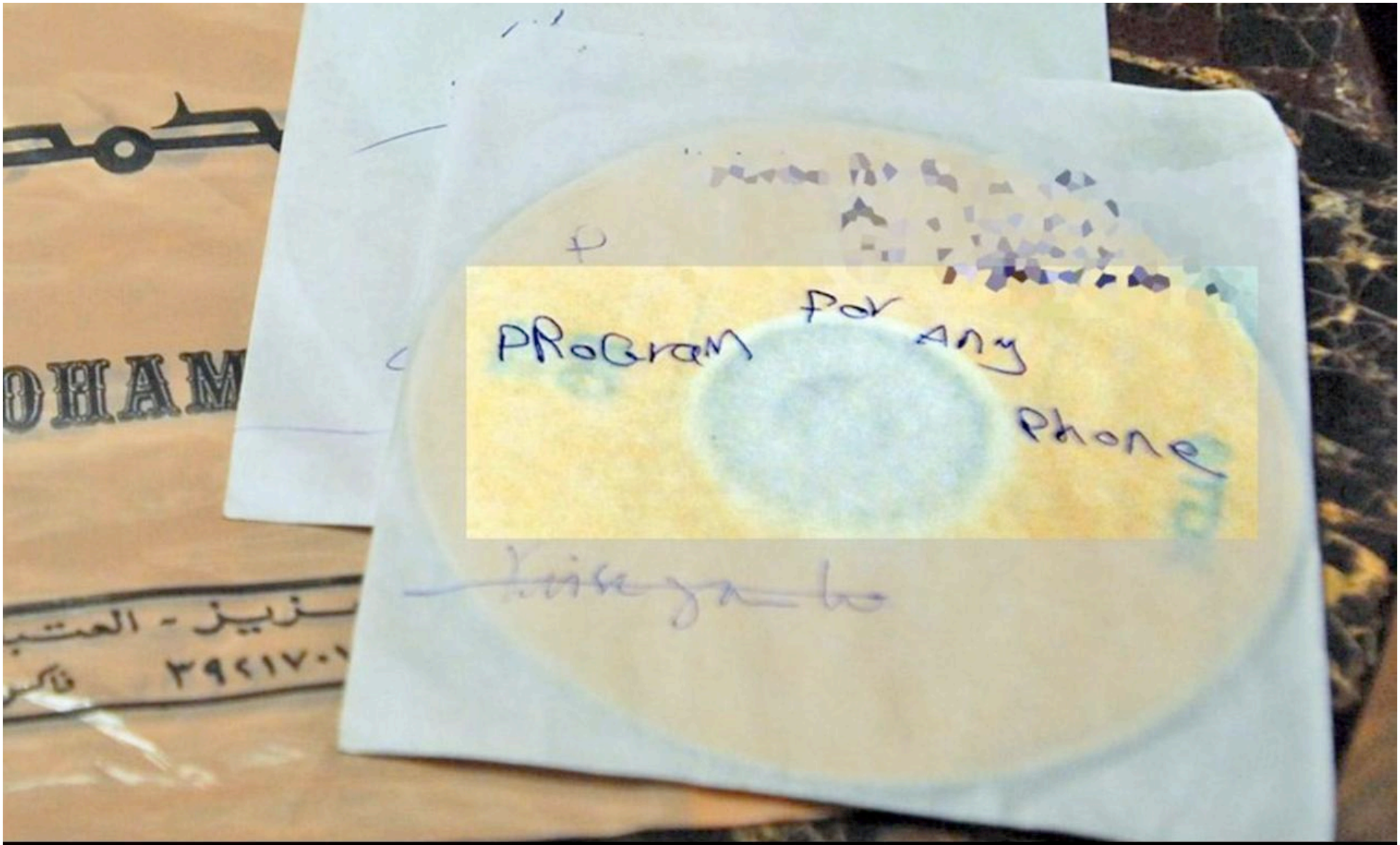

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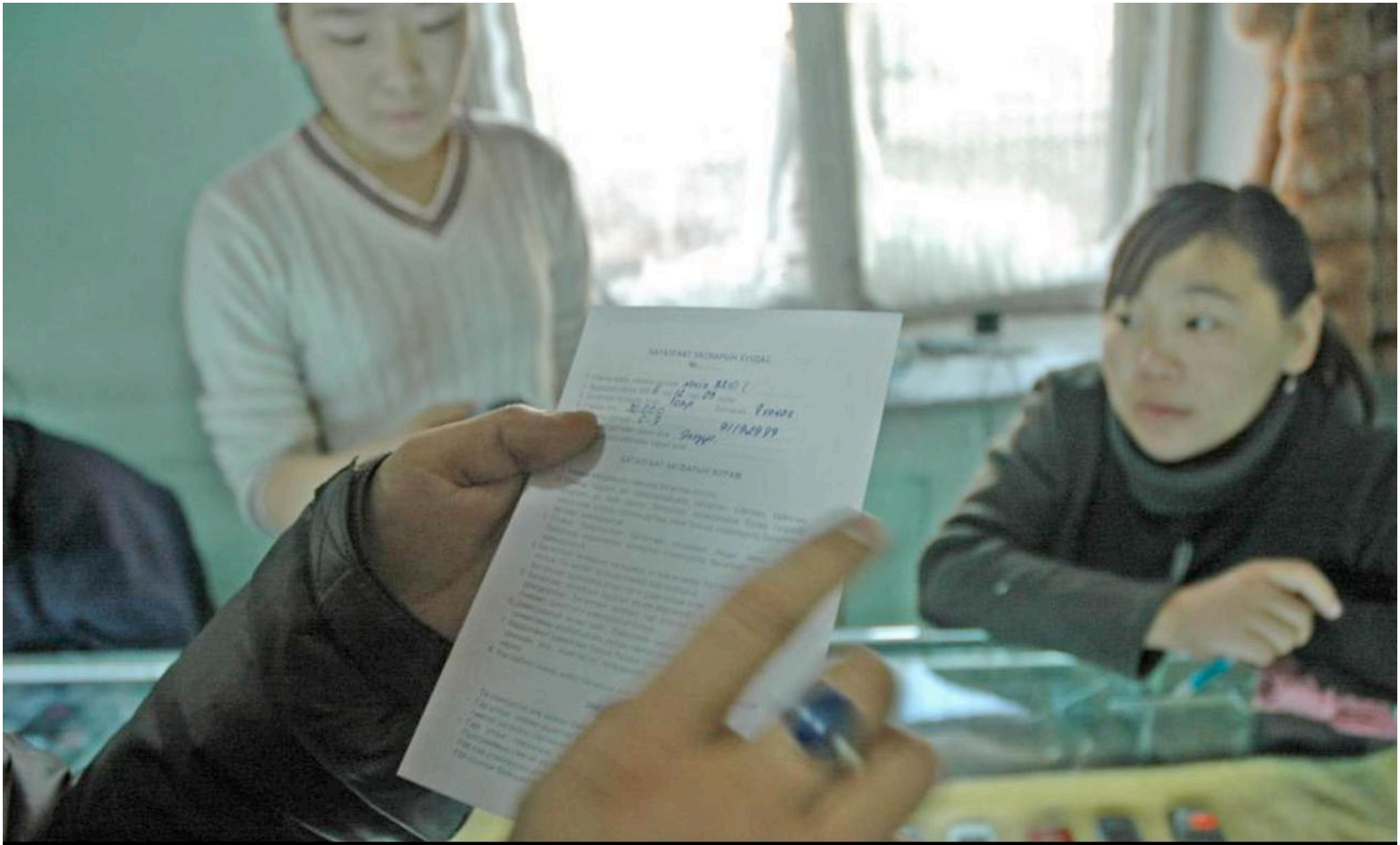

