U.S. Patent No. 6,218,930 Petition for *Inter Partes* Review Motion for Joinder

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA; AXIS COMMUNICATIONS AB; AXIS COMMUNICATIONS INC.; and HEWLETT-PACKARD CO. Petitioners

v.

NETWORK-1 SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. Patent Owner

INTER PARTES REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,218,930

Case IPR: To Be Assigned

MOTION FOR JOINDER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.22 AND 42.122(b)

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I. STATEMENT OF THE PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

Sony Corporation of America, Axis Communications AB, Axis Communications Inc., and Hewlett-Packard Co. (collectively, "Petitioners") respectfully submit this Motion for Joinder concurrently with a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 6,218,930 ("Petition"). Petitioners request institution of an *inter partes* review and joinder pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 315(c) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b) with the pending *inter partes* review concerning the same patent in *Avaya Inc. v. Network-1 Security Solutions, Inc.*, Case IPR2013-00071 ("Avaya IPR"), which was instituted on May 24, 2013. Joinder is appropriate because it will promote efficient resolution of the validity of a single patent and will not prejudice the parties to the Avaya IPR. Absent joinder, Petitioners may be prejudiced because their interests will not be adequately represented in the Avaya IPR.

This Motion for Joinder and accompanying Petition are timely under 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.22 and 42.122(b), as they are submitted within one month of May 24, 2013, the date that the Avaya IPR was instituted.¹

¹ As stated in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's website (http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/prps.jsp), Petitioners understand that prior authorization for filing a motion for joinder with a petition is

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II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED PROCEEDINGS

Network-1 Security Solutions, Inc. ("Network-1" or "Patent Owner") is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,218,930 (the "930 Patent"). On September 15, 2011, Network-1 sued Petitioners and twelve other manufacturers and sellers of Power over Ethernet equipment (including Avaya Inc.) for alleged infringement of the '930 Patent. *Network-1 Security Solutions, Inc. v. Alcatel-Lucent USA Inc., et al.*, Case No. 6:11-cv-00492 (E.D. Tex.) (the "Underlying Litigation"). A motion for severance was granted on January 17, 2013, with the severed cases against all of the defendants being consolidated for pre-trial purposes. Each case is currently stayed pending the outcome of the post-grant challenges of the '930 patent, including the Avaya IPR and a petition for *inter partes* review filed by Sony Corporation of America, Axis Communications AB, and Axis Communications Inc. (Case IPR2013-00092) ("Prior Sony and Axis Petition").

The '930 Patent is also the subject of a pending *ex parte* reexamination proceeding (Reexamination No. 90/012,401), in which claims 6, 8, and 9 were

not required. As encouraged by the Board, however, Petitioners contacted the Board by email on June 19, 2013, indicating that they are willing to participate in a teleconference if the Board desires such a teleconference.

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rejected by the examiner on December 21, 2012 on both anticipation and obviousness grounds.

Avaya filed its petition for *inter partes* review of the '930 Patent on December 5, 2012. Petitioners Sony and Axis timely filed the Prior Sony and Axis Petition on December 19, 2012. On December 26, 2012, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("Board") stayed the pending *ex parte* reexamination in light of the Avaya Petition and the Prior Sony and Axis Petition. Avaya IPR, Paper No. 9 (Order to Stay the Concurrent Reexaminations); Prior Sony and Axis Petition, Paper No. 10 (Order to Stay the Concurrent Reexaminations). The Board determined that, because the claims to be reexamined overlapped with the petitions, and despite the grounds of challenge being different, there was good cause to stay the pending reexamination to avoid complications should the claims be amended in the reexamination. *Id*.

The Board instituted the Avaya IPR and decided not to institute the Prior Sony and Axis Petition on May 24, 2013. Soon thereafter, Sony and Axis filed a request for rehearing regarding one ground on June 10, 2013. Prior Sony and Axis Petition, Paper No. 22. Avaya did the same for one denied ground on June 7, 2012. Avaya IPR, Paper No. 20. Both requests are pending.

Petitioners understand from the Board's Order on the Conduct of Proceedings in the Avaya IPR that the parties agreed to the schedule subject to any motions for joinder and the resolution of Avaya's request for rehearing. Avaya IPR, Paper No. 25 at 2.

The Petition filed with this motion includes grounds of unpatentability based on multiple prior art references. Specifically, similar to one of the grounds instituted in the Avaya IPR, Petitioners assert that claims 6 and 9 of the '930 patent are anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP H10-13576 to Matsuno. Petitioners also assert that Matsuno in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,449,348 to Lamb renders these claims obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).² Petitioners further assert that claims 6, 8, and 9 of the '930 patent are obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,345,592 to Woodmas in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,982,456 to Smith and/or Ron Whittaker, Television Production (Lansing Hays et al. eds., 1993), and obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,473,608 to Lehr in view of Woodmas.

III. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

A. Legal Standard

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) permits joinder of like review proceedings. Thus, an *inter partes* review (IPR) may be joined with another *inter*

² Petitioners also assert that claim 8, depending from claim 6, is unpatentable on both of these grounds.

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