UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHARP CORPORATION, SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, and SHARP ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., Petitioner,

v.

SURPASS TECH INNOVATION LLC, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00021 Patent No. 7,202,843 B2

PETITIONER'S OBJECTIONS TO PATENT OWNER'S EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)



Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1), Sharp Corporation, Sharp Electronics Corporation, and Sharp Electronics Manufacturing Company of America, Inc. (collectively, "Sharp" or "Petitioner") hereby submits the following objections to the evidence served on June 11, 2015 by Patent Owner Surpass Tech Innovation LLC ("Surpass" or "Patent Owner") with Patent Owner Surpass Tech Innovation LLC's Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.120 (Paper 20).

General Objections

- 1. Sharp objects to the admissibility of the Declaration of William K. Bohannon (Ex. 2005, "Mr. Bohannon's Declaration") under Rules 702 and 703 of the Federal Rules of Evidence ("F.R.E.") for failing to establish that he is qualified to provide the opinions offered. Mr. Bohannon also fails to provide any basis for many of his opinions. Thus, Mr. Bohannon's Declaration is inadmissible as lacking the requisite underlying "sufficient facts or data" of F.R.E. 702(b), is not "the product of reliable principles and methods" under F.R.E. 702(c), and does not result from the reliable application of principles or methods to any related facts under F.R.E. 702(d). *See also Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993); 37 C.F.R. § 42.65.
- 2. Sharp further objects to the relevance of Mr. Bohannon's Declaration under F.R.E. 402. Mr. Bohannon's Declaration consists of mere speculation and conclusory statements, which are not relevant.



3. Sharp reserves the right to present further objections, as allowed by the applicable rules or other authority.

Specific Objections

In addition to the foregoing General Objections, Sharp makes the following specific objections to Mr. Bohannon's Declaration. Since Patent Owner's Response cites to Mr. Bohannon's Declaration, these objections also apply to Patent Owner's Response.

- 1. Sharp objects to Mr. Bohannon's Declaration as failing to disclose Mr. Bohannon's experience as an expert witness and the history of his prior testimony and depositions, as required by F.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2). Mr. Bohannon's curriculum vitae attached to Ex. 2005 as Appendix A refers to an "Addendum" for his litigation related experience, but no such "Addendum" was submitted by Surpass.
- 2. Sharp objects to Paragraphs 14, 18-23, 25, 27-30 and 32-35 as failing to comply with the requirements for amending claims set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 316(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.121. Specifically, through Mr. Bohannon, Surpass improperly seeks to amend the claims-at-issue, including introducing additional claim elements, under the guise of claim construction. Specifically, Surpass seeks to construe the phrase "to control a transmission rate of the liquid crystal device of the panel" of Claim 4 to further require the performance of an "overdriving"



technique. (*See, e.g.,* Ex. 2005, ¶¶26-30). This proposed construction, which seeks to add a limitation to the claims, is an improper attempt to bypass the Rules for amending claims, which, among other things, require Surpass to: (1) confer with the Board regarding the proposed amendment; and (2) file a motion to amend that complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a)-(b). Surpass has not taken any of these steps, and is now precluded from doing so under 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a)(1).

- 3. Sharp objects to Paragraphs 14, 18-23, 25, 27-30 and 32-35 of Mr. Bohannon's Declaration under F.R.E. 402, 701, 702 and 703 as conclusory and unsupported by any facts or data and thus irrelevant and unrelated to the issues at hand. For instance, in the above paragraphs, Mr. Bohannon discusses an "overdriving" technique that is legally irrelevant to the claims-at-issue. Mr. Bohannon then draws improper legal and factual conclusions based upon these irrelevant facts, rendering his opinion unsupported and, thus, unreliable.
- 4. Sharp objects to Mr. Bohannon's Declaration as failing to comply with the requirements for a declaration in lieu of oath under 37 C.F.R. § 1.68.

Respectfully submitted,

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