

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS  
EQUIPMENT AND ARTICLES THEREIN**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-866**

**ORDER NO. 2:      SETTING TARGET DATE; AND**

**NOTICE OF GROUND RULES AND DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF  
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(February 6, 2013)

The Commission instituted this Investigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, to determine:

whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain wireless communications equipment and articles therein by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-13 of the '749 patent; claims 1, 4, 9, and 12 of the '081 patent; claims 1-14 of the '438 patent; claims 1-8 of the '827 patent; claims 1-8 of the '929 patent; claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-23 of the '813 patent; and claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 of the '682 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337 [.]

78 Fed. Reg. 6837-8 (January 31, 2013). The Commission has further directed the Administrative

Law Judge to:

take evidence or other information and hear arguments from the parties and other interested persons with respect to the public interest in this investigation, as appropriate, and provide the Commission with findings of fact and a recommended determination on this issue, which shall be limited to the statutory public interest factors, 19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1), (f)(1), (g)(1)[.]

*Id.*

The Notice of Investigation names Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Seoul, Korea and Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC of Richardson, Texas as complainants and Ericsson Inc. of Plano, Texas and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson of Stockholm, Sweden as respondents. (*Id.*) The Commission Investigative Staff of the Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also a party in this Investigation. (*Id.*)

Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.51(a), a target date for completion of the Investigation in the above-captioned matter must be set. *See* § 19 C.F.R. 210.51(a). Upon a review of the Complaint and the Notice of Investigation, and taking into account the Administrative Law Judge's commitments in other Investigations, the Administrative Law Judge has determined that a target date of approximately 15.5 months is appropriate. The final initial determination on violation in this Investigation will be due no later than January 16, 2014. The corresponding target date shall be May 16, 2014.

The conduct of this Investigation before the Administrative Law Judge shall be governed by the Commission Rules and the Ground Rules attached hereto. The parties should pay particular attention to the Ground Rules governing this Investigation, as they differ from the ground rules issued by the Administrative Law Judge in other investigations. Further, the Administrative Law Judge has designated Ken Schopfer as the primary Attorney Advisor for this Investigation. Any inquiries or correspondence from the parties should be directed to Mr. Schopfer. However, the parties should note that Ground Rule 1.3.2 requires that electronic copies of submissions be sent to both of the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisors.

In order that the proceeding in this matter may begin expeditiously, the parties are directed to submit a discovery statement by February 22, 2013 (the discovery statement need not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission). The discovery statement shall include: (i) a description of information and evidence that each party intends to submit to prove

its own case; (ii) a description of specific information and evidence that each party will be seeking from other parties and third persons; and (iii) a description of information and evidence each party believes can be obtained only by deposition, interrogatory, subpoena, or request for admissions.

In addition to the discovery statement, the parties also shall jointly file by February 22, 2013 a proposed procedural schedule that includes dates for each of the events set forth in Ground Rule 1.14. If the parties wish to deviate from the attached sample schedule when proposing dates, they should explain their rationale for the proposed changes in their submission. Certain dates have already been set in the schedule below. The parties may not alter the dates the Administrative Law Judge has already set forth below when proposing their schedule.

With respect to the evidentiary hearing, the Administrative Law Judge anticipates an optional technology tutorial to start at 9:00 a.m. on September 30, 2013 at a location to be announced closer to the hearing date. The pre-hearing conference and hearing will commence in the same location immediately following the tutorials. The hearing shall conclude no later than October 11, 2013. The parties shall take these dates, and the other dates noted in **Attachment A** below, into consideration when proposing their procedural schedule.

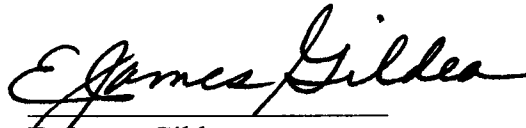
The proposed schedule includes dates for three settlement meetings (which will not include the Administrative Law Judge) at a time, date, and location of the parties' choosing for the good faith exploration of settlement, by persons of requisite settlement authority, of some or all of the issues in the case. Unless the parties obtain the permission of the Administrative Law Judge, for good cause shown, the settlement meetings should not occur by video-conferencing or by teleconferencing. The first of the settlement meetings should be relatively early in the Investigation, the second should be approximately midway through the period for discovery, while the last should be set for the period between the close of discovery and before the commencement

of the hearing. The parties should also include dates in the proposed schedule for filing the joint settlement conference reports.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, the parties are expected to identify patent priority dates, prior art, and solidify their positions with respect to claim construction for the asserted patents early in the Investigation. The proposed schedule provides dates for the submission of proposed claim constructions for disputed claim terms. Absent a showing of good cause, the parties will be bound by their proposed constructions for disputed claim terms on the date the joint submission of disputed claim terms is due. The parties may submit proposals on or before April 15, 2013 with their comments as to whether a Markman hearing at least two months in advance of the hearing would be useful in resolving disputed claim terms.

The parties should make intensive good faith efforts to agree to a procedural schedule. It is expected that in most instances the parties should be able to submit a joint proposal on this matter.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
E. James Gildea  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Settlement conference reports, at a minimum, should state what meeting(s) took place, who attended, and what result, if any, was obtained in each meeting. *See Certain Dynamic Random Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory Devices and Products Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-803, Order No. 16 (U.S.I.T.C., Nov. 21, 2011).

**ATTACHMENT A**

**FORM OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE & DATES**

<b>Parties submit discovery statement</b>	<b>February 22, 2013</b>
<b>Parties file a joint proposed procedural schedule</b>	
<b>Parties exchange list of patent claim terms for construction</b>	<b>March 6, 2013</b>
<b>File notice of patent priority dates</b>	<b>March 13, 2013</b>
<b>Deadline for first settlement conference</b>	
<b>Submission of first settlement conference joint report</b>	
<b>File identification of expert witnesses, including their expertise and curriculum vitae</b>	
<b>File notice of prior art</b>	<b>March 27, 2013</b>
<b>Exchange of proposed constructions of the disputed claim terms</b>	<b>March 29, 2013</b>
<b>Deadline for parties to meet and confer in an attempt to reconcile or otherwise limit disputed claim terms</b>	
<b>Deadline to file Markman hearing proposals</b>	<b>April 15, 2013</b>
<b>Parties submit a joint list showing each party's proposed construction of the disputed claim terms</b>	<b>April 15, 2013</b>
<b>Technology Stipulation deadline</b>	
<b>Deadline for second settlement conference</b>	
<b>Submission of second settlement conference joint report</b>	
<b>File tentative list of witnesses a party will call to testify at the evidentiary hearing, with an identification of each witness' relationship to the party</b>	
<b>Deadline for initial contention interrogatory responses</b>	
<b>Fact discovery cutoff and completion</b>	<b>June 19, 2013</b>

<b>Last day for motions to compel discovery</b>	<b>June 26, 2013</b>
<b>Exchange of initial expert reports (identify tests/surveys/data)</b>	
<b>Exchange of rebuttal expert reports</b>	
<b>Deadline for third settlement conference</b>	
<b>Submission of third settlement conference joint report</b>	
<b>Last day for filing summary determination motions</b>	<b>July 30, 2013</b>
<b>Expert discovery cutoff and completion</b>	<b>August 9, 2013</b>
<b>Submission of statements regarding the use of witness statements in lieu of live direct testimony, and statements regarding whether any party intends to offer expert reports into evidence</b>	
<b>Exchange of exhibit lists among the parties</b>	
<b>Submit and serve direct exhibits, with physical and demonstrative exhibits available</b>	
<b>File Pre-hearing statements and briefs</b>	
<b>File requests for receipt of evidence without a witness</b>	
<b>File objections to direct exhibits</b>	
<b>Submit and serve rebuttal exhibits, with rebuttal physical and demonstrative exhibits available</b>	
<b>Last day for filing motions <i>in limine</i></b>	<b>September 9, 2013</b>
<b>File responses to objections to direct exhibits</b>	
<b>File objections to rebuttal exhibits</b>	
<b>File statement of high priority objections</b>	
<b>File response to objections to rebuttal exhibits</b>	
<b>File responses to statement of high priority objections</b>	
<b>Submission of declarations justifying confidentiality of exhibits</b>	
<b>Last day to file responses to motions <i>in limine</i></b>	<b>September 19, 2013</b>

<b>Tutorials (optional)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., September 30, 2013, location TBA</b>
<b>Pre-hearing conference</b>	<b>September 30, 2013 location TBA</b>
<b>Hearing</b>	<b>September 30-October 11, 2013, location TBA</b>
<b>File initial post-hearing briefs and final exhibit lists</b>	<b>October 23, 2013</b>
<b>File reply post-hearing briefs</b>	<b>November 1, 2013</b>
<b>Final ID due</b>	<b>January 16, 2014</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>May 16, 2014</b>

**ATTACHMENT B**

**GROUND RULES**



## **GROUND RULES FOR THIS SECTION 337 INVESTIGATION**

These Ground Rules supplement the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. Parts 201 and 210 ("Commission Rules"), in order to aid the Administrative Law Judge in the orderly conduct of this Section 337 Investigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 556(c).

These Ground Rules govern a U.S. patent-based investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337(a)(1)(B). In the case of an investigation based upon a registered copyright, registered trademark, or registered mask work pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337(a)(1)(B), (C) or (D), additional Ground Rules may also govern. In addition, in a case involving a motion for temporary relief pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337(e), additional Ground Rules may also govern.

In case of any conflict between these Ground Rules and any subsequent order issued by the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission in this Investigation, the subsequent order shall control.

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## **JUDGE GILDEA'S GROUND RULES**

### **1. Address; Requirements for Filing, Service, and Copies; Time**

#### **1.1. Address of Administrative Law Judge.**

The Administrative Law Judge's address is as follows:

The Honorable E. James Gildea  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, S.W., Room 317  
Washington, D.C. 20436

#### **1.2. Filing Requirement.**

All submissions shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with Commission Rule 210.4(f) unless otherwise specifically provided for in these Ground Rules or by order of the Administrative Law Judge. *See the Handbook on Filing Procedures at [www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook\\_on\\_filing\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf) for further details.* The parties should be aware that the close of business for the agency is 5:15 pm. *See Commission Rule 201.3(c).*

#### **1.3. Service Copy Requirement.**

##### **1.3.1. Paper Copies.**

Copies of the papers filed with the Secretary shall be served concurrently on all other parties, including the Commission Investigative Attorney (if named as a party). Also, two (2) double-sided courtesy paper copies shall be served on the Administrative Law Judge at his office the next business day after the papers are electronically filed with the Secretary.

##### **1.3.2. Electronic Copies.**

In addition to that which is required in Ground Rule 1.3.1, while the Investigation is pending before the Administrative Law Judge, any party submitting a motion or any response to a motion, as well as any other paper submitted in this Investigation, shall on the same business day as the electronic filing, send one (1) courtesy electronic copy of said document in Microsoft Word or PDF format (preferred), excluding exhibits, to both of the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisors, Sarah Zimmerman and Ken Schopfer.

The electronic courtesy copy should be sent either (i) via e-mail (preferred) to [sarah.zimmerman@usitc.gov](mailto:sarah.zimmerman@usitc.gov) and [kenneth.schopfer@usitc.gov](mailto:kenneth.schopfer@usitc.gov), or (ii) on disc. Copies submitted on disc must be clearly labeled with the Investigation number, party name, and document title. Copies sent via e-mail should include the number of this Investigation as the first item in the subject line, *and must be followed by a very brief summary of the contents.* For example, the subject line may read: "Inv. No. 337-TA-8##, Motion for Summary Determination."

