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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

T-MOBILE US, INC., T-MOBILE USA, INC.,
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC., ERICSSON INC., and
TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON
Petitioners,

v.

TRACBEAM, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2015-01711
Patent 7,525,484 B2

PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.120

Table of Authorities

Cases

Genetics Inst., LLC v. Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.,
655 F.3d 1291 (Fed. Cir. 2011).....1

Guinn v. Kopf, 96 F.3d 1419 (Fed. Cir. 1996).....1

Exhibit List

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2001	Narrowing Agreement
2002	Disclaimer in Patent Under 37 CFR 1.321(a) – Patent No. 7,525,484 B2

Claim 27 of the '484 patent is challenged in this *Inter Partes* Review. This claim is no longer asserted in the co-pending district court litigation against any of the Petitioners or any other parties. Patent Owner maintains claim 27 was and is patentable and non-obvious. However, Patent Owner wishes to avoid the time and expense of defending this no-longer asserted claim in this proceeding, particularly since its limited resources are needed to prosecute the co-pending litigation as it nears trial. Patent Owner has therefore filed a disclaimer with the Patent Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(a), disclaiming the sole challenged claim in this proceeding. Ex. 2002.

The effect of the disclaimer is that claim 27 of the '484 patent is treated as if it had never existed. *Genetics Inst., LLC v. Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.*, 655 F.3d 1291, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (“upon entry of a disclaimer under § 253, we treat the patent as though the disclaimed claim(s) had never existed” (internal quotations omitted)); *Guinn v. Kopf*, 96 F.3d 1419, 1422 (Fed. Cir. 1996) (“A statutory disclaimer under 35 U.S.C. § 253 has the effect of canceling the claims from the patent and the patent is viewed as though the disclaimed claims had never existed in the patent” (emphasis added)). As a result, this proceeding is now moot—the Board need not and cannot determine whether a claim that is treated as having never existed is or is not patentable. Accordingly, Patent Owner

anticipates seeking permission to file a motion to terminate this proceeding, to the extent such a motion is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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