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# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., and GOOGLE LLC, Petitioner, v. SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LTD., Patent Owner. IPR2022-00284 Patent 9,997,962 B2

Before JAMESON LEE, KARL D. EASTHOM, and AARON W. MOORE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

EASTHOM, Administrative Patent Judge.

DECISION
Granting Institution of *Inter Partes* Review 35 U.S.C. § 314



## I. INTRODUCTION

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., and Google LLC (collectively "Petitioner") filed a Petition (Paper 1, "Pet.") requesting an *inter partes* review of claims 1–8, 18, and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 9,997,962 B2 (Ex. 1001, the "'962 patent"). Scramoge Technology Ltd. ("Patent Owner") filed a Preliminary Response (Paper 8, "Prelim. Resp."). Petitioner filed a Preliminary Reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response (Paper 9, "Pet. Prelim. Reply") and Patent Owner filed a Preliminary Sur-reply (Paper 11, "PO Prelim. Sur-reply") to address discretionary denial issues.

We have authority to determine whether to institute an *inter partes* review. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 314 (2018); 37 C.F.R. § 42.4(a) (2020). Institution of an *inter partes* review requires that "the information presented in the petition and . . . any response . . . shows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition." 35 U.S.C. § 314(a). For the reasons set forth below, we determine that there is a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner will prevail with respect to at least one challenged claim. Accordingly, we institute an *inter partes* review of the '962 patent.

# II. BACKGROUND

### A. Real Parties in Interest

The parties identify themselves as real parties in interest. Pet. 1; Paper 6, 2.

# B. Related Matters

The parties identify the following proceedings as related matters involving the '962 patent: *Scramoge Ltd. v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.* No., 6:21-cv-0454-ADA (filed Apr. 30, 2021, W.D. Tex.) ("Samsung



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District Court proceeding"); *Scramoge Technology Ltd. v. Google LLC*, No. 6:21-cv-0616-ADA (filed June 15, 2021, W.D. Tex.) ("Google District Court proceeding"); *Scramoge Technology Ltd. v. Apple Inc.*, No. 6:21-cv-0579-ADA (filed June 7, 2021, W.D. Tex., transferred to ND Cal., May 17, 2022, now No. 5:22-cv-03041) ("Apple District Court proceeding"); *See* Paper 6, 2–3; Pet. 1–2.

The parties identify Apple Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd.,
IPR2022-00120 (PTAB October 29, 2021) (instituted May 4, 2021 on claims 1–4, 7, 8, 18, and 19 of the '962 patent) ("Apple-120IPR") as involving the '962 patent. Other proceedings involving related patents follow: Apple Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd., IPR2022-00117 (PTAB October 29, 2021); Apple Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd., IPR2022-00118 (PTAB October 29, 2021); Apple Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd., IPR2022-00119 (PTAB October 29, 2021); Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd., IPR2022-00185 (PTAB November 12, 2021); Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. v. Scramoge Technology Ltd., IPR2022-00241 (PTAB November 30, 2021). See Paper 6 at 2–3; Pet. 1.

C. The '962 Patent

The '962 patent relates to a wireless charging device using a transmitting primary coil coupled via electromagnetic induction to a receiving secondary coil for charging a power supply in household electronic products and other products. *See* Ex. 1001, code (57), 1:24–21.

[A]n embodiment of the present invention includes a substrate, a soft magnetic layer stacked on the substrate, and a receiving coil configured to receive electromagnetic energy emitted from a wireless power transmission device, wound in parallel with a plane of the soft magnetic layer, and formed inside of the soft

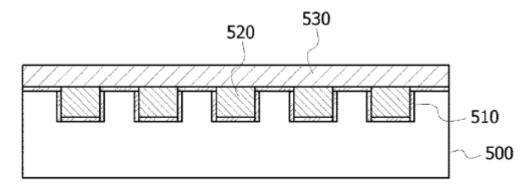


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magnetic layer, and an insulating layer is formed between the soft magnetic layer and the receiving coil.

*Id.* at code (57).

Figure 5 of the '962 patent follows:

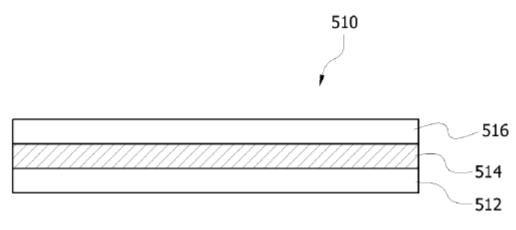


'962 Patent's Figure 5

Figure 5 illustrates an example of "a soft magnetic layer and a receiving coil" as described above. Ex. 1001, 6:8–9. The embodiment includes "an adhesive layer 510 . . . formed on a soft magnetic layer 500 [and] a receiving coil 520 . . . formed on the adhesive layer 510." *Id.* at 6:11–30. "[A] support means 530 is formed on the receiving coil 520 . . . and may have a form of film." *Id.* at 6:14–17. As depicted by Figure 5, the highest position of the soft magnetic layer 500 is higher from an underlying substrate (not shown) than the lowest portion of the receiving coil 520. *See also id.* at 5:10–12 (describing a substrate 210).



Figure 6 of the '962 patent follows:



'962 Patent's Figure 6

Figure 6 illustrates an example of the adhesive layer 510 as described above, otherwise known as double-sided tape. *See* Ex. 1001, 6:42–45. "[T]he adhesive layer 510 may have a double-sided structure including an insulating layer." *Id.* at 6:37–38. Specifically, "the adhesive layer 510 may include a first adhesive layer 512, an insulating layer 514 formed [on] the first adhesive layer 512, and a second adhesive layer 516 formed on the insulating layer." *Id.* at 6:42–45.

As collectively depicted by Figures 5 and 6, adhesive layer 510 forms a double-sided configuration including first 512 and second 516 adhesive layers that sandwich an insulating layer 514 and mount the receiving coil 520 to the soft magnetic layer 500. *Id.* at 6:42–45. The insulating layer 514 "may include . . . polyethylene terephthalate (PET) material." *Id.* at 6:47.

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