#### **1.4. Submission by Fax Disfavored.**

Service of any document on the Administrative Law Judge by facsimile transmission is **strongly** disfavored, and requires prior approval of the Administrative Law Judge. A requesting party should explain why service of the paper by mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery is not feasible, and inform the Office of the Administrative Law Judges of the number of pages to be transmitted, the exact time the transmission will take place, and whether the document to be transmitted contains any confidential business information. Service of any paper on the Administrative Law Judge by facsimile must be followed by service on the Administrative Law Judge of a hard copy of the paper within three (3) business days.

#### **1.5. Concurrent Service.**

Service on opposing counsel may be made by hand, facsimile, e-mail, or overnight courier. The parties are encouraged to confer and stipulate in writing to acceptable forms and terms of service. Any foreign respondent who is not represented by counsel may be served by first class mail. Motions served by overnight courier shall be received by the other parties no later than the close of business on the day following the day on which the motion is filed. Where documents are served on the Office of the Secretary by hand, they shall also be served on local counsel the same day.

#### **1.6. Confidential Submissions.**

Any document containing confidential business information shall be prominently marked on at least its first page with the legend “confidential business information,” or equivalent wording.<sup>1</sup> Documents filed with confidential attachments shall similarly contain a marking on the first page of the document indicating that there are confidential attachments and the first page of each of the confidential attachments shall be marked pursuant to Commission Rules. A party who mistakenly files a document without a confidential designation thereon shall immediately contact the Office of the Secretary and the Attorney Advisor.

#### **1.7. Unreported Court Decisions.**

Any submission that makes reference to an unreported court decision shall include as an exhibit the text of the decision.

#### **1.8. Certificates of Service.**

Certificates of service shall state the date and manner of delivery of documents filed with the Office of the Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> See Commission Rules 210.6 and 210.34. It is recommended that every confidential page be so marked.

### **1.9. Temporary Relief.**

In any aspect of an investigation which involves a pending motion for temporary relief, a party serving any paper, including any motion or discovery requests, must notify counsel for the other parties, including the Commission Investigative Staff Attorney (“Staff”) if Staff is a party, by telephone on the day the paper is served about the substance of the paper, and must arrange for the other parties to receive the paper the next business day.

### **1.10. Due Dates; Requests for Extensions; Urgent Filings; Untimely Filings.**

All due dates for any paper necessitate that the paper be received by the intended recipient no later than the close of business on the due date. Any request for extension of time must be made by written motion no later than the day before the due date and good cause for such extension must be established.

Urgent matters should be brought to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge as follows. First, motions, responses, or other filings that are urgent or that should receive expedited treatment should be **clearly noted** in the document’s caption. Second, on the date of said filing, the Administrative Law Judge’s Attorney Advisor must be notified by e-mail, with a copy to all parties, that the matter is of pressing importance or urgency. The parties should note, however, that the Administrative Law Judge has many ongoing investigations. All pending matters will be addressed with as much dispatch as time and circumstances allow.

It is the responsibility of the other parties to promptly notify the Administrative Law Judge in writing if a party has filed a document after the deadline set in the procedural schedule or Commission Rules. A party may correct an untimely filed document by promptly moving to have the document accepted out of time by the Administrative Law Judge and explaining the good cause for late consideration. *See* Commission Rule 201.3(c). The two-day meet and confer requirement is waived for such motions. If no prompt<sup>2</sup> motion is brought, the Administrative Law Judge may in his discretion order that an untimely filed document be disregarded.

### **1.11. Public Versions of Orders/IDs and Redactions.**

Orders issued by the Administrative Law Judge may contain the confidential business information of the parties (or in some cases nonparties), in which case the orders will be designated confidential. The Administrative Law Judge has the discretion, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.5(e), to determine whether the information designated confidential by the supplier is entitled to confidential treatment in orders, initial determinations, and other documents issued by the Administrative Law Judge. The parties will receive instructions in said orders as to the submission of proposed redactions of confidential business information so that a public version of the order may be prepared. Parties who do not intend to submit proposed redactions must notify the Administrative Law Judge in writing.

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<sup>2</sup> The Administrative Law Judge suggests, but does not require, that this occur within two (2) business days of the late filing.

Two (2) copies of a proposed public version of an issued order or initial determination must be submitted to the Administrative Law Judge at the time specified in the issued confidential order or initial determination. Proposed information subject to the protective order should be bracketed clearly in red. It is essential that the confidential matter be clearly bracketed and not deleted in the proposed public version submitted to the Administrative Law Judge.

The proposed public version must be served on all parties at least two (2) business days before the submission of the proposed public version to the Administrative Law Judge. Any party with comments regarding another party's proposed public version must submit them to the Administrative Law Judge on the same date as specified for the submission of the proposed public version.

If no public version is received by the date set in an order requiring such filing, the totality of the order will be made public. Parties shall not file the public version with the Secretary. The Administrative Law Judge will issue the public version of the order once all required redactions are made.

The parties should take careful note, however, that it is the Administrative Law Judge's firm policy that the public has a right to know the substantive outcome of the Investigation. Therefore for any order resolving a matter of substance (such as a Markman order, grant of summary determination, or final initial determination), the parties must pay particular attention to their proposed redactions. Only confidential business information may be redacted, even if this means redacting a portion of a sentence.

#### **1.12. Electronic Filing (EDIS).**

Commission Rule 210.4(f) governs the electronic filing of certain documents in Section 337 Investigations with the Office of the Secretary via the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS). Filing through EDIS, however, does not remove the requirement that parties also submit two (2) courtesy hard copies and an electronic copy of such filing, (not by facsimile transmission), with the office of the Administrative Law Judges. *See* Ground Rule 1.3.2.

For additional information regarding EDIS, the parties may contact the EDIS Helpdesk at (202) 205-3347 or access the EDIS 3 User Guide currently found at the following Internet address:

<http://www.usitc.gov/DocketServices/EDIS3UserGuide-External.pdf>

All submissions shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with Commission Rule 210.4(f) unless otherwise specifically provided for in these Ground Rules or by order of the Administrative Law Judge.

### **1.13. Computation of Time; Motion Deadlines.**

In addition to the requirements of Commission Rules 201.14, 201.16(d) and 210.6 for computation of time, if the last day of the period for making a submission falls on a day on which weather or other conditions have made EDIS and the Office of the Secretary of the Commission inaccessible, the cut off shall be extended to the end of the next business day which is not one of the aforementioned days.

The first day of the ten (10) calendar days for responding to a motion shall be the first business day following the date that said motion was filed on EDIS. In addition to the requirements of Commission Rules 201.16 and 210.15(c) governing the period for a nonmoving party's response to a written motion, the date of service of a motion on a nonmoving party by electronic mail, personal delivery, express-type mail or courier service is the date of delivery. The additional time provided under Commission Rule 201.16(d) after service by mail does not apply in such instances, unless service by electronic mail, personal delivery or an express-type mail or courier service is to a nonmoving party in a foreign country, in which event the additional time allowed for responses to motions shall be five (5) days.

### **1.14. Procedural Schedule.**

The Administrative Law Judge will establish a procedural schedule for this Investigation. Modifications of the procedural schedule by any party shall be regulated by written motion showing good cause. However, the parties should not expect to be able to modify the hearing dates absent exigent circumstances. The event and deadline dates in the procedural schedule will generally adhere to the following chronological order:

<b>Deadline for First settlement conference</b>
<b>Submission of first settlement conference joint report</b>
<b>Parties exchange list of patent claim terms for construction</b>
<b>File identification of expert witnesses, including their expertise and curriculum vitae</b>
<b>File notice of patent priority dates</b>
<b>File notice of prior art</b>
<b>Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) provide Staff<sup>3</sup> with their proposed construction of the disputed claim terms</b>
<b>Parties meet and confer (including Staff, if applicable) in an attempt to reconcile or otherwise limit disputed claim terms</b>
<b>Parties submit a joint list showing each party's proposed construction of the disputed claim terms</b>

<sup>3</sup> If Staff is not a party to the Investigation, the private parties should exchange their proposed constructions.



<b>Deadline for Second settlement conference</b>
<b>Submission of second settlement conference joint report</b>
<b>Exchange of initial expert reports (identify tests/surveys/data)</b>
<b>Deadline for initial contention interrogatory responses</b>
<b>File tentative list of witnesses a party will call to testify at the hearing, with an identification of each witness' relationship to the party</b>
<b>Exchange of rebuttal expert reports</b>
<b>Fact discovery cutoff and completion</b>
<b>Last day for filing motions to compel discovery</b>
<b>Deadline for Third settlement conference</b>
<b>Submission of third settlement conference joint report</b>
<b>Last day for filing summary determination motions</b>
<b>Expert discovery cutoff and completion</b>
<b>Submission of statements regarding the use of witness statements in lieu of live direct testimony, and statements regarding whether any party intends to offer expert reports into evidence</b>
<b>Exchange of exhibit lists among the parties</b>
<b>Submit and serve direct exhibits (including witness statements), with physical and demonstrative exhibits available -- Complainant(s) and Respondent(s)</b>
<b>Submit and serve direct exhibits (including witness statements), with physical and demonstrative exhibits available -- Staff (if applicable)</b>
<b>File Pre-hearing statements and briefs -- Complainant(s) and Respondent(s)</b>
<b>File requests for receipt of evidence without a witness</b>
<b>File objections to direct exhibits<sup>4</sup> (including witness statements)</b>

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<sup>4</sup> The parties should note that the use of codes for exhibit objections is strongly discouraged. In addition, the Administrative Law Judge would prefer that parties include the exhibit title (or summary) in addition to the exhibit number, and, where practicable, a brief explanation of the rationale for the objection(s).

<b>Submit and serve rebuttal exhibits (including witness statements), with rebuttal physical and demonstrative exhibits available -- all parties</b>
<b>Last day for filing motions <i>in limine</i></b>
<b>File Pre-hearing statement and brief -- Staff (if applicable)</b>
<b>File responses to objections to direct exhibits (including witness statements)</b>
<b>File objections to rebuttal exhibits (including witness statements)</b>
<b>File statement of high priority objections</b>
<b>File response to objections to rebuttal exhibits (including witness statements)</b>
<b>File responses to statement of high priority objections</b>
<b>Submission of declarations justifying confidentiality of exhibits</b>
<b>Last day for filing responses to motions <i>in limine</i></b>
<b>Tutorial on technology</b>
<b>Pre-hearing conference</b>
<b>Hearing</b>
<b>File initial post-hearing briefs and final exhibit lists</b>
<b>File reply post-hearing briefs</b>

### **1.15. Early Claim Construction**

At the start of an Investigation involving patent litigation, the Administrative Law Judge may order early claim construction, or alternatively, may provide the parties with an opportunity to submit proposals requesting early claim construction. If a Markman hearing in advance of the evidentiary hearing is ordered, the parties are required to confer and set a logical order for briefing the disputed claim terms of the asserted patents, and then follow that pre-set order in all Markman-related submissions and filings. *See*, for example, the relevant portions of **Appendix B**.

The parties should note that expert reports related to early claim construction may be required to be filed on EDIS. The Procedural Schedule will state whether the reports should be filed or submitted.

