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Plaintiff,

v.

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Defendants.

Case No. 8:17-cv-00981-JVS-JCG

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Plaintiff Document Security Systems, Inc. ("DSS") opposes Defendants Seoul Semiconductor Co., Ltd.'s and Seoul Semiconductor, Inc.'s (collectively, "Seoul") motion (Dkt. 57) to stay pending inter partes review ("IPR").

#### INTRODUCTION

Courts in this District consider three factors in evaluating a request for stay: the stage of the proceedings; the extent to which a stay will simplify the issues; and the potential prejudice to the non-moving party. These three factors weigh against a stay here.

First, the stage of the proceedings does not warrant a stay. The parties have already exchanged both infringement and invalidity contentions, propounded discovery, and are beginning the claim construction process. The parties carefully negotiated, and the Court already issued, a Case Schedule. A stay would undo the efforts of the parties and the Court thus far. Further, the Court has already had occasion to consider issues relating to the merits of this case in light of Defendants' previous motions to dismiss. Additionally, Seoul waited nearly eight months after first being sued on the patents-in-suit to file its first IPR petition, and then nearly 3 months after filing that first IPR petition, and more than a month after filing its last IPR petition, before requesting a stay.

Second, a stay would not simplify issues. Seoul's IPR petitions were filed within the last two to three months and the PTAB will not issue rulings even on instituting those IPRs for another three to four months. Any purported simplification is entirely speculative. Further, as Seoul recognizes in its motion, the IPR petitions do not cover all of the patents asserted in the related cases pending before this Court, nor are they joined by all of the parties in the related cases. This Court will still have to adjudicate issues of claim construction as to the three patents asserted against Seoul, even if the stay were granted, because those same patents are asserted against other defendants who have not filed IPRs, nor moved for a stay. This Court is the only forum that can resolve all the issues between the parties, including



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