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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

WESTERNGECO LLC * 09-CV-1827
* Houston, Texas
VS. *
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1 claims that pertain to your testimony?

2 **A.** Yes, I think it does.

3 MR. LOCASCIO: No further questions, Your
4 Honor.

03:02:32 5 THE COURT: Okay. Anything further?

6 MR. PIERCE: No.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. You're free to
8 go. Thank you.

9 Do you wish to call another witness?

03:02:39 10 MR. LOCASCIO: We do. At this time,
11 WesternGeco calls Dr. John Leonard. Bring him up.

12 THE COURT: Why don't we take back some of the
13 things we gave the last witness.

14 MR. LOCASCIO: Sure.

03:03:16 15 THE COURT: Yes, sir. If you'd make your way
16 up here.

17 MR. ARNOLD: Are we clear up here?

18 CASE MANAGER: Yes.

19 THE COURT: We're going to have you in the seat
03:03:24 20 nearest me, sir.

21 Before you take your seat, Mrs. Loewe will
22 administer the oath.

23 THE CASE MANAGER: Do you solemnly swear that
24 the testimony you are about to give in the matter now

03:03:30 25 before the Court will be the truth, the whole truth and

1 nothing but the truth?

2 THE WITNESS: I do.

3 THE COURT: Have you been in the courtroom for
4 a while.

03:03:40 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 THE COURT: You know the drill, then. Okay.
7 Try to speak into the mike.

8 MR. GILMAN: I know it's late in the day, so
9 I'll try to move quickly, Your Honor.

03:03:49 10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 MR. GILMAN: For its next witness, WesternGeco
12 calls Dr. John Leonard, who is a professor at MIT.

13 Dr. Leonard is a specialist in navigation and robotics,
14 with an emphasis on underwater vehicles. We heard a little

03:04:06 15 bit with the last two witnesses how some of the defendant's
16 products work.

17 Dr. Leonard is here to talk about the
18 source code that's used, the computer programs that are
19 used inside of that -- those product and what information
03:04:17 20 is being passed back and forth in those products.

21 Permission to approach the witness.

22 THE COURT: Yes. You don't need to ask
23 permission.

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JOHN LEONARD,

after having been first cautioned and duly sworn, testified
as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

03:03:46

BY MR. GILMAN:

Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Leonard.

A. Good afternoon.

Q. Would you please introduce yourself to the jury.

A. My name's John Leonard, and I'm a professor at MIT.

03:05:03

Q. What do you do at MIT?

A. I perform research in robotics, and I teach
mechanical engineering.

Q. What kind of education do you have to get to where
you are today?

03:05:11

A. Undergraduate degree is in electrical engineering
from the University of Pennsylvania, and my Ph.D. is from
the University of Oxford.

Q. What did you study in both of those schools?

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A. So electrical engineering as an undergrad, and then I
focused in robotics, and my Ph.D. is in engineering
science from Oxford.

Q. What was the topic of your thesis for your Ph.D.
studies?

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A. I worked on the problem of how a robot can build a
map and concurrently use that map to navigate. And so,

1 that involved a lot of advanced work in source code and
2 Kalman filtering and a lot of the algorithms related to
3 that.

4 **Q.** So if we could take a look at your -- some of the
5 slides that you put together.

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6 Starting off with your first slide,
7 Leonard 1, could you describe what it is that you do today
8 at MIT, what areas do you focus your research on?

9 **A.** Yeah. This is a slide I give in talks to give sort
10 after quick overview in the interests of time of some of
11 my background. So the topics and pictures from underwater
12 vehicle vehicles, the Arctic, worked on mine-hunting for
13 the Navy, and also as the team leader for MIT's entry in
14 something called the DARPA Urban Challenge, which is -- we
15 built a self-driving car and drove it in traffic. And so,
16 my research generally addresses these problems of mapping,
17 navigation and control of autonomous vehicles, with a
18 special focus on underwater vehicles.

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19 **THE COURT:** At MIT, are you in a research
20 position, or do you also have teaching responsibilities?

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21 **THE WITNESS:** Yes. I'm a faculty member, so I
22 have teaching responsibilities.

23 **THE COURT:** Are you an assistant professor or
24 an associate?

03:06:48

25 **THE WITNESS:** I'm a full professor.

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