#### **1.15.1. Markman Briefing, Page Limits.**

Unless the Administrative Law Judge provides otherwise, initial Markman briefs shall not exceed 150 pages. Responsive Markman briefs shall not exceed 100 pages. The parties should use their best efforts to attempt to resolve disputed claim language up to and throughout the Markman hearing and promptly notify the Administrative Law Judge in writing if any agreements are reached. If the parties designate a large number of claim terms for construction, the Administrative Law Judge may set limits on the number of claim terms to be construed. It is also noted that if the parties designate a large number of claim terms for construction, this will delay the issuance of any Markman order.

If the parties have agreed to the construction of any claim terms, the Administrative Law Judge considers those terms to be “in controversy”<sup>5</sup> and expects the parties to include a section in their Markman briefs setting forth in detail their rationale and support for their agreed upon constructions so that the Administrative Law Judge may make an independent evaluation. *See Certain Reduced Ignition Proclivity Cigarette Wrappers and Products Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-756, Comm’n Op. at 43-44 (U.S.I.T.C., June 15, 2012).

Arguments that do not appear in the initial and responsive Markman briefs shall be deemed waived. The parties will be bound by their claim construction positions set forth on the date they are required to submit a joint list showing each party’s proposed construction of the disputed claim terms and will not be permitted to alter these absent a showing of good cause.

If the parties have exhibits or attachments they wish to submit with their Markman briefing, these must correspond to the proposed exhibits that the parties intend to have entered into the record during the Markman hearing. Citations to these attachments in the briefing should correspond to the proposed exhibit numbers. This means the parties should meet and confer with respect to joint exhibits prior to the deadline for the initial Markman briefs. For example, if Complainants intend to attach a copy of a dictionary definition, Complainants should mark that attachment as a proposed (four-digit) exhibit (e.g., CXM-0003) and refer to that attachment by the proposed exhibit designation in the briefing (e.g., *see* proposed CXM-0003 at 14). The Administrative Law Judge may disregard any attachments to the Markman briefs that have not been admitted into the record during the Markman hearing.

#### **1.15.2. Pre-Hearing Statement.**

Each party who intends to take part in the Markman hearing in this Investigation must file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule a brief statement containing the following information:

- (a) The names of all known speakers or witnesses, including an identification of whether the speaker is counsel, a fact witness, or an expert witness. If a party intends to use witnesses, the prehearing statement should include a very brief outline of the testimony of each witness.

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<sup>5</sup> *Wellman, Inc. v. Eastman Chem. Co.*, 642 F.3d 1355, 1361 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *Vanderlande Indus. Nederland BV v. Int’l Trade Comm.*, 366 F.3d 1311, 1323 (Fed. Cir. 2004); *Vivid Tech., Inc. v. American Sci. & Eng’g, Inc.*, 200 F.3d 795, 803 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

(b) A list, by title and number, of all exhibits which the parties will seek to introduce at the Markman hearing. The list shall include five columns. In the first four columns, the party shall include the number of the exhibit, a brief description and the title of the exhibit, the purpose for which it is being offered, and each sponsoring witness. The last column shall be labeled “Received” and need only include sufficient space for a date.

(c) A list of any stipulations to which the parties have agreed.

(d) A proposed schedule/allocation of time for the Markman hearing, including the estimated length for the appearance of each speaker or witness. (The parties shall confer on estimated dates and approximate length prior to submission of their pre-trial statements).

### **1.15.3. Markman Hearing Evidence.**

#### **1.15.3.1. Exchange of Proposed Exhibits.**

As noted above, the parties should meet and confer in an effort to identify and number joint exhibits prior to submission of the Markman briefs. Copies of proposed exhibit lists shall be served on the opposing parties by no later than the date set forth in the procedural schedule. Once the parties have exchanged their proposed exhibit lists, they shall further eliminate any inadvertent duplicate exhibits or renumber such exhibits as joint exhibits and update their exhibit lists. Any exhibits that have been cited to in the Markman briefing that have been consolidated or renumbered must remain on the exhibit lists with a clear indication of what the new proposed exhibit number is. For example, if Respondents, in Respondents’ Markman brief, had cited to some dictionary definitions marked as RXM-0003 and this exhibit was later renumbered as JXM-0056 to remove duplication, the entry on Respondents’ proposed exhibit list would reflect this change.

RXM-0003	Excerpts from Oxford English Dictionary, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed.	Extrinsic evidence as to common meaning of disputed terms “coextensive” and “adjacent”	Respondents’ presentation	<b>Renumbered to JXM-0056</b>
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Copies of proposed exhibits, if any, including all demonstratives, along with an updated proposed exhibit list, shall be served on the opposing parties by no later than the date set forth in the procedural schedule. Proposed exhibits shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission or served on the Administrative Law Judge in advance of the Markman hearing.

Final proposed exhibit lists should be filed as part of the Markman Pre-Hearing Statement.

**1.15.3.2. Service of Proposed Exhibits upon Administrative Law Judge.**

Prior to the start of the Markman hearing, the parties must bring to the hearing room a full set of double-sided proposed exhibit copies in loose-leaf binders, which will be used by the Administrative Law Judge during and after the hearing (the “ALJ Set”), along with a proposed exhibit list. Clear photocopies may be used instead of original documents.

**1.15.3.3. Format and Submission of Admitted Exhibits.**

The parties should refer to the procedures in Ground Rule 8 below with respect to the format and submission of admitted and rejected Markman hearing exhibits, as well as the format and submission of the ALJ Set. *See* Ground Rule 8. Written exhibits shall be marked in order beginning with the four-digit number “0001” and preceded by the prefix “CXM” for Complainants’ Markman exhibits, “RXM” for Respondents’ exhibits, “SXM” for the Commission Investigative Staff’s (“Staff”) Markman exhibits (if applicable), and “JXM” for any joint exhibits.

**1.15.4. Markman Hearing.**

The parties have the discretion to determine the order of presentation and allocation of time for the Markman proceedings. For example, the parties may have Complainants discuss all of the patents before moving on to Respondents and then Staff (if applicable), or the parties may each present their arguments with respect to one patent before moving on to the next patent. The parties may also determine what, if any, time will be allocated for rebuttal. The parties should keep in mind that the total time allocated for one Markman hearing day is 6.5 hours.

**1.15.4.1. Opening Statement and Closing Argument.**

No opening statements and closing arguments are necessary.

**1.15.4.2. Markman Hearing Hours.**

Normal hearing hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a one (1) hour luncheon recess beginning at approximately 12:00 p.m. and two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks.

**1.15.4.3. Admission of Exhibits.**

The parties are responsible for moving their exhibits into the record, and should initiate admission of exhibits on the record with the Administrative Law Judge well in advance of the 5 p.m. close of the Markman hearing. If the Administrative Law Judge approves admission of the requested exhibits, the parties should be prepared to submit a list of admitted exhibits to the hearing reporter for entry into the record.

The parties may seek to have demonstrative exhibits admitted into evidence for substantive or solely for demonstrative purposes. Such designation should be made clear on the

record at the time of submission.

#### **1.15.4.4. Transcript.**

The parties have the option of arranging for the Markman hearing transcript in real time. The Administrative Law Judge prefers to have hearing transcripts in real time.

#### **1.16. Technology Stipulations.**

If the Administrative Law Judge has set a deadline for submission of a technology stipulation in a patent investigation, the private parties are required to meet and confer in good faith and, after consultation with Staff (if applicable), shall submit to the Administrative Law Judge no later than the close of business on the date set in the procedural schedule, two copies of a joint stipulation regarding the technology at issue in this Investigation. The parties shall further state the position of the Staff (if applicable) on the joint technology stipulation.

Said stipulation shall have one section for each patent or family of patents, if it would be more appropriate, and, if applicable, a general technology section should be included that discusses technology common to all of the patents at issue. At a minimum, said stipulation should provide sufficient background information to understand the disputed claim constructions of each of the asserted claims in issue and should not include any facts upon which the parties are not in agreement.

It is expected that any facts listed in said stipulation may be used and relied upon throughout the remainder of the Investigation, including, *inter alia*, in the Administrative Law Judge's final initial determination on violation. Also, said stipulation should not be a vehicle for presenting legal arguments.

It is expected that the parties will use their best efforts to jointly create the technology stipulation. The joint technology stipulation to be submitted should have substance and should not be a list of quotations or paraphrases from the patents at issue (although discussion of the patents is expected to be a component part). *See Certain Electronic Devices, Including Mobile Phones, Portable Music Players, and Computers*, Inv. No. 337-TA-701, Order No. 26 at 1 (U.S.I.T.C., July 29, 2010).

## **2. Motions; Deadlines for Responses.**

### **2.1. Contents; In General.**

Parties with similar interests should coordinate and consolidate motion practice to the extent practicable.

All written motions shall consist of (i) the motion; (ii) a separate memorandum of points and authorities in support of the motion;<sup>6</sup> (iii) an appendix of declarations, affidavits, exhibits, or other attachments in support of the memorandum of points and authorities; and (iv) a Certificate

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<sup>6</sup> A separate memorandum of points and authority is not necessary for motions shorter than five (5) pages.

of Service as required by Commission Rule 201.16(c). It is recommended that a moving party clearly articulate what relief is requested in the motion, as well as the law and facts supporting said request(s).

All responses to motions shall consist of: (i) a memorandum of points and authorities in response to the motion; (ii) an appendix of declarations, affidavits, exhibits, or other attachments in support of the memorandum of points and authorities; and (iii) a Certificate of Service as required by Commission Rule 201.16(c). All responses to motions shall also include the Motion Docket Number assigned to the motion by the Commission's Office of the Secretary in either the title or the first paragraph of any such responses. Motion Docket Numbers may be obtained online through EDIS.

## **2.2. Contents; Certification.**

All motions shall include a certification that the moving party has made a reasonable, good-faith effort to contact and resolve<sup>7</sup> the matter with the other parties at least two (2) business days before filing the motion, and shall state, if known, the position of the other parties regarding the motion. Non-moving parties shall make an effort to timely and substantively respond in good faith to moving party's efforts to resolve a motion.

## **2.3. Contents; Motion for Summary Determination.**

In addition to the foregoing requirements, motions for summary determination shall be accompanied by a separate statement of the material facts ("SMF") as to which the moving party contends there are no genuine issues and which entitle the moving party to summary determination as a matter of law. The SMF shall consist of short numbered paragraphs with specific references to supporting declarations, affidavits or other materials.

## **2.4. Contents; Response to Motion for Summary Determination.**

In addition to the foregoing requirements, each party opposing a motion for summary determination shall include in the response separate statements directed to each of the numbered paragraphs in the moving party's SMF, with specific references to supporting declarations, affidavits or other materials. The responsive statement shall include a recitation of each of the material facts alleged to be disputed that are included in moving party's SMF, followed separately by the nonmoving party's response. Parties should avoid boilerplate rebuttals, and particularly should avoid rebuttals or objections that are not directly relevant to the material fact at issue. If a material fact, or a portion of a material fact, is undisputed, the responding party should so state. All material facts set forth in the moving party's SMF may be deemed admitted by a nonmoving party unless specifically controverted in the nonmoving party's responsive statement.

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<sup>7</sup> Emailing the other parties to inquire as to their position on the proposed motion does not constitute a good faith effort to resolve the matter.

## **2.5. Contents; Discovery-Related Motions.**

Any discovery-related motion must have appended to it the pertinent parts of the discovery request and all objections and answers thereto. Additionally, if a party serves supplemental responses after the filing of a motion to compel, that party must provide copies of the supplemental responses, or, where documents are produced, a detailed accounting of what additional documents were produced.