warrantees

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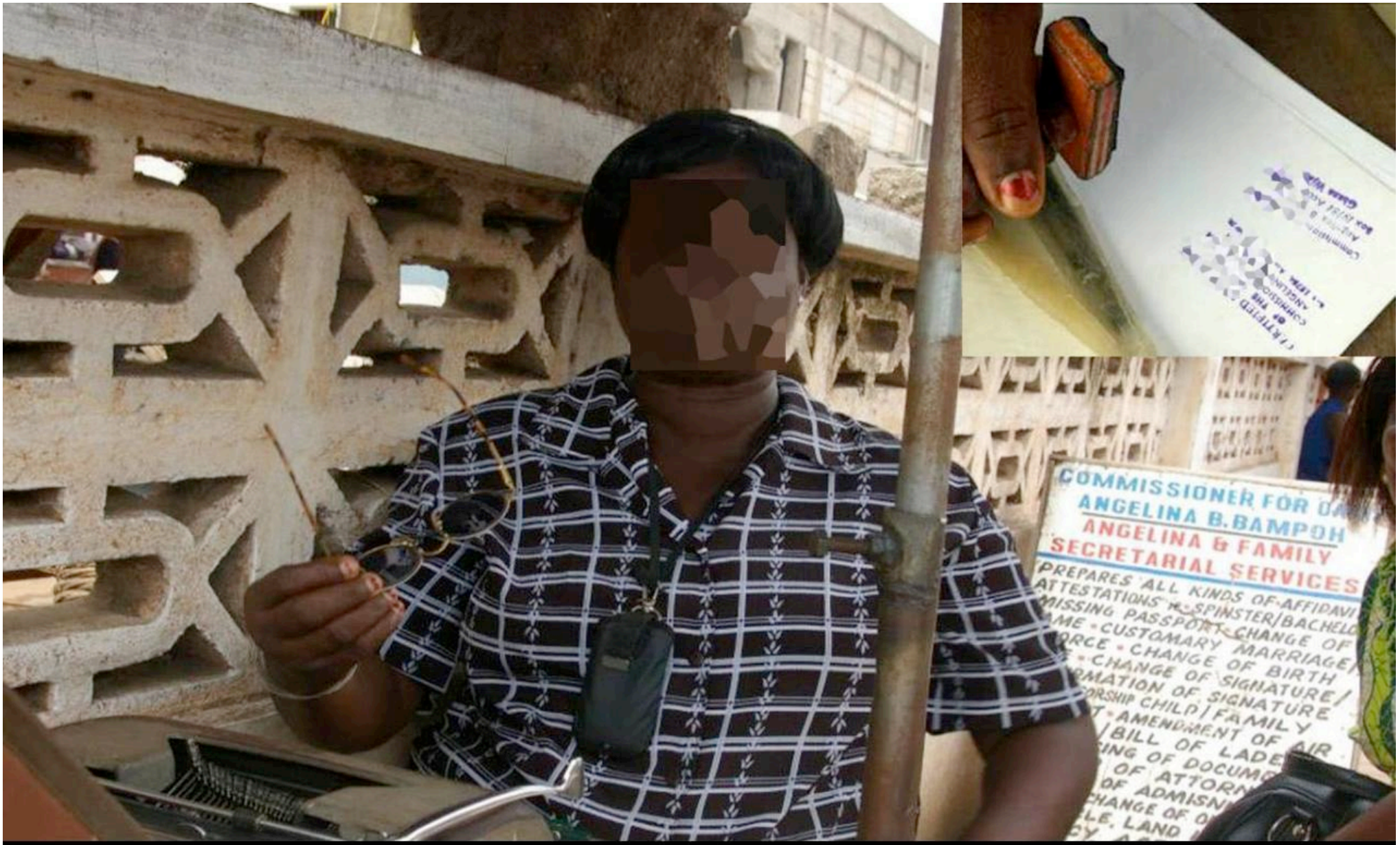

