UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD ______

YITA LLC, Petitioner

v.

MACNEIL IP LLC, Patent Owner

Case IPR2020-01139 U.S. Patent No. 8,382,186

PETITIONER'S OPPOSITION TO PATENT OWNER'S MOTION TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.123(b)

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I. Introduction

The Board should deny Patent Owner MacNeil IP LLC's ("PO") motion to submit supplemental information. PO's motion is a belated attempt to introduce twelve new exhibits to correct deficient evidence it relied on in its Patent Owner's Response ("POR"). But "late submission of supplemental information" requires two factors: 1) that the "information reasonably could not have been obtained earlier," and 2) that its consideration "would be in the interests-of-justice." 37 C.F.R. § 42.123(b). PO satisfies neither.

PO concedes its new exhibits are in response to Petitioner's objections;¹ therefore, they are supplemental *evidence*, not supplemental *information*. Moreover, the new exhibits *all* reasonably *could have* been obtained earlier, as detailed below. And the Board should not allow PO's principal argument—that it was unaware of its own numerous errors until Petitioner's objections—to be the fulcrum PO uses to leverage its own errors to its advantage to submit new exhibits as supplemental information. Mot., 1, 8, 9-10, 11, 12, 13, 15.

¹ PO complains about the number of Petitioner's objections, Mot., 1, EX2138, 9:15-22, but PO's deficient evidence compelled Petitioner's objections, which are required to preserve Petitioner's right to file a motion to exclude. 37 C.F.R. § 42.64.



PO alleges that it seeks to address "informalities and filing oversights involving a small subset of exhibits...." Mot., 1. But, PO mischaracterizes the extent of its corrections, which include substantive additions to the record (not "informalities") after neglecting Board Rules (not "filing oversights"). PO's new translation, amended claims charts, new testimony, new translation certifications, U.S. Customs and Border Protection forms, and corrected declarations attempt to fix failures, not mere "informalities" or minor "inadvertent errors." Mot., 12, 13, 14.

All but admitting that its own mistakes do not satisfy the requirements for supplemental information under Section 42.123(b), PO asks the Board to waive the Rule and allow PO to supplement its arguments and augment the record. Mot., 14-15. Doing so would be prejudicial and against the interests-of-justice. The Board's Rules are designed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding. PO's disregard for the Board's Rules should not be rewarded by allowing PO's supplemental information. The Board should deny PO's motion.

II. Legal Standards

As the party moving to submit late supplemental information, PO has the burden to show "why the supplemental information reasonably could not have been obtained earlier, and that consideration of the supplemental information would be



in the interests-of-justice." 37 C.F.R. § 42.123(b).² Thus, PO must explain specifically why the Board should admit the evidence *now*, because supplemental information is not intended to provide an avenue for bolstering deficiencies, as PO plainly is attempting here. *See Samsung Elecs. Co., Ltd. v. Immersion Corp.*, IPR2018-01499, Paper 19 at 3 (P.T.A.B. May 16, 2019); *Pacific Mkt. Int'l, LLC v. Ignite USA, LLC*, IPR2014-00561, Paper 23 at 3 (P.T.A.B. Dec. 2, 2014); *GoPro v. Contour IP Holdings*, IPR2015-01078, Paper 40 at 2-4 (P.T.A.B. Apr. 7, 2016) (rejecting patent owner's argument that it reasonably could not have obtained supplemental information earlier because it was unaware of petitioner's objections until petitioner made them).

The Board also denies motions to submit supplemental information when the other party would be prejudiced by the new evidence and arguments. *See, e.g.*, *Hyberbranch Med. Tech., Inc. v. Incept LLC*, IPR2016-01836, Paper 32 at 6 (P.T.A.B. Oct. 30, 2017) ("Filing the documents as late supplemental information would, therefore, add information to the record in an untimely manner prejudicing Petitioner."); *Polycom, Inc. v. Directpacket Research, Inc.*, IPR2019-01235, Paper 56 (P.T.A.B. Sept. 14, 2020).

Even if PO met the requirements of Section 42.123—which it does not—the Board has discretion to deny the motion. *Redline Detection, LLC v. Star*

² Emphasis added unless noted.



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