## **2.6. Request for Shortened Time to Respond to Motion.**

If a party seeks expedited treatment pursuant to Ground Rule 1.10, such motion shall include any request to shorten the time for which other parties may respond to the motion. The fact that a shortened response time is requested shall be noted in the title of the motion and the motion shall include an explanation of the grounds for such a request. A request for a shortened response time shall not be made through a separate motion.

## **2.7. No Motion Stops Discovery Except Motion to Quash Subpoena.**

The submission of a motion does not stop discovery except in the case of a timely motion to quash a subpoena.

## **2.8. Motion Deadlines in the Procedural Schedule.**

Although the Procedural Schedule contains several cut-off points for bringing motions (motions to compel discovery, summary determination motions, and motions *in limine*), parties are expected to bring their motions on a rolling basis. Parties who fail to diligently bring issues to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge as close to the time of the dispute as practicable may find that their arguments have lost persuasive value. *See e.g., Certain Electronic Devices, Including Wireless Communication Devices, Portable Music and Data Processing Devices, and Tablet Computers*, Inv. No. 337-TA-794, Order No. 52 at 2 (U.S.I.T.C., 2012).

# **3. Discovery.**

## **3.1. Resolution of Disputes; Coordinated Discovery.**

The parties shall make reasonable efforts to resolve between or among themselves disputes that arise during discovery. Parties with similar interests must coordinate and consolidate depositions and all other discovery.

### **3.1.1. Discovery Committee.**

Starting the first full week after these Ground Rules are issued, a discovery conference committee (the “Discovery Committee”) consisting of the lead counsel for each party and the Staff, if Staff is a party, shall confer at least once every two (2) weeks during the discovery phase of this Investigation, either in person or by telephone, to resolve discovery disputes. The Discovery Committee shall confer in good faith to resolve every outstanding discovery dispute in



a timely manner within the deadlines set forth in the Procedural Schedule. Within ten (10) calendar days after the end of each month during the discovery phase, the Discovery Committee shall report in writing to the Administrative Law Judge all disputes that were resolved during the preceding month and all disputes about which there is an impasse as of the end of that month. No motion to compel discovery may be filed unless the subject matter of the motion has first been brought to the Discovery Committee and the Committee has reached an impasse in trying to resolve it.

### **3.2. Stipulations Regarding Discovery Procedure.**

Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the parties may by written stipulation (i) provide that depositions be taken before any person, at any time or place, and in any manner and when so taken be used in the same manner as other depositions, and (ii) modify other procedures for, or limitations placed upon, discovery. However, stipulations extending the time provided in **Ground Rules 3.4.2, 3.4.3 and 3.4.4** for responses to discovery, if they would interfere with the target date of this Investigation or with any time set in the procedural schedule, or in an order for completion of discovery, for hearing of a motion, or for the hearing, may only be made with the approval of the Administrative Law Judge upon a written motion showing good cause.

### **3.3. Service of Discovery Requests and Responses.**

Discovery requests and responses must be served on all parties, including the Commission Investigative Attorney (if applicable), but are not to be served on the Administrative Law Judge, or his Attorney Advisors, or filed on EDIS unless they are appended to a motion.

### **3.4. Timing of Discovery Requests, Responses and Objections.**

#### **3.4.1. Depositions; Notice.**

In addition to the requirements of Commission Rule 210.28(c), unless otherwise ordered or stipulated pursuant to Ground Rule 3.2, any party desiring to take a deposition shall give **not less than ten (10) days'** notice in writing to every other party if the deposition is to be taken of a person located in the United States, or not less than **fifteen (15) business days'** notice if the deposition is to be taken of a person located outside the United States. No party shall notice the deposition of a party witness without first consulting with the opposing party and Staff, if Staff is a party, regarding the availability of witnesses and counsel for the deposition.

##### **3.4.1.1. Depositions in Japan.**

If an application for a recommendation to the U.S. District Court requiring depositions of a party in Japan is necessary, it should be titled as an "application" but filed on EDIS as a "motion." The application should include a statement as to the other parties' positions regarding the application as well as any relevant supportive material.

If the Administrative Law Judge determines that the application should be granted, an order and recommendation will issue. One (1) copy of the order will be given to the Office of the Secretary for certification (“the certified original”), a copy of which will then be served on all parties. If the applicant prefers to pick up the certified original, applicant should include in a cover letter, or include in the application itself, clear instructions as to the manner of pick up and the individual to be contacted. Absent these instructions, the certified original will be sent to the applicant along with the service copy.

#### **3.4.2. Interrogatories; Deadline for Responses and Objections.**

In addition to the requirements of Commission Rule 210.29(b), unless otherwise ordered, the party on whom interrogatories have been served shall serve a copy of the answers, and any objections, within **ten (10) days** after the service of the interrogatories.

With respect to contention interrogatories, answering parties are expected to affirmatively and timely provide their full contentions. Parties that fail to do so risk having their untimely disclosed opinions excluded from the Investigation. *See, e.g., Certain Electronic Devices, Including Wireless Communication Devices, Portable Music and Data Processing Devices, and Tablet Computers*, Inv. No. 337-TA-794, Order No. 86 (U.S.I.T.C., 2012). However, as with any other type of discovery request, requesting parties also have a duty to timely compel responses that they believe are incomplete. The Administrative Law Judge expects that the parties will use their best efforts to avoid delay or concealment with respect to contention interrogatories.

#### **3.4.3. Requests for Production of Documents or Things or for Entry upon Land; Deadline for Responses and Objections.**

In addition to the requirements of Commission Rule 210.30(b)(2) with respect to a request for the production of documents or things, or to permit entry upon land, unless otherwise ordered, the party on whom a request has been served shall serve a written response within **ten (10) days** after the service of the request.

#### **3.4.4. Request for Admission; Period for Service; Deadline for Responses and Objections.**

In addition to the requirements of Commission Rule 210.31(a) and (b), unless otherwise ordered, a request for admission may be served at any time **twenty (20) days** after the date of service of the Complaint and Notice of Investigation. Unless otherwise ordered, a party on whom a request for admission has been served, shall serve an answer or objection within **ten (10) days** after the service of the request, otherwise the matter may be deemed admitted.

#### **3.4.5. Discovery Cutoff and Completion.**

All discovery requests, including requests for admissions, must be initiated long enough before the fact discovery cutoff and completion date to allow responses by that date without curtailing the response times prescribed elsewhere herein. Discovery requests by any party that

would require responses after the fact discovery cutoff and completion date must be approved in advance by the Administrative Law Judge upon a showing of compelling circumstances.

### **3.5. Interrogatory Limitation.**

Any party may serve on any other party written interrogatories not exceeding one hundred seventy-five (175) in number, including all discrete subparts. Leave to serve additional interrogatories must be obtained from the Administrative Law Judge by written motion showing good cause.

### **3.6. Subpoenas.**

Subpoenas may be requested to compel third parties to testify or produce documents. Hearing subpoenas will be issued only if the subpoenaed party refuses to testify.

#### **3.6.1. Issuance and Service.**

Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.32, applications for subpoenas may be made ex parte to the Administrative Law Judge. An application shall be in writing with the proposed subpoena attached. One (1) original and one (1) copy thereof shall be submitted to the office of the Administrative Law Judges.

The subpoena application shall set forth (i) the relevancy of the information sought and the reasonableness of the scope of the inquiry, and (ii) shall state that the subpoena will be served (on the individual or entity subject to subpoena) by overnight delivery, if not sooner. The subpoena should (i) set forth a time limit for a motion to quash, and (ii) should refer to and also have a copy of the Protective Order in this Investigation as an attachment. At a minimum, the subpoenaed party shall be given ten (10) days after receipt of the subpoena to file a motion to quash.

Any dates in a subpoena for appearance of a deponent or production of documents shall accommodate the time allowed for the filing of any motions to quash, and shall accommodate for the time needed for the Office of Administrative Law Judges to process the subpoena application.<sup>8</sup> See Commission Rule 201.14(a); Ground Rule 1.13. A copy of the issued subpoena and the application shall be served by the applicant on the subpoenaed party by overnight delivery, if not sooner, and on all other parties to this Investigation on the next business day, at the latest, after the subpoena is issued.

Samples of a subpoena application and two subpoenas are attached in **Appendix A** hereto. The application and subpoena shall not be filed on EDIS or served on the Office of the Secretary of the Commission unless they are appended to a motion.

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<sup>8</sup> This is typically 24-48 hours, depending in part on whether the application is delivered by mail or by courier. Parties with urgent subpoena requests should contact the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisor.

### **3.6.2. Pick-Up of Signed Subpoenas.**

Parties typically arrange for pick-up of signed subpoenas. The Administrative Law Judge's office will contact the party's designated individual when subpoenas are ready for pick-up, and then will deliver the package to the U.S. International Trade Commission's mail room to await a courier. If a party is requesting an alternate form of delivery of the signed subpoenas, the party should contact the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisor in advance.

### **3.6.3. Enforcement.**

Any stipulated extensions to the time set forth for discovery in a subpoena must be made in writing and signed by the nonparty. The Administrative Law Judge expects that good faith efforts to rapidly negotiate with a nonparty to gain subpoena compliance should be made and documented. However, these are expeditious proceedings and a nonparty's failure to cooperate or respond to a subpoena should be brought promptly to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge by way of a supported motion for judicial enforcement.

### **3.7. Bates Numbering.**

Documents produced in response to a document request which are copies of original documents, shall be numbered sequentially by a unique number (commonly known as a "Bates number"). The Bates number shall appear stamped on the lower right-hand corner of the page. The parties are encouraged to use Bates numbers without long prefixes. For example, the Bates number XYZ-00001 is preferable over LONGPARTYNAME-ITCNUMBER-00001.

### **3.8. Translations.**

All documents produced in response to a document request shall be the original or else legible and complete copies of originals. If an English translation of any document produced exists, the English translation shall also be produced. If any of the parties dispute the translation provided by the producing party, then the translation must be certified by a qualified and neutral translator upon whom counsel can agree.

### **3.9. Privileged Matter.**

The following procedure shall be followed with respect to those documents for which counsel claims privilege (attorney-client or work product).

#### **3.9.1. Privileged Document List.**

If production of any document is withheld on the basis of a claim of privilege, each withheld document must be separately identified in a privileged document list.<sup>9</sup> The privileged document list shall be supplied, unless otherwise ordered, within ten (10) days after objections based on privilege to the underlying document requests are due. The privileged document list must identify each document separately, specifying the following for each entry: (i) the date; (ii)

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<sup>9</sup> See *Duplan Corp. v. Deering Millikin, Inc.*, 397 F. Supp. 1146, 184 U.S.P.Q. 775 (D.S.C. 1974).

the author(s)/sender(s); (iii) the recipient(s), including copy recipient(s); and (iv) the general subject matter of the document. The sender(s) and recipient(s) shall be identified in each entry<sup>10</sup> by position and entity (corporation or firm, etc.) with which they are employed or associated. If the author/sender or recipient is an attorney or foreign patent agent, he or she shall be so identified in each entry. The type of privilege claimed must also be stated, together with certification that all elements of the claimed privilege are met and have not been waived with respect to each document.

The parties may stipulate, *see* Ground Rule 3.2, as to the date of production and scope of the privileged document list (*e.g.*, may stipulate that the privilege log scope does not extend past the institution of the Investigation). Failure to provide a timely and complete privileged document list *may* result in waiver of privilege.