cost = truth

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fake

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the eco-system

critical mass of component suppliers, wholesalers, customers, knowledge

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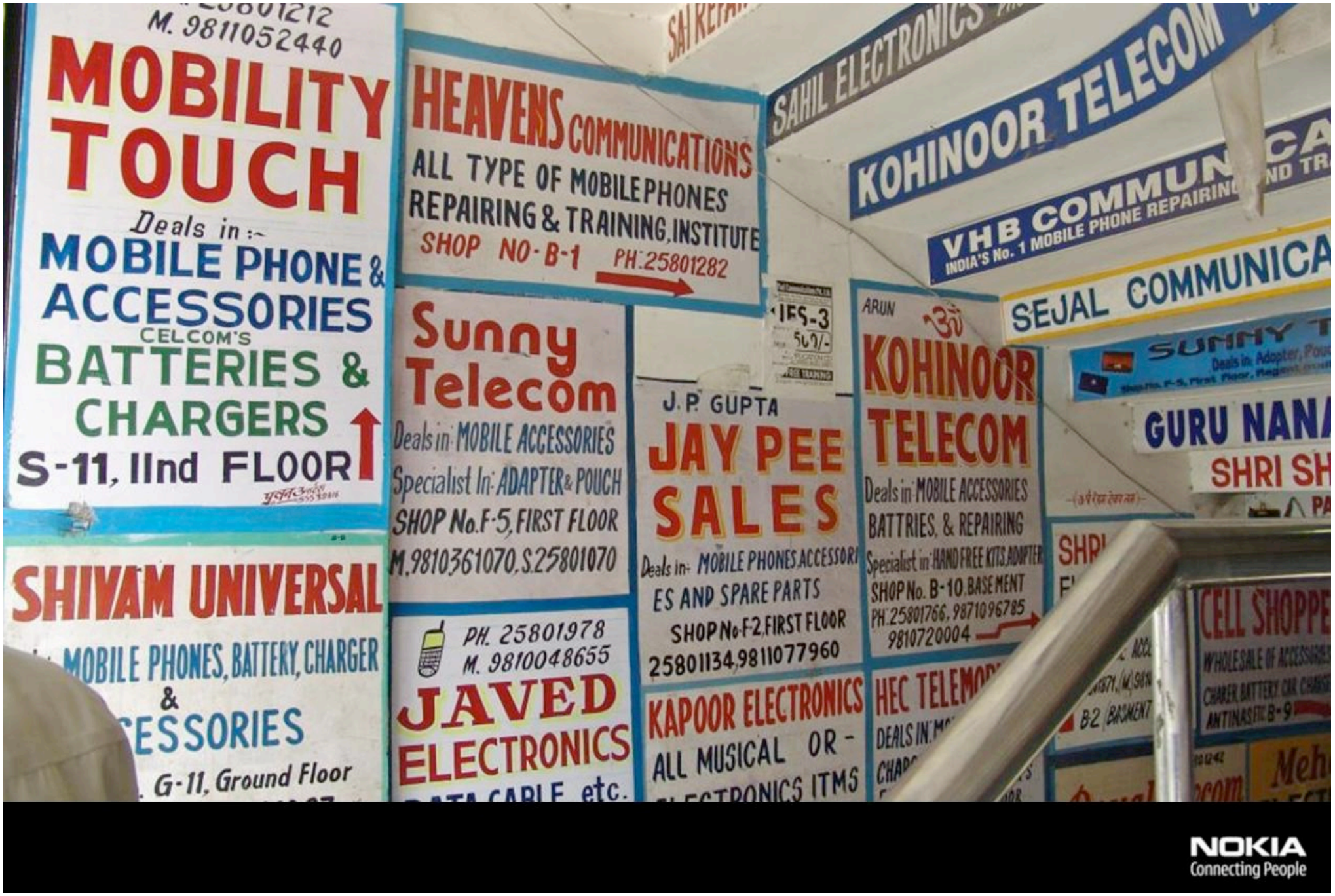

