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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD; SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.;<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner,

v.

AFFINITY LABS OF TEXAS, LLC, Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2014-01181, -01182, -01184 Patent 8,532,641 B2

Before KEVIN F. TURNER, LYNNE E. PETTIGREW, and JON B. TORNQUIST, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TORNQUIST, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER Consolidating Proceedings *37 C.F.R.* § *42.122(a)* 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 1, 2015, Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC, an originally-named Petitioner in this case, was merged into Samsung Electronics America, Inc. *See* IPR2014-01181, Paper 9.



On January 30, 2015, we instituted *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 8,532,641 B2 in IPR2014-01181, IPR2014-01182, and IPR2014-01184. *See* Paper 10 (in each of the proceedings). During a consolidated initial conference call for the three cases, we indicated our intent to consolidate the three cases. *See* IPR2014-01181, Paper 14, 3–4. The parties did not object to consolidation, but requested additional pages for briefing due to certain complexities in the cases. *Id.* at 3. By email of March 20, 2015, the parties requested 132 pages for the consolidated Patent Owner Response and 33 pages for the Reply.

Under the present circumstances, we determine that consolidating the three cases, which each involve the same patent, is justified. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(a). Accordingly, we consolidate the trial in IPR2014-01181 with the trials in IPR2014-01182 and IPR2014-01184, and terminate the proceedings in IPR2014-01182 and IPR2014-01184. All future filings shall be made in IPR2014-01181.

Patent Owner shall be allowed 132 pages for its consolidated Patent Owner Response and Petitioner shall be allowed 33 pages for its Reply.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that IPR2014-01182 and IPR2014-01184 are consolidated with IPR2014-01181;

FURTHER ORDERED that IPR2014-01182 and IPR2014-01184 are terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that all further case filings shall be made in IPR2014-01181.



IPR2014-01181, -01182, -01184 Patent 8,532,641 B2

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