#### **4. Notice of Patent Priority Dates and Notice of Prior Art.**

##### **Patent Priority Dates.**

Complainant(s) must file on or before the date set in the procedural schedule, a notice setting forth the alleged priority date<sup>11</sup> for each asserted patent, and if applicable because of differences in priority dates, for each asserted patent claim. Such notice will be binding on Complainant(s) and may not be amended absent a timely written motion showing good cause.

##### **Prior Art.**

The purpose of the prior art identification is to notify all parties (early in the Investigation) of the prior art likely to be raised during the hearing on the question of violation of section 337, and thus to allow the parties to formulate their contentions, and to allow the experts to provide meaningful reports and deposition testimony.

Parties must file on or before the date set in the procedural schedule, notices of any prior art containing of the following information: issuing country, number, date, and name of the patentee of any patent; the title, date and page numbers of any publication to be relied upon as evidence of invalidity of the patent in suit; and the name and address of any person who may be relied upon as the prior inventor or as having prior knowledge of or as having previously used or offered for sale the invention of the patent in suit. Such notices should include the information set out in 35 U.S.C. § 282.

If a trademark is involved, the parties must file on or before the date set in the procedural schedule, notices of any art on which a party will rely at the hearing regarding the functionality or non-functionality of any trademarks at issue.

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<sup>10</sup> The parties should not provide a “key” at the end of the log with the position and entity of each sender and recipient, or otherwise require cross-referencing.

<sup>11</sup> This disclosure should make clear what date(s) Complainant(s) intend to rely on for asserting priority of invention, if at all, as Complainant(s) are presumed to be in possession of dates of conception and reduction to practice for the asserted patent claim(s). Likewise, if Complainant(s) intend to rely on an earlier related or foreign application to the asserted patent claim(s), the priority disclosure should also make this clear. The purpose of this notice in light of the expeditious nature of these proceedings is to help delineate the boundaries of the search for prior art.

Prior art, as well as related evidence, that is not disclosed in the Notice of Prior Art on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule will not be admitted at the hearing absent a timely written motion showing good cause. In addition, the Administrative Law Judge has in the past stricken notices of prior art with excessive disclosures on the basis that they thwart the purpose of this Ground Rule 4. See, e.g., *Certain Wireless Communications System Server Software, Wireless Handheld Devices and Battery Packs*, Inv. No. 337-TA-706, Order No. 10 (U.S.I.T.C., 2010); *Certain Electronic Devices, Including Wireless Communication Devices, Portable Music and Data Processing Devices, and Tablet Computers*, Inv. No. 337-TA-794, Order Nos. 40, 56 (U.S.I.T.C., 2012).

## **5. Expert Witnesses and Reports.**

On or before the dates set forth in the procedural schedule, a party shall disclose to all other parties the identity of any person who is retained or employed to provide expert testimony at the hearing and shall provide the other parties a written report prepared and signed by that witness. Experts who are not disclosed on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule must be approved in advance by the Administrative Law Judge upon a showing of compelling circumstances.

An electronic courtesy copy of the expert report shall be served on the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisors, excluding exhibits, as noted in Ground Rule 1.3.2. Two (2) double-sided courtesy copies of the expert report shall be served on the Administrative Law Judge no later than the next business day after the date set forth in the procedural schedule. The report shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission.

The report shall contain a complete statement of all opinions to be expressed and the basis and reasons therefor; the data or other information considered by the witness in forming the opinions; any exhibits to be used as a summary of or support for the opinions; the qualifications of the witness, including a list of all publications authored by the witness within the preceding ten years; the compensation to be paid for the study and testimony; and a listing of any other cases in which the witness has testified as an expert at hearing or by deposition within the preceding four (4) years. The parties shall supplement these disclosures as needed in the manner provided in Commission Rule 210.27(c). The parties should note, however, that unseasonable,<sup>12</sup> substantive supplementation of an expert report requires agreement from the other parties or prior approval from the Administrative Law Judge.

## **6. Settlement; Settlement Reports.**

All parties, throughout the proceedings, shall explore reasonable possibilities for settlement of all or any of the contested issues. All parties shall certify in their pre-hearing statements that good faith efforts were undertaken to settle the remaining issues.

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<sup>12</sup> For example, if a party wishes to supplement an initial expert report after the deadline for rebuttal reports has passed.

Additionally, for each of the required settlement conferences provided for in the procedural schedule, the parties shall provide the Administrative Law Judge with two (2) double-sided copies of a joint report signed by all the parties setting forth any stipulations on which the parties have agreed. The report must also disclose what meeting(s) took place, who attended, and what result, if any, was obtained in each meeting. *See e.g., Certain Dynamic Random Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory Devices and Products Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-803, Order No. 16 (U.S.I.T.C., 2011). These reports are due by the time designated in the procedural schedule or within such other time as the Administrative Law Judge may allow. The reports shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission.

## **7. Pre-Hearing Submissions.**

### **7.1. Pre-Hearing Statement.**

Each party who intends to take part in the hearing in this Investigation must file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule a pre-hearing statement containing the following information:

- (a) The names of all known witnesses, their addresses, whether they are fact or expert witnesses (and their fields of expertise), and a brief outline of the testimony of each witness. In the case of expert witnesses, a copy of the expert's curriculum vitae shall accompany this submission.
- (b) A list, by title and number, of all exhibits which the parties will seek to introduce at the trial. The list shall include five columns. In the first four columns, the party shall include the four-digit number of the exhibit, a brief description and the title of the exhibit, the purpose for which it is being offered, and each sponsoring witness. The last column shall be labeled "Received" and need only include sufficient space for a date.
- (c) A list of any stipulations on which the parties have agreed. It is expected that all stipulations other than discovery stipulations will be marked as joint exhibits. For example, the technology stipulation (*see* Ground Rule 1.16) should be marked as a joint exhibit.
- (d) A proposed agenda for the pre-trial conference.
- (e) Estimated date and approximate length for appearance of each witness. (The parties shall confer on estimated dates and approximate length prior to submission of their pre-trial statements).
- (f) Certification regarding good faith efforts to settle. *See* Ground Rule 6 *infra*.

### **Additional Submission, Complainant(s).**

In addition to the above, in Investigations involving patent litigation, Complainant(s) shall attach a chart or table to the pre-hearing statement specifically matching all asserted patent claims to each accused article. If there are nuances, *e.g.*, with respect to model number or particular components, these should be identified. Furthermore, Complainant(s) should identify representative accused articles, if any. The chart should further identify the asserted type(s) of

infringement. For example, if there are three asserted claims and five accused articles, a sample chart might appear as follows.

<b><u>‘##1 Patent, claim 5</u></b>	<b><u>‘##1 Patent, claim 7</u></b>	<b><u>‘##2 Patent, claim 12</u></b>
P Product family: Accused Product AA (7MA config. only) Accused Product BB	P Product family: Accused Product BB	P Product family: n/a
Q Product family: Accused Product CC Accused Product EE	Q Product family: Accused Product DD Accused Product EE	Q Product family: Accused Product CC (T6 config. only) Accused Product DD Accused Product EE
Representative Products: Accused Product BB Accused Product CC	Representative Products: Accused Product BB Accused Product EE	Representative Products: Accused Product CC (T6 config. only) Accused Product EE
Infringement: Literal Direct, induced, contributory	Infringement: Literal Direct, induced, contributory	Infringement: Literal, Doctrine of Equivalents (Accused Product CC, T6 config. only) Direct

Complainant(s) shall be bound by the identification of asserted claims as matched to the accused products in this submission.

#### **Additional Submission, Respondent(s).**

In addition to the above, in Investigations involving patent litigation, Respondent(s) asserting any Section 102 or 103 invalidity defenses shall attach a chart or table to the pre-hearing statement listing all asserted prior art references, or combinations of references, and specifically matching these to each asserted patent claim. For example, if there are four prior art references and five asserted patent claims, a sample chart might appear as follows.

<b><u>Cheng (§102)</u></b>	<b><u>Davis (§103)</u></b>	<b><u>Davis, Scott, Maxwell (§103)</u></b>	<b><u>Davis, Maxwell, Aguilar (§103)</u></b>
‘##1 Patent, claim 5	‘##1 Patent, claim 12	‘##1 Patent, claim 12	‘##1 Patent, claim 12
‘##2 Patent, n/a	‘##2 Patent, claims 12, 16, 17	‘##2 Patent, claim 17	‘##2 Patent, claim 12, 16

If Respondent(s) use a single chart, each entry must clearly state whether Section 102 or 103 is applicable. (See above sample.) Respondent(s) may alternatively separate the Section 102 and 103 invalidity defenses into two charts in the same submission.



Respondent(s) shall be bound by the identification of asserted prior art as matched to the asserted patent claims in this submission.

## **7.2. Pre-Hearing Brief.**

On or before the date set in the procedural schedule, each party shall file a pre-hearing brief. Absent prior approval of the Administrative Law Judge, said brief shall consist of no more than one hundred seventy-five (175) pages and shall have no more than fifty (50) pages of relevant attachments. The parties should not use attachments to bypass the page limits of the pre-hearing brief, but may use them to attach critical charts, figures, or other pertinent material.

The pre-hearing brief shall be prefaced with a table of contents and a table of authorities, which do not count toward the page limits. The brief shall set forth with particularity the authoring party's contentions on each of the proposed issues, including citations to legal authorities in support thereof, and shall conform to the sample outline set forth in **Appendix B** hereto. All issues, including issues not specifically named in the general outline set forth in said appendix that any party seeks to address, shall be added where appropriate. The parties need not use precious space on lengthy introductory arguments.

The parties shall meet and confer as needed prior to filing the pre-hearing briefs in order to determine appropriate common locations for each issue in the foregoing outline of every pre-hearing brief. For example, in an Investigation involving patent litigation, this conference should, *inter alia*, conclude with a determination as to the order of patents<sup>13</sup> to be set forth in the pre-hearing (and post-hearing) briefing. The parties are expected to adhere to this negotiated order in all subsequent written analyses.

If claim construction issues have not been resolved in a Markman order prior to the hearing, the parties shall provide complete proposed claim constructions for all patent claims at issue, consistent with the claim constructions provided in the joint list of proposed claim constructions for disputed claim terms submitted in accordance with the procedural schedule.

Any contentions not set forth in detail as required herein shall be deemed abandoned or withdrawn,<sup>14</sup> except for contentions of which a party is not aware and could not be aware in the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time of filing the pre-hearing brief. However, the parties are advised to select their best, well-reasoned and persuasive arguments, and abandon extraneous or far-fetched contentions at this time.

## **8. Hearing Exhibits.**

### **8.1. Material to Be Received Into Evidence.**

Only factual material and expert opinion shall be received into evidence. Legal argument shall be presented in the briefs.

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<sup>13</sup> The most logical ordering would be by issue date, however, the parties may have practical reasons for adopting a different order in a given investigation.

<sup>14</sup> *Certain Automated Media Library Devices*, Inv. No. 337-TA-746, Comm'n Op. at 14-16 (U.S.I.T.C., 2013).