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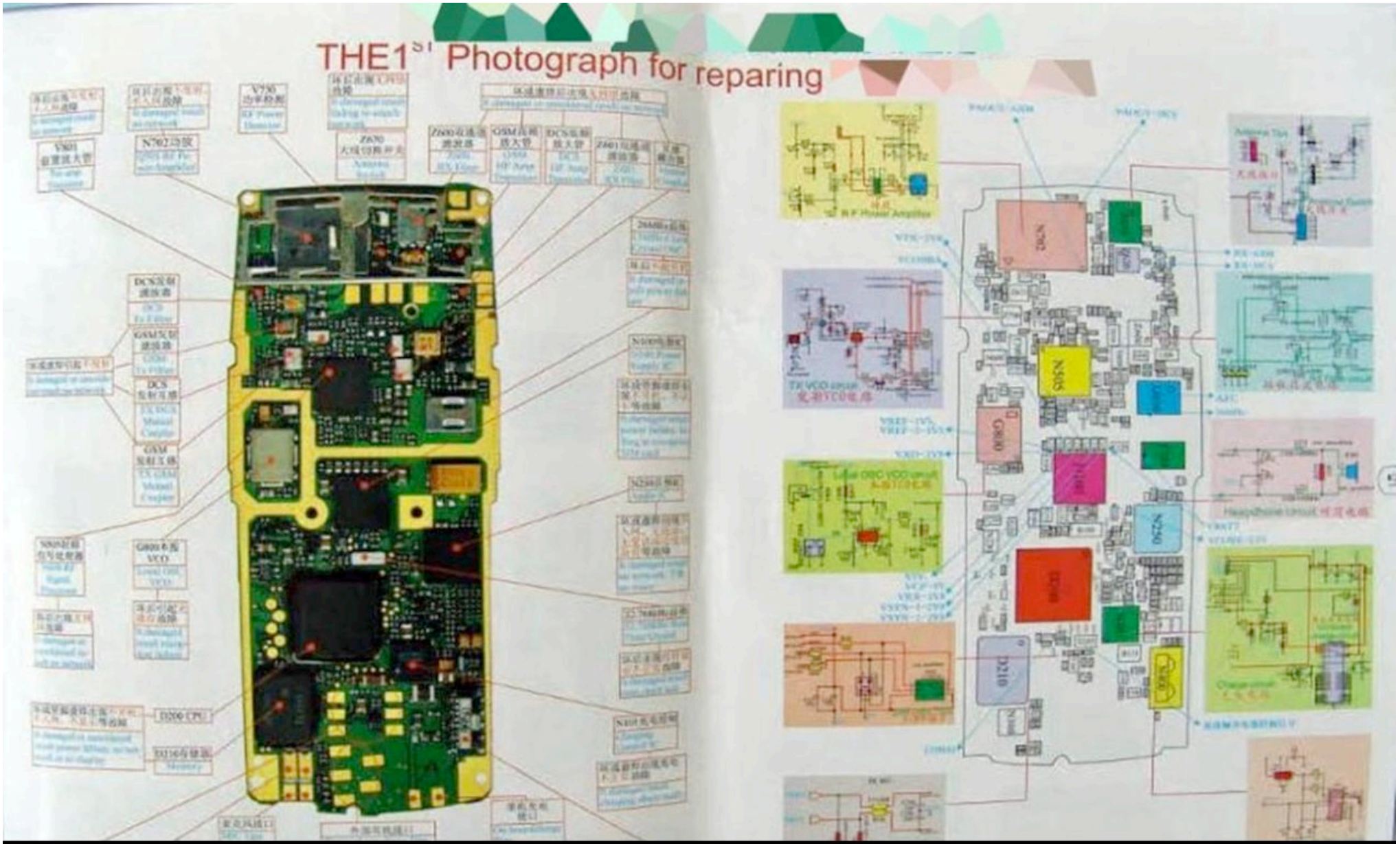

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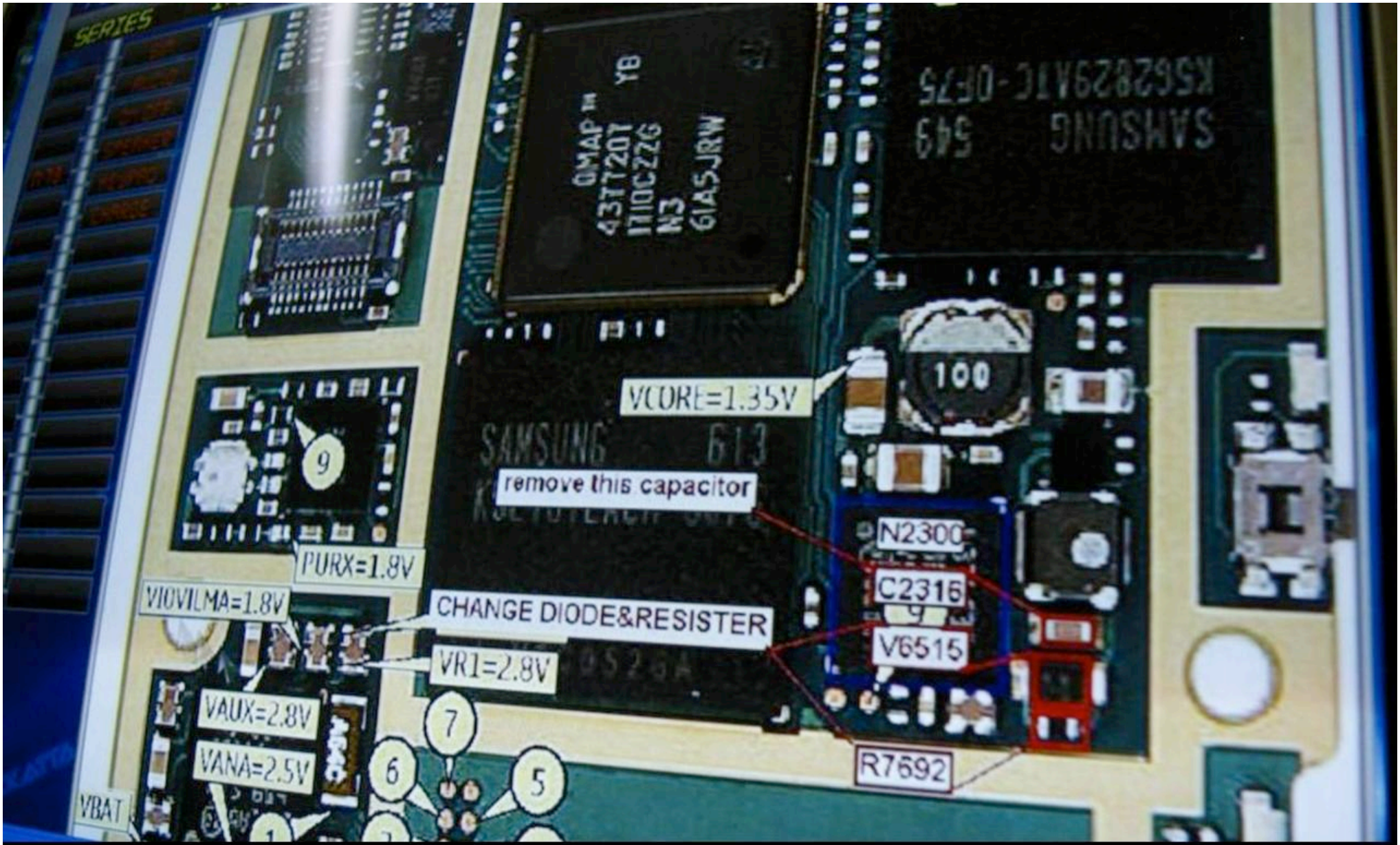

