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I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Ancora Technologies, Inc. ("Ancora") respectfully submits this Response in Opposition to Defendants TCT Mobile (US) Inc., Huizhou TCL Mobile Communication Co., Ltd., and Shenzhen TCL Creative Cloud Technology Co., Ltd. (collectively "TCL") Motion to Stay Pending *Inter Partes* Review. Dkt. No. 59 (hereinafter, "Defendants' Motion"). Defendants' Motion should be denied.

Defendants' Motion is premature. For this reason alone, this Court should deny Defendants' Motion. As Defendants recognize, courts rarely stay a case pending *inter partes* review which may or may not be instituted. At the very earliest, the PTAB will not decide whether to institute review until March 10, 2021. *If instituted*, it will take at least another 12 months for the PTAB to issue its Final Written Decision—which again may or may not simplify some of the issues in question here. Defendants' mere *filing* of a petition is simply too speculative to merit a stay.¹

The stage of proceedings in the present case also does not favor a stay. Earlier this year, the parties exchanged infringement, invalidity, and damages contentions. The parties are also engaged in the discovery process. And earlier this month, the parties completed claim construction with the Court issuing a tentative claim construction ruling (Dkt. No. 60) prior to the *Markman* hearing. While this Court has not yet issued its post-Markman Scheduling Order, based on this Court's historical average time-to-trial for patent infringement cases, this case may conclude long before any PTAB Final Written Decision. In contrast, if this Court grants a stay in favor of a

¹ Currently, the institution rate for IPR petitions filed in 2020 is 56%. (Ex. 1, pg. 7.) The current USPTO statistics confirm that IPR institution is not certain and even more unlikely for a patent such as the '941 patent that has been subjected to multiple

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