## **8.2. Legal Experts.**

Legal experts may only testify as to procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## **8.3. Witness Testimony.**

### **8.3.1. Witness Statements in Lieu of Direct Testimony.**

The Administrative Law Judge *rarely grants* parties permission to use witness statements, but will consider party requests to use witness statements in lieu of live direct testimony. Consistent with the procedural schedule, each party, including the Staff (if Staff is a party), shall submit to the Administrative Law Judge, after conferring with each other, two (2) double-sided copies of a statement commenting on the efficacy of witness statements in lieu of direct testimony. The statement shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission. Each party's comments should set forth the reasons why the party believes witness statements would or would not facilitate the hearing.

### **8.3.2. Witness Statements (if granted).**

A witness statement shall be in the form of consecutively numbered questions from counsel, with each question followed by the witness's independent answer to the question. The statement should also contain the final question from counsel asking the witness whether or not the witness statement contains the witness's independent answers to each of the questions from counsel, followed by the witness's answer to this question and the witness's signature. A witness statement shall be in the language of the witness, and a foreign language witness statement shall be accompanied by a certified English translation. If any of the parties dispute the translation, it must be certified by a qualified and neutral translator upon whom counsel can agree. The witness statement shall be assigned an exhibit number and offered into evidence.

Any witness who produces a witness statement in lieu of live direct testimony shall be made available for live cross-examination at the hearing, unless waived by all parties. Witnesses shall not read their prepared testimony into the record.

## **8.4. Expert Reports.**

Pursuant to the procedural schedule, each party, including the Staff (if Staff is a party), shall submit to the Administrative Law Judge, after conferring with each other, two (2) double-sided copies of a statement stating its position on whether or not it intends to offer into evidence<sup>15</sup> any expert reports, and identifying any such expert reports. The statement shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission.

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<sup>15</sup> It should be noted that the Administrative Law Judge rarely allows expert reports into the record. On occasion a chart or diagram from an expert report that would be difficult to explain on the hearing transcript has been admitted.

### **8.5. Foreign Language Exhibits.**

No foreign language exhibit will be received in evidence for substantive purposes unless an English translation thereof is provided at the time set for exchange of exhibits. If any of the parties dispute the translation, then the translation must be certified by a qualified and neutral translator upon whom counsel can agree.

### **8.6. Exhibits.**

#### **8.6.1. Exchange of Proposed Exhibits.**

Copies of proposed documentary exhibits, along with a proposed exhibit list, shall be served on the opposing parties (including the Staff, if Staff is a party) by the date set in the procedural schedule. Once the parties have exchanged their proposed exhibit lists, they shall eliminate any duplicate exhibits or renumber such exhibits as joint exhibits and update their exhibit lists before they are submitted to the Administrative Law Judge by the due date in the procedural schedule.

Proposed physical and demonstrative exhibits need not be served, but shall be identified in the proposed exhibit list. Proposed physical and demonstrative exhibits, however, must be made available for inspection by the other parties on the date established for the submission and service of proposed exhibits. Proposed exhibits shall not be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commission.

#### **8.6.2. Service of Proposed Exhibits upon Administrative Law Judge.**

On the date set forth in the procedural schedule for service of proposed hearing exhibits, the Administrative Law Judge shall receive an electronic PDF version<sup>16</sup> of all proposed exhibits, along with a proposed exhibit list.

Prior to the start of the hearing, the parties must bring an additional full set of double-sided proposed exhibit copies in loose-leaf binders, which will be used by the Administrative Law Judge during and after the hearing (the “ALJ Set”) to the hearing room, along with a proposed exhibit list. Clear photocopies may be used instead of original documents.

#### **8.6.3. Format of ALJ Exhibit Set.**

The exhibits in the ALJ Set shall be individually tabbed, with each tab reflecting the number of the corresponding exhibit, *e.g.*, CX-0003C. Each binder must be labeled on its spine with the name and number of this Investigation and the nature of the contents of the binder, *e.g.* Complainant’s Exhibits CX-0001 through CX-0018C. The Administrative Law Judge requires double-sided copies for the ALJ Set, in binders no wider than 3”.

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<sup>16</sup> Parties preferring to submit a paper copy should contact the Attorney Advisor in advance.

#### **8.6.4. Maintenance and Filing of Final Exhibits and Final Exhibit List.**

Each party must submit a final exhibit list in conformity with Ground Rule 8.6.7, reflecting the status of all exhibits, including those admitted and rejected during the hearing. Any withdrawn exhibit shall be identified on the final exhibit list only, by exhibit number, and shall indicate that it has been withdrawn. Withdrawn exhibits are not to be submitted, however, the rejected exhibits will be retained with the official record.

The parties are responsible throughout the course of the hearing for updating the exhibit lists and for maintaining and updating the ALJ Set, as well as for confirming that all admitted and rejected exhibits are included in this set and in the final exhibit list at the conclusion of the hearing.

The ALJ Set, as well as the final exhibit list, should be submitted on paper no later than 5 p.m. on the second business day after the last day of the hearing. On the same day, the parties shall further submit a complete set of all admitted and rejected exhibits (organized as (i) Admitted Confidential; (ii) Admitted Public; (iii) Rejected Confidential; and (iv) Rejected Public) to be filed with the Commission on EDIS (“the Commission Set”). These two sets should be submitted to the Administrative Law Judge’s assistant by appointment. The Administrative Law Judge’s assistant will review the exhibits with the parties and notify them of any necessary corrections. It is advisable to leave time between the appointment with the Administrative Law Judge’s assistant and the submission deadline in order to make any needed corrections. Please be timely and courteous when working with the Administrative Law Judge’s assistant on the submission of these exhibit sets.

The parties are responsible for confirming that all admitted and rejected exhibits are included in the Commission set. Any exhibits that are not included in the Commission Set and the final exhibit list will not be considered as part of the record to be certified to the Commission when the final initial determination issues.

The Commission Set shall be submitted on electronic media<sup>17</sup> pursuant to Ground Rule 8.7 unless prior permission has been received pursuant to Commission Rule 19 C.F.R. § 210.4(f)(8) and The Handbook of Filing Procedures § II.C(3)(a). All confidential exhibits and public exhibits shall be submitted on separate discs. Each disc shall have a table of contents, and the parties are required to verify the accuracy of the table of contents. For example, if an exhibit on the public exhibit disc is labeled CX-0022, it should not contain any confidential designations. “Each type of exhibit (i.e., CX, CDX, CPX, RX, RDX, RPX, JX, JDX, JPX, SX, SDX, SPX, CX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, CDX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, RX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, RDX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, JX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, JDX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, SX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C, and SDX- $\{$ four digit number $\}$ C) must be submitted on a different [disc] or set of [disc]s so they may be uploaded and labeled more reliably by Docket[ ] Services. Each disc “must have a label with the investigation name and number, and the range of exhibits contained thereon.”

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<sup>17</sup> The Commission Set “may not be submitted on a hard drive or flash drive.”

If the appropriate permission is received pursuant to Commission Rule 19 C.F.R. § 210.4(f)(8) and The Handbook of Filing Procedures § II.C(3)(a) to submit the Commission Set on paper, the following shall apply. In order to facilitate the optical scanning of the exhibits, the exhibits in the Commission Set shall consist of loose sheets (which may be clipped but not stapled) in folders (file folders, accordion folders, etc.) that are provided in sequentially-numbered boxes. Each folder must be labeled to reflect the number of the exhibit contained therein, e.g., RX-14C. In each box of the Commission Set, the folders containing the exhibits shall be placed in numerical order. Confidential exhibits and public exhibits shall be placed in separate boxes which are clearly marked as containing either confidential or public exhibits. See Ground Rule 8.6.5. Because public and confidential exhibits are to be placed in separate boxes, numerical gaps may appear in each box, e.g., the public box may contain exhibits CX-0001, CX-0002 and CX-0004, while the confidential box may contain CX-0003C and CX-0005C.

#### **8.6.4.1. Binder Exhibit Set for the Office of General Counsel.**

No later than thirty (30) days after the submission of post-hearing reply briefs, each party shall deliver one (1) additional double-sided binder-set of copies of all, except those withdrawn, exhibits directly to the Office of General Counsel along with a final exhibit list, with rejected exhibits submitted under separate cover and so marked (the “OGC set”). In some instances, the parties may submit this set electronically to the Office of General Counsel, however this should not be done as an EDIS filing. The parties should contact the Office of General Counsel directly to inquire whether an electronic submission is preferred and what form that electronic submission should take.

#### **8.6.5. Numbering and Labeling of Exhibits; Confidential Exhibits.**

All exhibits or copies of exhibits shall be clear and legible. Each exhibit shall be identified by placing a label bearing the exhibit’s **four digit**<sup>18</sup> number (e.g., CX-0003C or RX-0005) in the upper right portion of the exhibit’s first page. Each exhibit may be assigned no more than one number. Further, the pages of each exhibit must be sequentially numbered in a consistent location on the pages and in a manner that will not permanently conceal information that is included in the exhibit. Except for good cause shown, each exhibit shall consist of no more than one (1) document and every page of every document shall be Bates numbered in accordance with Ground Rule 3.7. Exceptions to this “one document per exhibit” rule include instances when it would be appropriate to group certain documents together as a single exhibit, such as a group of invoices or related e-mails.

Respondent(s) shall coordinate their numbering to avoid duplication. Additionally, all parties shall coordinate exhibits to avoid unnecessary duplication (e.g., patents; file wrappers).

If an exhibit (including physical or demonstrative exhibits) contains confidential business information, a “C” shall be placed after the exhibit number. Furthermore, exhibits containing confidential business information shall also be marked according to the Protective Order requirements, preferably on every page. Exhibit lists must also reflect whether exhibits contain

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<sup>18</sup> All exhibits submitted to the Commission are now required to have “a four-digit exhibit number, with leading zeros as necessary.”

confidential business information by placing a “C” after the exhibit number in the listing. No exhibit list shall contain confidential information; all exhibit lists shall be public documents.

If any portion of an exhibit contains confidential business information, the entire exhibit shall be treated as confidential. For certain lengthy exhibits of which only portions are confidential, the parties may be asked to submit a public version of the exhibit. For exhibits submitted electronically, in accordance with Ground Rule 8.7, public and confidential exhibits must be placed on separate discs. Each disc must have an accurate table of contents.

Exhibits submitted in the ALJ or OGC binder sets shall be in numerical order, and shall not be separated according to confidential or public status.

#### **8.6.5.1. Documentary Exhibits.**

Written exhibits shall be marked in order beginning with the number “0001” and preceded by the prefix “CX” for Complainant’s exhibits, “RX” for Respondent(s)’ exhibits, “SX” for the Commission Investigative Attorney’s exhibits (if applicable), and “JX” for any joint exhibits. The parties shall not “reserve” numbers, but instead must assign all numbers to the exhibits in their proper order.

#### **8.6.5.2. Physical Exhibits.**

Physical exhibits shall be numbered in a separate series commencing with “0001” preceded by the prefixes “CPX”, “RPX”, “SPX” and “JPX”, for Complainant, Respondent, the Staff (if applicable), and joint exhibits, respectively. For the Commission Set, physical exhibits should be boxed and provided to the Administrative Law Judge’s assistant no later than the second day after the close of the evidentiary hearing, by appointment. *See* Ground Rule 8.6.4 above. Physical exhibits that have been admitted into evidence are retained by the Commission. A party may request permission from the Administrative Law Judge to substitute a photograph for an admitted physical exhibit prior to the deadline for submission of exhibits.