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what's novel?

scale, cost, size, ubiquity of objects of repair

compare to other electronics

imported, grey market, stolen devices (?)

priority & speed of what is repaired

television vs. phone / entertainment vs communication

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grey market elements

- grey market services
- fake accessories, risk of having stock confiscated
  - what makes a fake a fake?
- phone unlocking kits, manuals
- applications and content – just in time services

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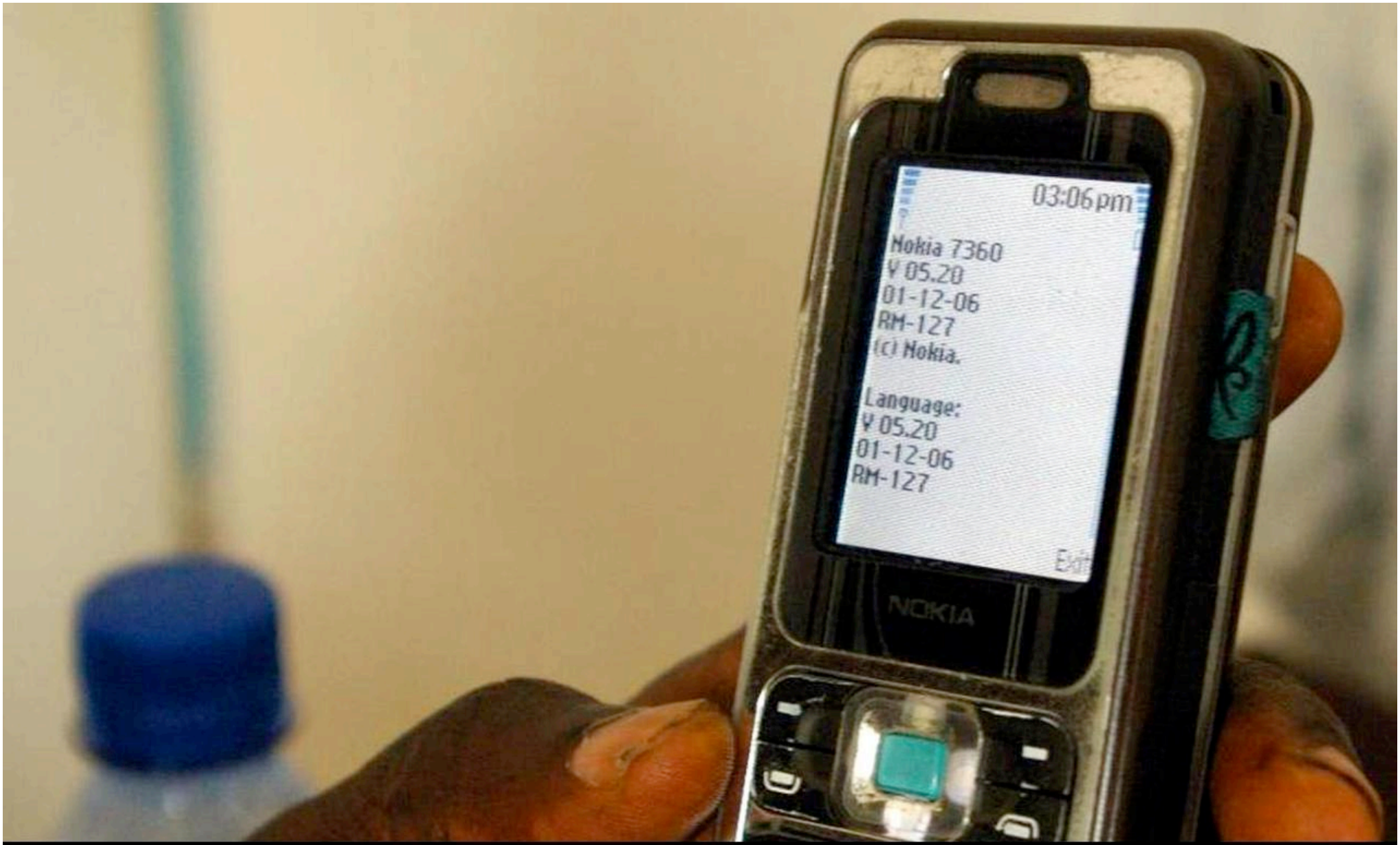

how to tell a fake?

