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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD. and TSMC NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION,
Petitioners,

v.

ZOND, LLC, Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2014-00828 IPR2014-00829 IPR2014-00917 Patent 6,805,779 B2¹

Before KEVIN F. TURNER, JONI Y. CHANG, SUSAN L.C. MITCHELL, and JENNIFER M. MEYER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

CHANG, Administrative Patent Judge.

SCHEDULING ORDER



¹ This Order sets forth the same trial schedule for the above-identified proceedings. For efficiency, we issue one Order to be entered in all of the cases. The parties, however, may not use this style heading in subsequent papers, without prior authorization.

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I. DUE DATES

This order sets due dates for the parties to take action after institution of the proceeding. The parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1 through 5 (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 6). A notice of the stipulation, specifically identifying the changed due dates, must be promptly filed. The parties may not stipulate to an extension of DUE DATES 6 and 7.

In stipulating to different times, the parties should consider the effect of the stipulation on times to object to evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)), to supplement evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(2)), to conduct cross-examination (37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2)), and to draft papers depending on the evidence and cross-examination testimony (*see* section II, below).

The parties are reminded that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,772 (Aug. 14, 2012) (Appendix D), apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

A. INITIAL CONFERENCE CALL

The parties are directed to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. at 48,765–66 for guidance in preparing for the initial conference call, and should be prepared to discuss any proposed changes to this



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Scheduling Order and any motions the parties anticipate filing during the trial.

B. DUE DATE 1

The patent owner may file—

- a. A response to the petition (37 C.F.R. § 42.120), and
- b. A motion to amend the patent (37 C.F.R. § 42.121).

The patent owner must file any such response or motion to amend by DUE DATE 1. If the patent owner elects not to file anything, the patent owner must arrange a conference call with the parties and the Board. The patent owner is cautioned that any arguments for patentability not raised in the response will be deemed waived.

C. DUE DATE 2

The petitioner must file any reply to the patent owner's response and opposition to the motion to amend by DUE DATE 2.

D. DUE DATE 3

The patent owner must file any reply to the petitioner's opposition to patent owner's motion to amend by DUE DATE 3.

E. DUE DATE 4

1. Each party must file any motion for an observation on the cross-examination testimony of a reply witness (*see* section III, below) by DUE DATE 4.



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2. Each party must file any motion to exclude evidence (37 C.F.R § 42.64(c)) and any request for oral argument (37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a)) by DUE DATE 4.

F. DUE DATE 5

- 1. Each party must file any reply to an observation on cross-examination testimony by DUE DATE 5.
- 2. Each party must file any opposition to a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 5.

G. DUE DATE 6

Each party must file any reply for a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 6.

H. DUE DATE 7

The oral argument (if requested by either party) is set for DUE DATE 7.

II. CROSS-EXAMINATION

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

- 1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due. 37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).
- 2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id*.



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