#### **8.6.5.3. Demonstrative Exhibits.**

Demonstrative exhibits shall be numbered in a separate series commencing with “0001” preceded by the prefixes “CDX”, “RDX”, and “SDX”, for Complainant, Respondent(s), and the Staff (if applicable), respectively. Additionally, the parties shall provide the Administrative Law Judge with two (2) double-sided copies of key demonstrative exhibits (*e.g.*, charts, drawings, etc.) reduced to 8 ½ inches x 11 inches for use during the hearing. If applicable, demonstrative exhibits shall indicate what documentary or physical exhibit was the source for its creation.

The parties may seek to have demonstrative exhibits admitted into evidence, for substantive or solely for demonstrative purposes. Such designation must be made clear on the record at the time of admission. Admitted demonstrative exhibits must be submitted with the ALJ and Commission Sets pursuant to Ground Rules 8.6.4 and 8.7.

#### **8.6.5.4. Joint Exhibits; Deposition Transcripts as Joint Exhibits.**

If agreed to by parties, they may submit joint documentary exhibits, including for example, a patent in issue, prosecution history, etc.

The joint documentary exhibits shall include an index which identifies the parties that have submitted each joint exhibit and should be arranged based on the various groups offering such exhibits. For example, if complainant and respondent A have offered a series of joint documentary exhibits, those exhibits would appear as the first group of joint documentary exhibits in the joint documentary exhibit index. The index would then include all joint documentary exhibits offered by complainant and respondent B, then joint documentary exhibits offered by complainant and respondent C, etc.

#### **8.6.6. Exhibit Lists.**

Every exhibit list shall include a table enumerating all exhibits consecutively by exhibit number and identify each exhibit by a descriptive title, a brief statement of the purpose for which the exhibit is being offered in evidence, the name of the sponsoring witness, and the status of receipt of the exhibit into evidence.

Every joint exhibit list shall identify each exhibit, and the parties shall meet and confer before submitting the lists for the purpose of seeking an agreement on a common descriptive title, statement of purpose, and sponsoring witnesses that shall appear on every list for each joint exhibit.

In any exhibit list submitted before the offer of an included exhibit into evidence, the entry in the column for the status of receipt shall be left blank. In any exhibit list submitted after the exhibit is offered into evidence or withdrawn, the entry in that column shall show the date of admission into evidence or rejection of the exhibit or shall indicate its withdrawal.

Exhibit lists shall include public and confidential exhibits, and shall list all exhibits together in (four-digit) numerical order, *e.g.*, CX-0001, CX-0002, CX-0003C, CX-0004, CX-0005C, etc. Exhibit lists are public documents and should not contain confidential business information.

#### **8.6.7. Witness Exhibit Binder.**

In questioning a witness on direct examination, cross-examination, or examination of an adverse witness during the hearing, counsel shall provide the witness, the Administrative Law Judge, and other counsel, before the commencement of the examination, a binder (or binders) containing all the exhibits that the examining attorney intends to use with that witness. The binder should contain double-sided exhibits, in numerical order and individually tabbed. Each witness binder must be labeled on its spine with the name and number of this Investigation and the nature of the contents of the binder, *e.g.*, Cross-Examination of Witness - Volume 1 of 1. In addition, the front of the witness binder must include a table of contents.

If there are certain exhibits (*i.e.* patent, prosecution histories) that will be used frequently with more than one witness, a separate exhibit binder containing those exhibits may be used with those witnesses and do not have to be included in the separate witness binder for each witness.

#### **8.6.8. Authenticity.**

All documents that appear to be regular on their face shall be deemed authentic, unless it is shown by other evidence that the document is not genuine.

#### **8.6.9. Sponsoring Witness.**

Each exhibit that is offered into evidence shall have a “sponsoring witness.” One of the purposes for a sponsoring witness is to establish a foundation for the exhibit and to prevent exhibits from entering the record that have not been adequately explained. Sponsoring witness testimony does not have to be in the form of oral testimony if all parties are in agreement to allow otherwise. For example, if the parties are willing to stipulate and agree to designate portions of deposition testimony into the record in lieu of oral testimony, along with certain exhibits that were discussed during the deposition, such request will generally be permitted, as long as the exhibit was clearly identified and discussed during the deposition and the deposition pages discussing the exhibit are included in the designation.

Except for investigations without a participating respondent, if a party believes evidence to be non-controversial and appropriate for admission into evidence without a sponsoring witness, that party may present with each such exhibit on or before the due date set forth in the procedural schedule (i) an affidavit or declaration that the declarant prepared or someone under the declarant’s direction prepared the exhibit; (ii) a request that the exhibit be received in evidence without a witness at the hearing; and (iii) a statement of grounds for receiving the exhibit in evidence without a witness at the hearing. Any party who wishes to cross-examine the declarant may object in writing within three (3) days of service of the affidavit or declaration and request, specifying whom the party intends to examine. In the absence of objections, and upon good cause being shown, the Administrative Law Judge may in his discretion admit the exhibit in evidence without a witness.

#### **8.6.10. High Priority Objections for Hearing.**

Each party’s objections to rebuttal or supplemental exhibits shall be accompanied by a separate document listing and providing a narrative explanation of the objections to exhibits which the party believes to be of high priority for discussion or ruling at the hearing. The objections placed on the high priority list may be taken from the party’s objections to direct, rebuttal or supplemental exhibits. No party shall place more than ten (10) objections on the high priority list.



### **8.7. Filing of Exhibits by CD/DVD Media.**

The procedure for submitting exhibits on electronic media is set forth in the Docket Services section of the U.S.I.T.C. website. Currently the procedure may be found at the following Internet address:

[http://www.usitc.gov/docket\\_services/documents/EDIS3UserGuide-CDSsubmission.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/docket_services/documents/EDIS3UserGuide-CDSsubmission.pdf)

An accurate Table of Contents (TOC) file which lists the names of all files on the disc should be created and included on each disc. "Each [disc] must have a label with the investigation name and number, and the range of exhibits contained thereon." "Each type of exhibit (i.e., CX, CDX, CPX, RX, RDX, RPX, JX, JDX, JPX, SX, SDX, SPX, CX-{four digit number}C, CDX-{four digit number}C, RX-{four digit number}C, RDX-{four digit number}C, JX-{four digit number}C, JDX-{four digit number}C, SX-{four digit number}C, and SDX-{four digit number}C) must be submitted on a different [disc] or set of [disc]s so they may be uploaded and labeled more reliably by Docket[] [Services]."

## **9. Hearing Procedure.**

### **9.1. Hearing; Order of Examination.**

The order of examination at the hearing is as follows (subject to alteration at the Pre-hearing conference or other changes in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge):

- (1) Complainant's Case-in-Chief.
- (2) Respondent's Case-in-Chief (In the event there is more than one respondent, the order of presentation will be determined at the Pre-hearing conference. Respondents should avoid unnecessary repetition of testimony or other evidence.)
- (3) Commission Investigative Attorney's Case-in-Chief (if applicable).
- (4) Complainant's Rebuttal (Complainant's rebuttal, in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge, shall be limited to the scope of respondent's defense case.)
- (5) Respondent's Rebuttal (Respondent's rebuttal, in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge, shall be limited to the issues for which Respondent carries ultimate burden of proof.)

### **9.2. Opening Statement and Closing Argument.**

The Administrative Law Judge does not require opening statements and closing arguments. The parties may present opening statements. Opening statements are limited to one (1) hour for the complainant, one (1) hour for respondent(s), and thirty (30) minutes for Staff (if applicable). The parties may make a request to present closing arguments, which, if granted, would be held after all post-hearing briefs have been submitted.

### **9.3. Hearing Hours.**

Normal hearing hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a one (1) hour luncheon recess beginning each day at approximately 12:00 p.m. Also, there will be a morning and an afternoon break of approximately fifteen (15) minutes each.

### **9.4. Hearing Decorum.**

#### **9.4.1. Conversations at Hearing.**

No audible discourse between opposing counsel will be permitted while the hearing is in session. If an attorney has anything to address to opposing counsel, it must be done through the Administrative Law Judge.

#### **9.4.2. Cell Phones and Beepers; Food and Beverages.**

Audible cell phone and beeper signals shall be turned off in the courtroom during hearing, and all cell phone conversations must occur outside the courtroom. No food or drink (other than water) is permitted in the courtroom during hearing, unless permitted by the Administrative Law Judge.

#### **9.4.3. Swearing of Witnesses.**

Each witness shall stand while being administered the oath of affirmation. All others in the hearing room should remain seated and quiet.

#### **9.4.4. Arguments on Objection.**

Arguments or objections may only be made by counsel prior to a ruling. Once a ruling is made, no further discussion of the matter will be permitted. The basis for the objection must be stated; general objections are not acceptable.

### **9.5. Examination of Witnesses.**

#### **9.5.1. Scope of Examination; In General.**

Except in extraordinary circumstances, examination of witnesses for Complainant(s)' case-in-chief and Respondent(s)' case-in-chief shall be limited to direct, cross, redirect, and re-cross.

#### **9.5.2. Scope of Cross-Examination.**

Cross-examination will be limited to the scope of the direct examination. For witnesses called for the purpose of giving testimony in support of a position on an issue that is the same as the position on that issue of a party desiring cross-examination of that witness, that party is precluded from asking that witness leading questions; *i.e.* "no friendly cross-examination."

When counsel is presenting a witness with a question that refers back to the witness's previous testimony, counsel shall refrain from summarizing the witness's previous testimony because this can lead to a time-consuming objection that counsel's summary was not an accurate recitation of the witness's previous testimony. If counsel wishes to refer back to a witness's previous testimony, counsel must use direct quotations.

**9.5.3. Scope of Redirect and Re-Cross Examination.**

Redirect examination is limited to matters brought out on cross-examination. Re-cross examination is limited to matters brought out on redirect examination.

**9.5.4. Coordination of Witnesses.**

The parties are expected to conduct their witness examination in a matter that will adhere to the total time allotted for the hearing.

**9.5.5. Documents Presented to Witnesses.**

Any document that an attorney wishes to show a witness must first be shown to opposing counsel.

**9.5.6. Scope of Expert Witness Testimony.**

Expert witness testimony at the hearing shall be confined to the scope of the expert's report(s), and deposition testimony. The proponent of the witness is expected to be prepared to demonstrate promptly where in that witness's reports or deposition may be found each element of testimony sought to be elicited at the hearing.

**9.5.7. Coordination of Respondents' Cross-Examination.**

Respondents are expected to coordinate cross-examination through one attorney as far as practicable to avoid duplication. If that is not possible, counsel who intend to cross-examine must be present in the hearing room during the entire preceding cross-examination of the witness so as not to engage in repetitive questioning.

**9.5.8. Requests for Clarification of a Question.**

Requests for clarification of a question may only be made by the witness or the Administrative Law Judge.

**9.5.9. Use of Translators.**

If a translator will be used at the hearing, the parties are responsible for obtaining a qualified, neutral translator on whom they can agree. It is suggested that the translator be chosen

from a list of approved translators, such as the ones maintained by various federal courts and federal agencies. Translators will be administered an oath or affirmation.

#### **9.5.10. Conferring with Witness During a Break in Testimony.**

Counsel or intermediaries shall not confer with a witness during a break in the witness's testimony on the witness's substantive testimony.

#### **9.6. Transcript.**

The parties have the option of arranging for the hearing transcript in real time. The Administrative Law Judge prefers to have hearing transcripts in real time. The parties should monitor the admission of exhibits on the transcript as it comes out, and promptly bring any errors or omissions to the Administrative Law Judge's attention at the hearing.