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fakes

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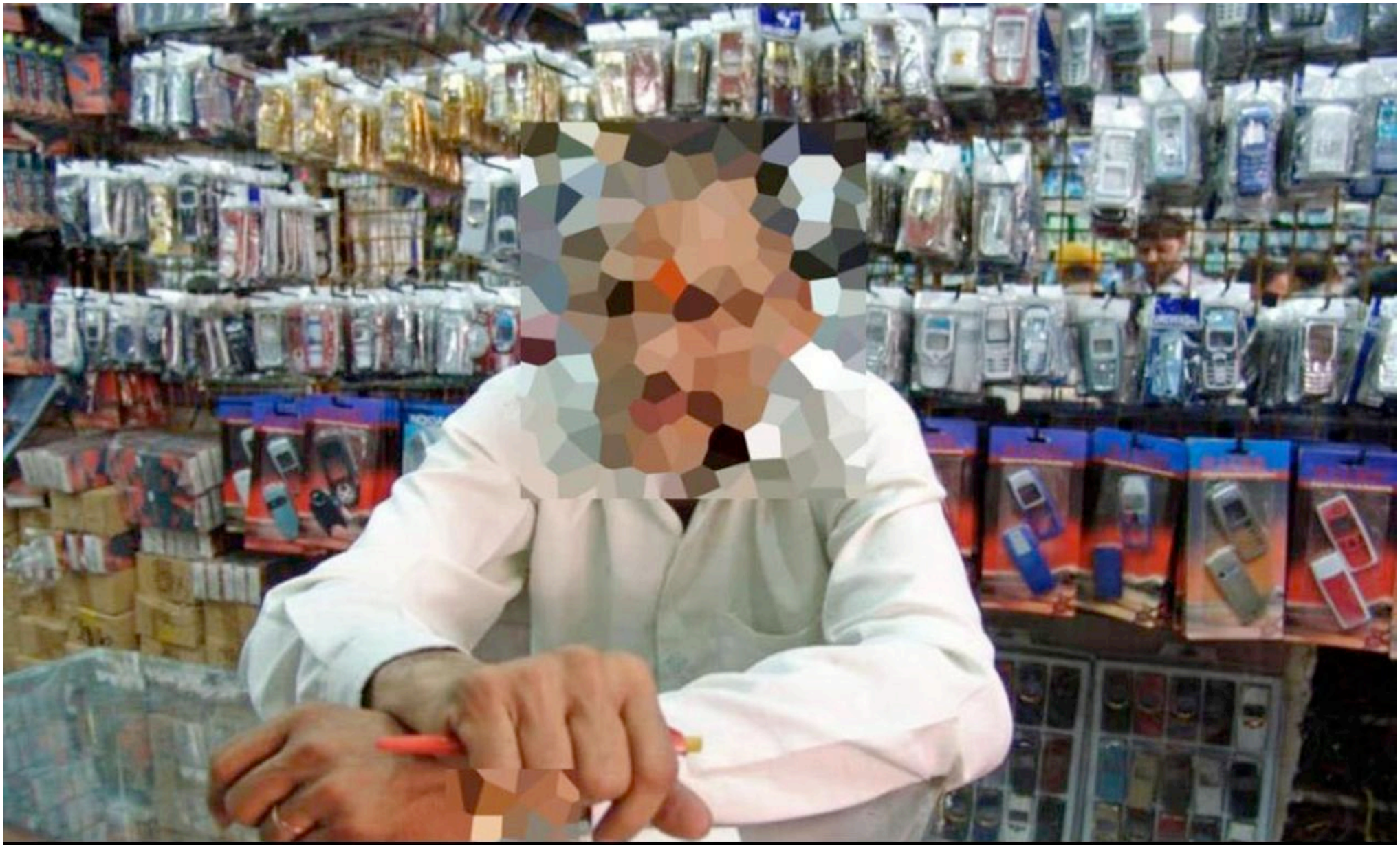

fakes & the risk of raids

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sending money as airtime

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touch points

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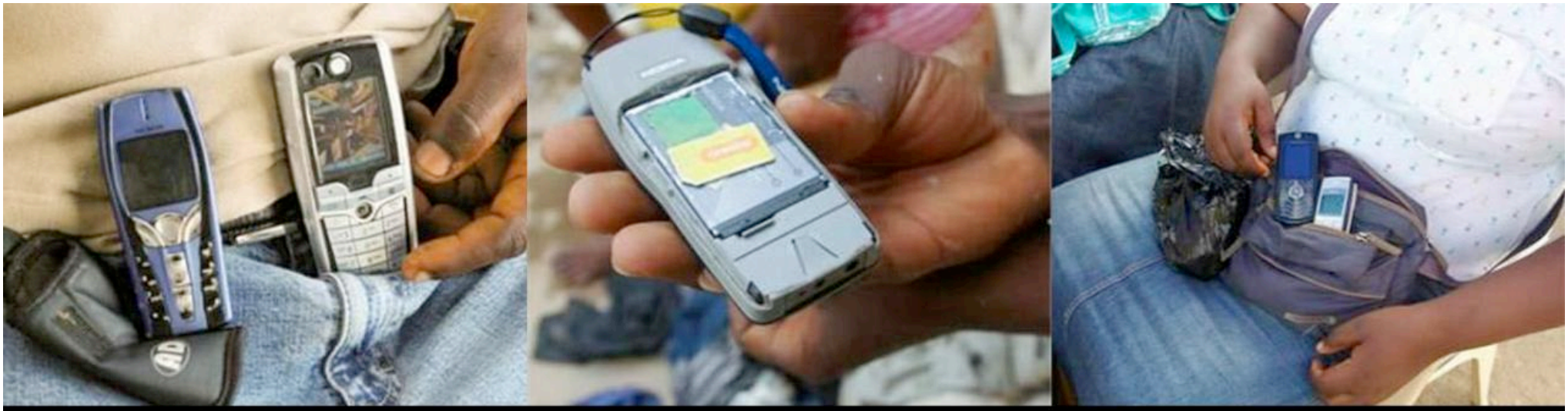

multiple ownership

~30% Accra, ~28% Rio de Janeiro, ...

