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**PATENT NO. 7,973,773**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Engagement**

1. My name is Robert D. Howe. I have been retained by Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“Petitioner”) in connection with the above-captioned proceeding to investigate and opine on certain issues relating to claims 15, 17, 21, 22, 30 and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 7,973,773 (“the ‘773 Patent”) (Exhibit 1001). I may refer to these claims as the “Challenged Claims.”

2. In particular, I have been asked to investigate, analyze, and opine if the Challenged Claims are invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 103. To support my opinions contained in this declaration, I have further been asked to discuss the particular technology related to the Challenged Claims, including the state of the art of that technology, as it was known at the time of the earliest available priority date for each of the Challenged Claims.

3. I am being compensated for my time spent on this matter at the rate of \$500 per hour. My compensation does not depend on the outcome of any matter or the specifics of my testimony, and I have no other interest in this matter or the parties thereto.

### **B. Opinion**

4. I currently hold the opinions set forth in this declaration. In summary, it is my opinion that the references cited below render obvious the Challenged Claims. My detailed opinions are set forth below.

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