#### **9.7. Bench Briefs.**

Bench briefs, if they are permitted by the Administrative Law Judge during the hearing, must be filed on EDIS as motions and must comport with the Commission Rules and Ground Rules relating to motions.

### **10. Post-Hearing Submissions.**

#### **10.1. Initial Post-hearing Briefs; Filing and Content.**

On or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule, the parties shall file a post-hearing brief. In addition, each party shall file a copy of its final exhibit list.

The post-hearing brief shall discuss the issues and evidence tried (through, *e.g.*, citations to specific supporting evidence) within the framework of the general issues determined by the Commission's Notice of Investigation, the general outline of the briefs as set forth in **Appendix B**, and those issues that are included in the pre-hearing brief and any permitted amendments thereto. All other issues shall be deemed waived.<sup>19</sup> The parties should discuss the issues in the post-hearing briefing in the order negotiated pursuant to Ground Rule 7.2 above.

A reasonable page limit will be imposed for all post-hearing briefs, which will be determined on a case-by-case basis. As noted in Ground Rule 1.3.1, only the Administrative Law Judge's courtesy copies may be printed on double-sided pages (preferred), but the page limit shall still apply to each printed page.

The parties should not attempt to bypass the page limits by attaching<sup>20</sup> voluminous appendices, incorporating other documents by reference, such as a pre-hearing brief, or cross-

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<sup>19</sup> *Certain Automated Media Library Devices*, Inv. No. 337-TA-746, Comm'n Op. at 14-16 (U.S.I.T.C., 2013).

<sup>20</sup> The parties are likewise barred from attaching evidence that is not on the record and that should have been offered during the hearing. For example, if an exhibit containing an expert report was not admitted at the hearing then it should not be attached to a post-hearing brief. To the extent such an exhibit might be necessary to argue that another

referencing other sections of the post-hearing brief. In the same vein, the parties should set forth a clear, concise analysis of fact and law for each issue, and should not substitute their discussion of supporting facts with long string cites to the evidence. For example, a heading with a single sentence beneath it, followed by cites to thirty-five evidentiary citations is not likely to be a sufficient analysis of fact and law, particularly if an issue is disputed. Furthermore, arguments should not be hidden in footnotes, but should instead be presented in a straightforward and visible manner. The initial post-hearing brief is the most critical brief in the Investigation, and parties that do not set forth an articulate analysis may find they have failed to carry their burden on a particular issue.

The parties should make sure they understand the law for each issue and touch upon all the elements for an issue. For example, an analysis relating to a 35 U.S.C. § 103 obviousness defense should encompass a discussion of the scope and content of the prior art, the level of ordinary skill in the art, a comparison of the claimed invention and the prior art, and any secondary considerations of non-obviousness—not just a comparison of the claimed invention and the prior art. A discussion of whether a domestic industry product, accused product, or prior art reference does *or does not* meet an asserted claim should prominently identify what elements are disputed. If an element is not in dispute, each party must identify it with equal clarity or risk waiver of any opposition.

The parties are further advised to carefully select their best arguments, and set them forth in a logical, reasoned, persuasive manner. The method of spilling out every possible permutation of evidence in an unordered series of one sentence arguments (the “throw-in-everything-but-the-kitchen-sink” approach) until the allotted space is exhausted is not likely to be effective. The Administrative Law Judge may in his discretion treat only a few of the strongest arguments in such a case and ignore the remainder.

#### **10.2. Post-hearing Reply Briefs; Filing and Content.**

On or before the date set in the procedural schedule, the parties shall file a post-hearing reply brief. The post-hearing reply brief shall discuss the issues and evidence raised in the initial post-hearing briefs of each opposing party, following the general outline of the briefs as set forth in **Appendix B** and the guidelines and restrictions set forth in Ground Rule 10.1.

A reasonable page limit will be imposed on all post-hearing reply briefs, which will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### **11. Citation of Cases.**

The official case reporter citation must be included for any published decision or order that is cited in a party’s briefs or pleadings. Additionally, the docket number and the full date of the disposition must be included in the citation of any unreported decision or order that is referenced by the parties. A copy of any cited decision or order that is not available on EDIS, LEXIS, or WESTLAW shall be provided in an appendix to the brief or pleading. Further, every

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party’s argument was waived or should be stricken, this must be introduced by way of separate motion papers and must not be submitted with any post-hearing briefing.

party must cite to the specific page(s) of the cited decision or order that includes the holding for which the authority is cited.

## **12. Cooperation among Parties.**

Because of the time limitations imposed by Section 337, all counsel shall attempt to resolve, by stipulation or negotiated agreement, any procedural disputes encountered, including those relating to discovery and submission of evidence. To assure the proper cooperative spirit in this Investigation, continuing good faith communications between counsel for the parties is essential and is expected.

## **13. *Ex Parte* Contacts.**

There shall be no *ex parte* communication with the Administrative Law Judge. Any questions of a technical or procedural nature shall be directed to the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisors, Sarah Zimmerman and Ken Schopfer.

The parties should further note that the Docket Manager for this Investigation, as well as other staff in Docket Services and the Administrative Law Judge's Secretary, should not be contacted relating to such issues as whether an order has been signed, when an order posted on EDIS will be processed, whether an order posted on EDIS will go out by overnight courier or U.S. Mail (as opposed to an issue of non-receipt several days later). This is not to say that Docket Services may never be contacted with respect to this Investigation. If the parties have generic questions relating, e.g., to a party filing, such an inquiry would be appropriate. However, Docket Services' staff members are not allowed to give out information relating to the status of the Administrative Law Judge's orders. The Docket Manager for this Investigation and the Administrative Law Judge's Secretary may log any inappropriate calls made in this Investigation and bring them to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge if necessary.

## **14. Mediation.**

The Commission has approved the initiation of a voluntary mediation program for investigations under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended, to facilitate the settlement of disputes. Parties who wish to participate in the mediation program should notify the Administrative Law Judge's Attorney Advisor.

## **APPENDIX A**

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**Before the Honorable E. James Gildea**  
**Administrative Law Judge**

**In the Matter of**

**Certain . . .**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-\_\_\_\_**

**APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM**

[Party name], pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.32(a)(1), hereby applies to the Administrative Law Judge for the issuance of the attached subpoena *ad testificandum* to:

[Name]  
[Address]

The subpoena *ad testificandum* requires [Name] to appear and testify at the taking of a deposition on [date], at [location], or at such other date and location as is mutually agreed upon.

[Party name] believes that [Name] may be in possession of substantial information relevant to this Investigation. [Insert explanation re relevance, *see* Ground Rule 3.6.1.] Furthermore, the topics identified in Attachment A of the subpoena are narrowly tailored to address only the aforementioned subjects. [Insert explanation re reasonableness of the scope of inquiry, *see* Ground Rule 3.6.1.]

[Name] will receive the application and subpoena by overnight delivery, if not sooner, and all other parties to this Investigation will receive them on the next business day, at the latest, after the subpoena has issued. For the reasons set forth above, [Party name] respectfully requests that its application for issuance of a subpoena *ad testificandum* be granted and the attached



subpoena be issued.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

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[Counsel]

[Address]

*Counsel for* [Party Name]

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**Certain . . .**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-\_\_**

**SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**

**TO: NAME**  
**ADDRESS**

TAKE NOTICE: By authority of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), 5 U.S.C. § 556(c)(2), and pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.32 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States International Trade Commission, and upon an application for subpoena made by ["Complainant(s)" / "Respondent(s)" / etc., followed by name of company]

\_\_\_\_\_,  
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to produce at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, or at such other time and place agreed upon, all of the documents and things in your possession, custody or control which are listed and described in Attachment A hereto. Such production will be for the purpose of inspection and copying, as desired.

If production of any document listed and described in Attachment A hereto is withheld on the basis of a claim of privilege, each withheld document shall be separately identified in a privileged document list. The privileged document list must identify each document separately, specifying for each document at least: (i) the date; (ii) author(s)/sender(s); (iii) recipient(s), including copy recipients; and (iv) general subject matter of the document. The sender(s) and recipient(s) shall be identified by position and entity (corporation or firm, etc.) with which they are employed or associated. If the sender or the recipient is an attorney or a foreign patent agent, he or she shall be so identified. The type of privilege claimed must also be stated, together with a certification that all elements of the claimed privilege have been met and have not been waived with respect to each document.

If any of the documents or things listed and described in Attachment A hereto are considered "confidential business information," as that term is defined in the Protective Order attached hereto, such documents or things shall be produced subject to the terms and provisions of the Protective Order. Any motion to limit or quash this subpoena shall be filed within ten (10) days after the receipt hereof. At the time of filing of any motion concerning this subpoena, two (2) courtesy copies shall be served concurrently on the Administrative Law Judge at his office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned of the United States International Trade Commission has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said United States International Trade Commission to be affixed at Washington, D.C. on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

E. James Gildea  
Administrative Law Judge  
United States International Trade Commission

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
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YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to present yourself for purposes of your deposition upon oral examination on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, or at such other time and place agreed on, concerning the subject matter set forth in Attachment A hereto.

This deposition will be taken before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths and will continue from day to day until completed.

If any of your testimony is considered "confidential business information," as that term is defined in the Protective Order attached hereto, such testimony shall be so designated and treated according to the terms and provisions of the Protective Order.

Any motion to limit or quash this subpoena shall be filed within ten (10) days after the receipt hereof. At the time of filing of any motion concerning this subpoena, two (2) courtesy copies shall be served concurrently on the Administrative Law Judge at his office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned of the United States International Trade Commission has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said United States International Trade Commission to be affixed at Washington, D.C. on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

E. James Gildea  
Administrative Law Judge  
United States International Trade Commission

## **APPENDIX B**

## **EXAMPLE OF OUTLINE FOR ALL BRIEFS**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Procedural History**
- B. The Parties**
- C. Overview of the Technology**
- D. The Patents at Issue**
- E. The Products at Issue**

### **II. JURISDICTION**

### **III. PATENT “A”<sup>21</sup>**

- A. Claim Construction**
  - 1. Define Level of Skill of a Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art**
  - 2. First Disputed Claim Term (Claims 1, 2, 3, . . .)**
  - 3. Second Disputed Claim Term (Claims 1, 2, 3, . . .)**
- B. Infringement**
  - 1. Claim 1**
  - 2. Claim 2**
- C. Domestic Industry - “Technical Prong”**
- D. Validity**
  - 1. Anticipation Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)**
  - 2. Obviousness Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**
    - a. The scope and content of the prior art**
    - b. The level of ordinary skill in the art**
    - c. Comparison of the claimed invention and the prior art**
    - d. Secondary considerations of non-obviousness**
- E. Unenforceability**
- F. Other Defenses**

### **IV. PATENT “B” ...**

### **V. DOMESTIC INDUSTRY - ECONOMIC PRONG**

- A. Significant Investment in Plant and Equipment**
- B. Significant Employment of Labor or Capital**
- C. ...**

### **VI. REMEDY AND BONDING**

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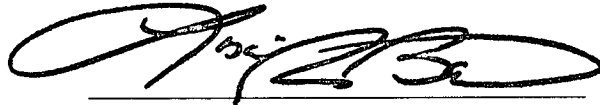
<sup>21</sup> The parties are required to confer and follow the same order of patents for all briefing.

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**PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **ORDER** has been served by hand upon, the Commission Investigative Attorney, Monisha Deka, Esq., and the following parties as indicated on FEB -6 2013



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