

United States District Court
for the
Southern District of Florida

Bell Northern Research, LLC,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 22-22706-Civ-Scola
)	
HMD America, Inc., and others,)	
Defendants.)	

Order Granting Partial Stay

This matter is before the Court on the Defendants' motion for partial stay of patent contention and claims construction deadlines.¹ (Mot. to Stay, ECF No. 140.) The Defendants seek a stay of the current patent contention and claims construction deadlines in this patent matter relating to an ongoing dispute over the sufficiency of the Plaintiff's patent claims and infringement contentions. Plaintiff Bell Northern Research, LLC has responded in opposition to the motion. (ECF No. 143.) The Defendants timely replied. (ECF No. 145.) The Court has reviewed the briefing, the record, and the relevant legal authorities. For the reasons stated below, the Court **grants** the motion to stay. **(ECF No. 140.)**

The Court finds good cause to grant the partial stay and does not find that the Plaintiff will be unnecessarily prejudiced by the stay. First, the contentions are subject to a dispute that Magistrate Judge Goodman will resolve, pending a hearing set for March 15, 2023. Second, the delay in this patent-infringement matter will be minimal, and the contentions, and the parties' responses thereto, will frame the resolution of the remainder of the case. It will be most efficient for the Defendants to respond to the Plaintiff's contentions after the Magistrate Judge has ruled on the sufficiency of the Plaintiff's contentions, rather than before. Accordingly, the Court exercises its discretion to grant the requested stay. See *Johnson v. Bd. of Regents of Univ. of Ga.*, 263 F.3d 1234, 1269 (11th Cir. 2001) (observing that district courts are accorded "broad discretion over the management of pre-trial activities, including discovery and scheduling.")

For the reasons stated above, the Court **grants** the Defendants' motion to stay. **(ECF No. 140.)** The Court **stays** the following deadlines until **thirty (30) days** after Judge Goodman's ruling on the sufficiency of the Plaintiff's infringement contentions:

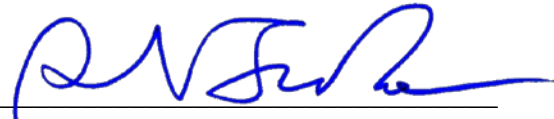
¹ Defendant Unisoc Technologies Co., Ltd., does not join the motion because the Court has already entered a stay of discovery relating to Unisoc pending Unisoc's motion to dismiss. (ECF No. 136.)

Deadline for a party opposing a claim of patent infringement or asserting invalidity or unenforceability to serve Non-Infringement, Unenforceability, and Invalidity Contentions and make accompanying document production.

Deadline to Exchange Proposed Terms for Construction.

(Sched. Order, ECF No. 125.) The remaining deadlines stated in the Scheduling Order are otherwise unaffected.

Done and ordered in Miami, Florida, on March 7, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. N. Scola, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Robert N. Scola, Jr.
United States District Judge