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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Juniper Networks, Inc.,
Petitioner

v.

Finjan, Inc.,
Patent Owner

IPR2019-00060
Patent No. 7,647,633

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REHEARING

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I. INTRODUCTION

On April 29, 2019, the Board denied institution of *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 7,647,633 (“the ‘633 Patent”), rejecting Petitioner’s assertion that certain claims of the ‘633 Patent are unpatentable over prior art Sonnenberg in view of prior art Jensen (Ground 1). *See* Paper 7 (Institution Decision) at 13. In its Institution Decision, the Board misapprehended the critical difference between Petitioner’s and Patent Owner’s constructions of the term “mobile protection code” and, as a result, failed to resolve the key claim construction dispute between the parties as required. *See Homeland Housewares, LLC v. Whirlpool Corp.*, 865 F.3d 1372, 1374-75 (Fed. Cir. 2017) (citing *O2 Micro Int’l, Ltd. v. Beyond Innovation Tech. Co.*, 521 F.3d 1351, 1360 (Fed. Cir. 2008)) (requiring the Board to resolve claim construction disputes when a disputed term is relied upon for a holding on the merits). As explained further below, the Board’s failure to resolve the key claim construction dispute led to a logically unsupportable holding regarding the purported deficiency in the prior art. Rehearing is therefore warranted to resolve the claim construction dispute between the parties and fix the plain error in the Institution Decision.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

“A party dissatisfied with a decision may file a request for rehearing without prior authorization from the Board” and must “specifically identify all matters the party believes the Board misapprehended or overlooked, and the place where each

matter was previously addressed in a motion, opposition, or a reply.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d). This request is timely filed within 30 days from the Institution Decision denying institution. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d)(2).

III. ARGUMENT

The Board fundamentally misapprehended the dispute between the parties regarding the construction of the term “mobile protection code” (hereinafter, “MPC”). In the Institution Decision, the Board stated:

According to Patent Owner, the difference between Petitioner and Patent Owner’s constructions is that Petitioner’s broader construction does not specify that the mobile protection code monitors and intercepts operations *without modifying the executable code*.

Paper 7 (Institution Decision) at 5 (emphasis in original). The Board erred in adopting Patent Owner’s characterization of the claim construction dispute.¹ The actual dispute between the parties is completely different and has nothing to do with whether MPC modifies the executable code or not.

¹ Petitioner does not oppose Patent Owner’s proposal that MPC operate “without modifying the executable code” and therefore there is no dispute with respect to this issue.

As background, the Petition proposed that the broadest reasonable interpretation of “mobile protection code” (MPC) is “code *for causing* one or more predetermined malicious operations or operation combinations of a Downloadable to be monitored or otherwise intercepted.” Paper 2 (Petition) at 9 (emphasis added). The Petition explained the practical import of this “for causing” language was that the MPC does not *itself* have to monitor or intercept operations but rather may work in conjunction with other software, such as the operating system, in order to cause monitoring or intercepting to occur. *Id.* at 9-10. The Petition then explained how, under this construction that does not require the MPC to itself monitor or intercept, prior art Jensen’s “protection wrappers” constitute MPC because Jensen’s protection wrappers cause monitoring or intercepting by the operating system’s Access Control Lists. *See* Paper 2 (Petition) at 25-27.

In its argument distinguishing the prior art, Patent Owner implicitly disputed Petitioner’s claim construction of MPC with respect to whether MPC must “itself” monitor or intercept. Patent Owner argued that prior art Jensen did not teach MPC for the following reason:

As Petitioner readily acknowledges, Jensen’s technique involves a “protection wrapper” that does not, *itself* “monitor[] or intercept[] actually or potentially malicious

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