drivers: cost saving, controlling point of contact, ensuring reliable connectivity

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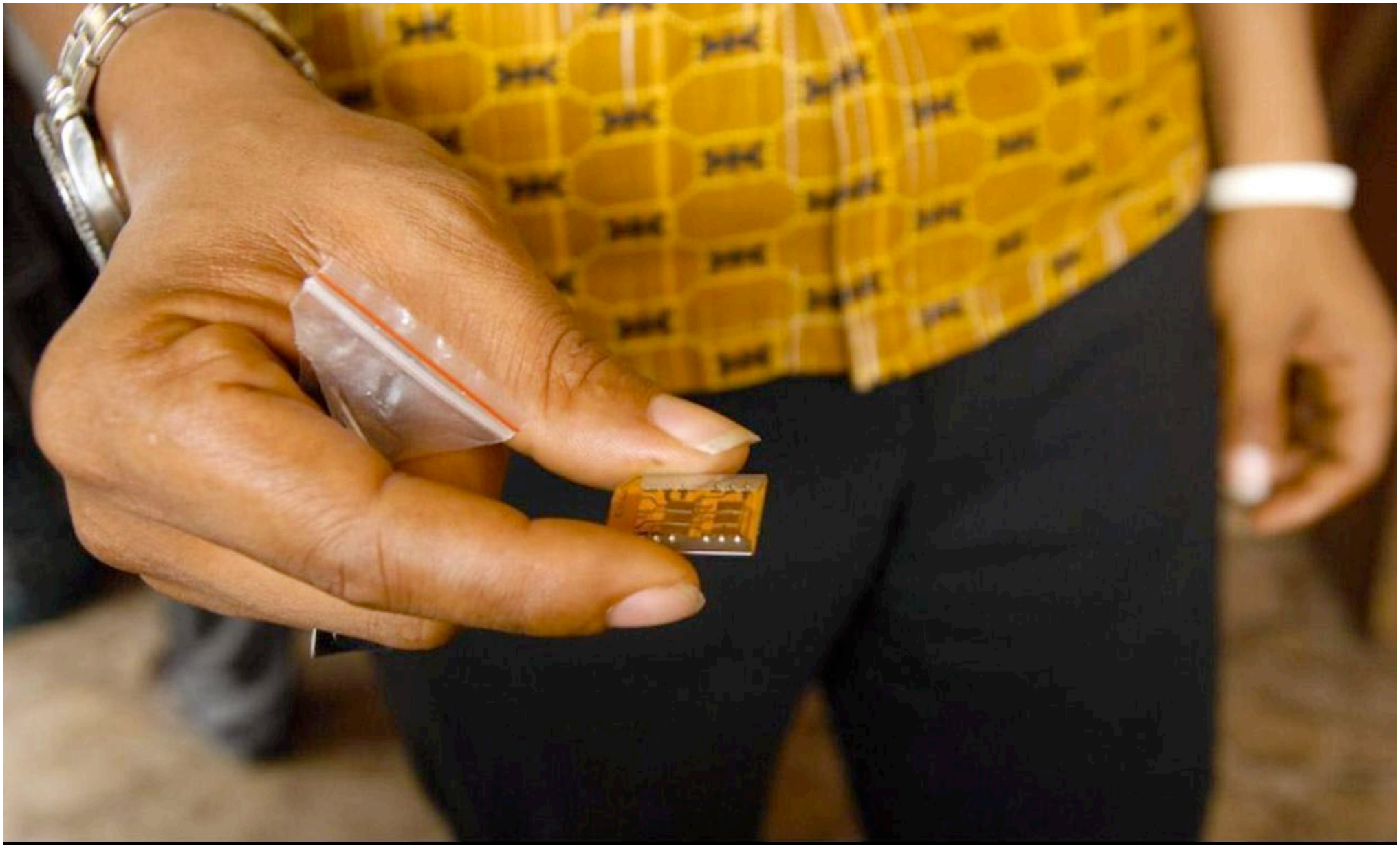

dual, quad, ... SIM

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implications

informal repair culture is largely convenient, cheap and fast

reduces total cost of ownership for existing consumers

makes phone ownership more affordable to highly price sensitive consumers

increasing the life-time of products, lowering their environmental impact (?)

