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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED, Petitioner,

v.

GODO KAISHA IP BRIDGE 1, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01249 Case IPR2016-01264 Patent 6,538,324 B1¹

Before JUSTIN T. ARBES, MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, and JENNIFER MEYER CHAGNON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FITZPATRICK, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.121

¹ This Order employs a joint caption, as it governs both of the identified *inter partes* reviews. The parties may not use a joint caption unless authorized.



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A conference call was held on February 21, 2017, with counsel for Petitioner, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited, and Patent Owner, Godo Kaisha IP Bridge 1, and the panel. The call was requested by Patent Owner for the purpose of meeting its obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a) to confer with the Board prior to filing a motion to amend.

The two *inter partes* reviews involve the same patent, namely, U.S. Patent No. 6,538,324 B1, and the same claims, namely claims 1–3, 5–7, and 9. *See* Paper 7 in both proceedings.

Patent Owner may file a motion to amend in one or both *inter partes* reviews. If Patent Owner's motion(s) to amend would be contingent on one or more challenged claims being held unpatentable, it should file a motion to amend in each review.

If Patent Owner files a motion to amend in each review and the motions are substantively-identical to one another, the motions should include a statement to that effect.

It is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner has satisfied its obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a) to confer with the Board prior to filing a motion to amend.



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