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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD TOYOTA MOTOR CORP.¹ and AISIN SEIKI CO., LTD.², Petitioners, v. SIGNAL IP, INC., Patent Owner. Case IPR2016-00292 and IPR2016-00366 Patent 6,012,007

Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, JEREMY M. PLENZLER, and JAMES A. TARTAL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PLENZLER, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER
Trial Hearing
37 C.F.R. § 42.70

² Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd. is the Petitioner in IPR2016-00366.



¹ Toyota Motor Corp. is the Petitioner in IPR2016-00292.

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Oral argument in each of these cases, if requested by the parties, is scheduled for February 16, 2017. IPR2016-00292, Paper 17; IPR2016-00366, Paper 8. The parties requested oral hearing in each of these proceedings. IPR2016-00292, Papers 22, 23; IPR2016-00366, Papers 14, 15. Patent Owner requests that the hearings for these proceedings be consolidated. IPR2016-00292, Paper 22, 1; IPR2016-00366, Paper 14, 1. Petitioners do not oppose that request. IPR2016-00292, Paper 23, 1–2; IPR2016-00366, Paper 15, 1–2. The requests are *granted*.

Patent Owner requests thirty minutes of argument time. IPR2016-00292, Paper 22, 1; IPR2016-00366, Paper 14, 1. Petitioners do not request any particular amount of argument time, but request that they be provided with the same amount of time, collectively, as that provided to Patent Owner in a consolidated proceeding, and agree to coordinate with one another regarding the consolidated argument. IPR2016-00292, Paper 23, 2; IPR2016-00366, Paper 15, 2.

Petitioners, collectively, will have a total of thirty minutes to present argument, which may be coordinated amongst themselves as they agree. Patent Owner will also have thirty minutes to present argument. The oral argument will commence at 1:30 PM Eastern Time, on Thursday, February 16, 2017. The Board will provide a court reporter for the oral argument and the reporter's transcript will constitute the official record of the oral argument. The hearing transcript will be entered in the record of this proceeding.

Petitioners bear the ultimate burden of proof that Patent Owner's patent claims at issue are unpatentable. Petitioners will proceed first to



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present their case with respect to the challenged patent claims and grounds with respect to which the Board instituted trial. After Petitioners' presentation, Patent Owner will respond to Petitioners' argument. Petitioners may reserve time to respond to arguments presented by Patent Owner.

The oral argument will be open to the public for in-person attendance, on the ninth floor of Madison Building East, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. In-person attendance will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. At least one member of the panel will be attending the oral argument remotely by use of two-way audio-visual communication equipment.

Demonstrative exhibits must be served five business days before the hearing. The parties also shall provide a courtesy copy of any demonstrative exhibits to the Board by the end of day, February 13, 2017, by emailing them to Trials@uspto.gov. The parties shall not file any demonstrative exhibits in this proceeding without prior authorization from the Board. For guidance on what constitutes an appropriate demonstrative exhibit, the parties are directed to Paper 118 in *CBS Interactive Inc. v. Wireless Sciences LLC*, IPR2013-00033 (PTAB October 23, 2013). No live testimony from any witness will be taken at the oral argument.

The Board expects lead counsel for each party to be present at oral hearing, although any backup counsel may make the actual presentation, in whole or in part.

Requests for audio-visual equipment are to be made 5 days in advance of the hearing date. The request is to be sent to Trials@uspto.gov. If the



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request is not received timely, the equipment may not be available on the day of the hearing.

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