risks

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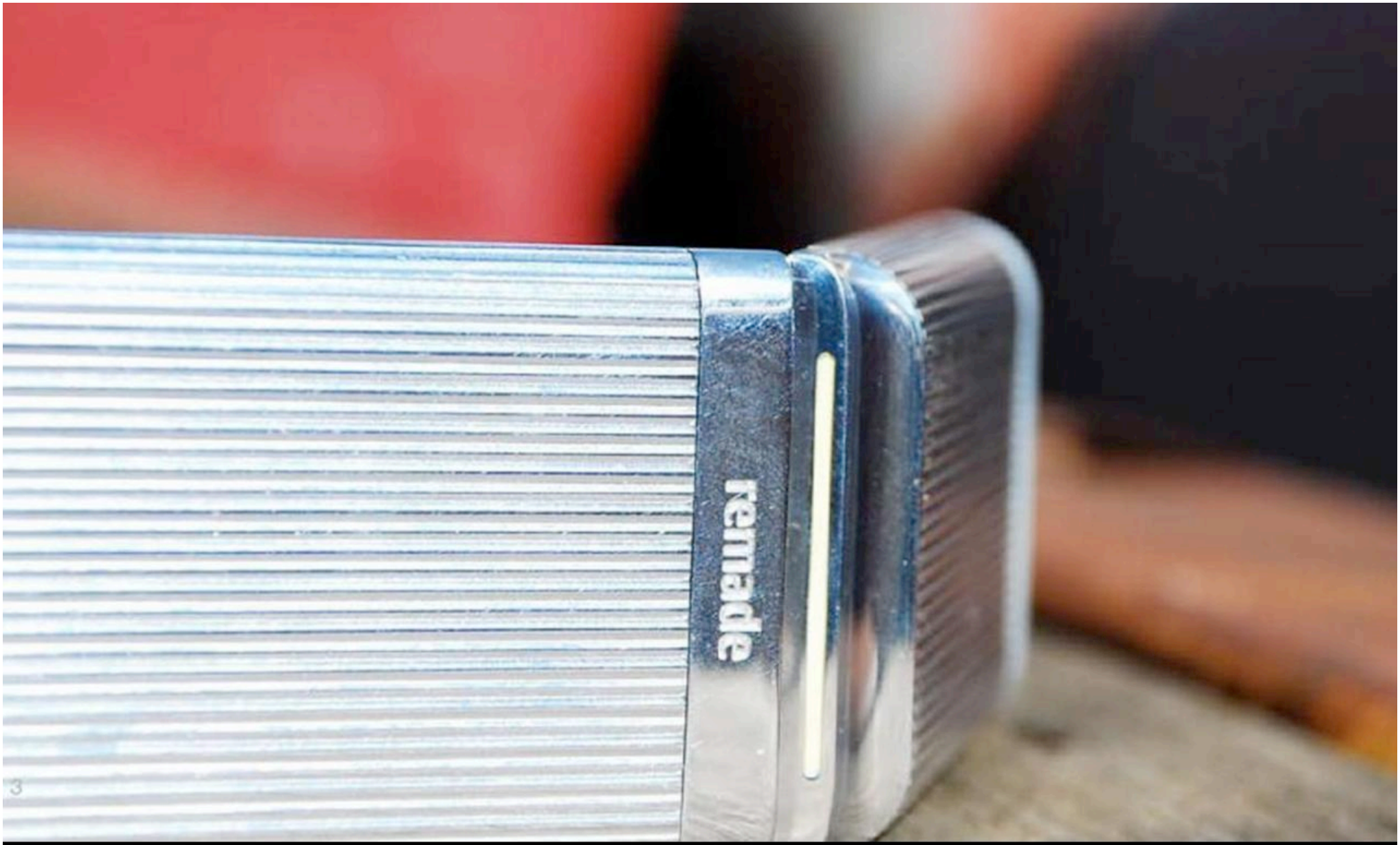

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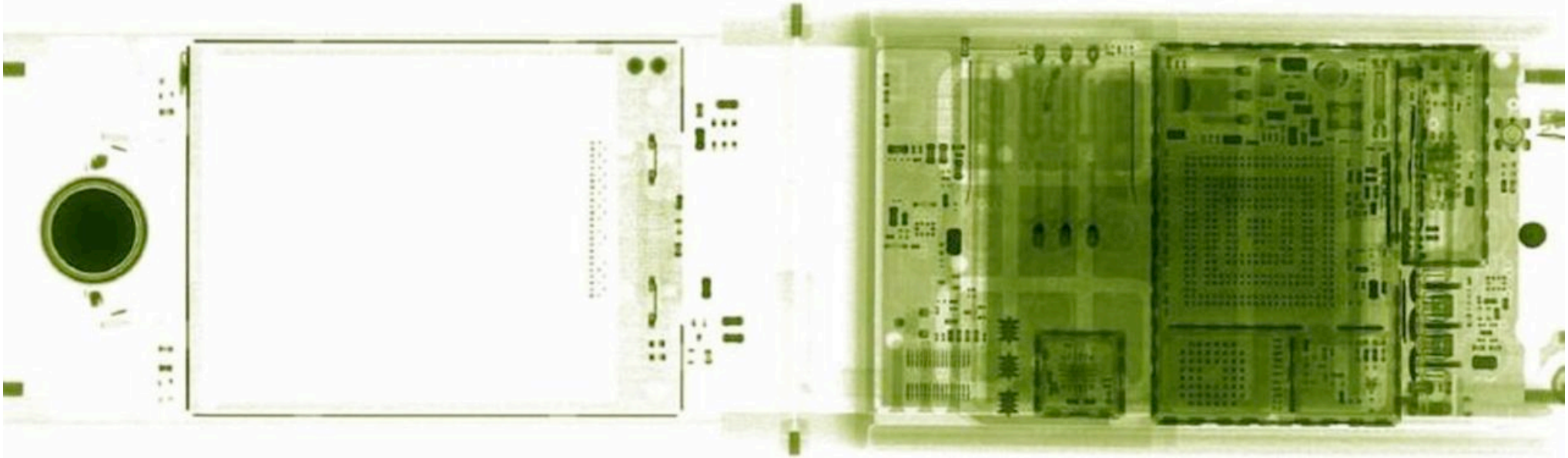

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