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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

LG ELECTRONICS INC., LG ELECTRONICS
U.S.A., INC., and LG ELECTRONICS MOBILE
RESEARCH U.S.A., LLC,

Defendants.

Case No.: 18cv2864-CAB(BLM)

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART JOINT
MOTION TO CONTINUE DISCOVERY
DATES AND MANDATORY SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE**

[ECF No. 115]

On March 20, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Extend the Case Management Order. ECF No. 115. The parties seek to continue all remaining dates set in the Court’s February 5, 2020 scheduling order [see ECF No. 103] and February 24, 2020 order setting the mandatory settlement conference [see ECF No. 106]. Id. Though the parties filed jointly to continue the dates, they disagree on the correct length of continuance. Id. After considering the parties’ arguments and consulting with District Judge Cathy A. Bencivengo, the Court **GRANTS** the parties’ joint motion and sets the following dates:

Deadline	Current Date	New Date
Fact Discovery Completion	April 17, 2020	June 8, 2020

Deadline	Current Date	New Date
Disclosure of Experts	April 17, 2020	June 8, 2020
Supplementary Expert Disclosure	May 8, 2020	June 29, 2020
Opening Expert Reports	May 22, 2020	July 6, 2020
Rebuttal Expert Reports	July 2, 2020	August 17, 2020
Expert Discovery Completion	July 31, 2020	September 21, 2020
Dispositive/ Daubert Motions	August 28, 2020	October 5, 2020
Oppositions to Disposition/ Daubert Motions	September 17, 2020	October 26, 2020
Replies to Disposition/ Daubert Motions	September 25, 2020	November 2, 2020
Pretrial Disclosures	November 2, 2020	No Change
L.R. 16.1(f)(4) Meeting of Counsel	November 9, 2020	No Change
Plaintiff's Proposed Pretrial Order due to Defendants	November 16, 2020	No Change
Motions <i>in limine</i>	November 16, 2020	No Change
Oppositions to Motions <i>in limine</i>	November 23, 2020	No Change
Proposed Final Pretrial Conference Order	November 23, 2020	No Change
Final Pretrial Conference	November 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.	No Change
Trial	December 14, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.	No Change

All other guidelines and requirements remain as previously set. See ECF Nos. 103, 106. Finally, on February 24, 2020, the Court scheduled a Mandatory Settlement Conference ("MSC") in this matter for **April 28, 2020** at **2:00 p.m.** ECF No. 106. The order required the personal attendance of all "parties, adjusters for insured defendants, and other representatives of a party

1 having full and complete authority to enter into a binding settlement, as well as the principal
2 attorneys responsible for the litigation." Id. at 2, see ECF No. 103.

3 On March 17, 2020, Chief Judge Larry A. Burns issued an Order in response to the COVID-
4 19 public emergency ("CJO #18") to protect public safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
5 See CJO #18 at ¶ 9. Accordingly, the Court **CONVERTS** the MSC to telephonic for all attendees.
6 To facilitate the telephonic format of this conference, the Court **ORDERS** the following:

7 1. The Court will begin the MSC on its teleconference line. Counsel shall use the dial-
8 in information that will be filed by the Court as a **separate notice** on the docket. The notice
9 will be restricted to case participants only.

10 2. Counsel and parties or client representatives with full settlement authority for each
11 party must be immediately available by telephone for the duration of the MSC.

12 3. All participants shall be prepared to devote their full attention to this proceeding
13 as if they were attending in person, i.e., cannot be driving while speaking to the Court.

14 4. Throughout the conference, the Court will initiate separate, confidential calls with
15 Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively. Each party must provide the Court with a single phone
16 number to use to initiate these calls, with both counsel and parties or representatives already
17 conferenced in and ready to engage in settlement discussions. Counsel must email the Court at
18 **efile_major@casd.uscourts.gov** no later than **April 22, 2020** to provide each party's
19 preferred phone number for the MSC and any other necessary call-in information for the Court
20 (i.e., conference line passcodes).

21 5. Failure to participate may result in the imposition of sanctions. All other deadlines
22 and requirements remain as previously set except as explicitly modified by this order. See ECF
23 Nos. 103, 106.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: 3/24/2020

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27 Hon. Barbara L. Major
28 United States Magistrate Judge