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Carl Zeiss SMT GMBH Petitioner
V.
Nikon Corporation Patent Owner
Case IPR2013-00362 Patent 7,348,575

PETITIONER'S OPPOSITION TO PATENT OWNER'S CONDITIONAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE



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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner Carl Zeiss SMT GmbH ("Zeiss") now opposes Patent Owner Nikon's Conditional Motion to Exclude Evidence Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(c) (Paper No. 32) in its entirety. Patent Owner seeks to exclude Exhibits 1036 and 1038-1049 ("the Challenged Exhibits"), arguing that these have no "probative value and no relevance to any issues raised by the parties unless Nikon's Exhibits 2036-2039 are also included in the record." (Paper No. 32 at 8) (emphasis added). In other words, Patent Owner's Motion to Exclude is based on the convoluted proposition that the Challenged Exhibits lack probative value unless viewed through the lens of Patent Owner's competing exhibits. In this way, Patent Owner's presentation of this Motion as "Conditional" belies its merits; the presence of competing Exhibits in the action has no bearing on whether the Challenged Exhibits are relevant. Rather, each of Patent Owner's arguments go to the *weight* of each Challenged Exhibit, not its relevance. As recognized by the Board in a recent Order, a Motion to Exclude is an improper forum for such arguments. Notably, Petitioner's concurrently-filed Motion to Exclude (Paper No. 35) does not seek exclusion of Exhibits 2036-2039 on the basis of relevance.1

<sup>1</sup>Petitioner seeks to exclude Exhibits 2036-2039 on the bases of 1) lack of authentication under FRE 901, (2) as inadmissible hearsay under FRE 802, and 3)

as untimely. (See, e.g., Paper No. 35 at 1).



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