

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PALO ALTO NETWORKS, INC.
Petitioner,

v.

FINJAN, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00159
U.S. Patent No. 8,677,494

**PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR
REHEARING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.71(c) and 42.71(d)**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Patent Owner, Finjan, Inc. (“Finjan” or “Patent Owner”), respectfully requests rehearing of the Board’s Decision on Institution (IPR2016-00159, Paper No. 8) (the “Institution Decision”) under 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d). In particular, Finjan requests reconsideration of the decision to institute trial on claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, and 15 over Morton Swimmer et al., *Dynamic Detection and Classification of Computer Viruses Using General Behaviour Patterns*, VIRUS BULL. CONF. 75 (Sept. 1995) (Ex. 1006, “Swimmer”) and claims 3–5 and 12–14 over the combination of Swimmer and David M. Martin, Jr. et al., *Blocking Java Applets at the Firewall*, PROC. 1997 SYMP. ON NETWORK & DISTRIBUTED SYS. SEC. (©1997) (Ex. 1047, “Martin”).

Reconsideration of the Institution Decision is appropriate because the Board overlooked Patent Owner’s request that the Board exercise its discretion to reject the Petition under 35 U.S.C. § 325(d). *See* Patent Owner Preliminary Response, *Palo Alto Networks, Inc., v. Finjan, Inc.*, IPR2016-00159, Paper 6 at 1-2 (P.T.A.B. Feb. 17, 2016) (“POPR”). Because the Board overlooked Patent Owner’s argument, and because this case is particularly suited for denial under § 325(d), the Institution Decision “represents an unreasonable judgment in weighing relevant factors” and, therefore, meets the stringent “abuse of discretion” standard. *See Star Fruits S.N.C. v. U.S.*, 393 F. 3d 1277, 1281 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (“An abuse of

discretion occurs where the decision is based on an erroneous interpretation of the law, on factual findings that are not supported by substantial evidence, or represents an unreasonable judgment in weighing relevant factors.”) (citation omitted). Accordingly, Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board reconsider its decision to institute trial on claims 1–6 and 10–15 of the ‘494 Patent and deny the Petition in its entirety using the discretion provided under 35 U.S.C. § 325(d).

II. THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE DENIED THE PETITION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 325(D)

35 U.S.C. § 325(d) provides the Board with the discretion to deny institution of a petition for *inter partes* review in the event that the same or similar prior art or arguments were previously presented to the USPTO:

In determining whether to institute or order a proceeding under this chapter, chapter 30, or chapter 31, the Director may take into account whether, and reject the petition or request because, **the same or substantially the same prior art or arguments previously were presented to the Office.**

35 U.S.C. § 325(d) (emphasis added). In this case, Petitioner presented two sets of grounds that were substantially similar in terms of the prior art cited and the arguments made to those raised in two separate Petitions filed by Symantec Corp against claims of the ‘494 Patent, IPR2015-01892 and IPR2015-01897 (the

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