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- 1. PAGE 6:20 TO 6:21 (RUNNING 00:00:00.810)
 - Can you please just state your 21 full name and address for the record.
- 2. PAGE 6:22 TO 6:22 (RUNNING 00:00:01.549)
 - James Neil Figlar. I'm currently
- 3. PAGE 7:03 TO 7:05 (RUNNING 00:00:08.690)
 - Q. And who's your employer?
 - 04 Α. My employer was R.J. Reynolds. I
 - 05 retired just late last year at the end of 2020.
- 4. PAGE 132:21 TO 133:01 (RUNNING 00:00:06.427)
 - Does Reynolds keep track of Philip 22 Morris and Altria patents? 00133:01 Α. Yes.
- 5. PAGE 133:03 TO 133:10 (RUNNING 00:00:24.592)
 - And not to just -- yes, Altria, we
 - 04 look at the full patent landscape, depending on
 - the category. So, S'mores in there, NJoy, all 0.5
 - the big players, all the manufacturers, we keep
 - 07 a close eye on the patent literature, and it's
 - 08 very active. Reynolds has lots of patents as
 - 09 well. So, I mean, we're all active in patenting
 - 10 technology.
- 6. PAGE 133:11 TO 133:13 (RUNNING 00:00:06.237)
 - So Reynolds was aware of all the
 - 12 patents asserted in this case before the case
 - 13 was filed then, correct?
- 7. PAGE 133:16 TO 134:02 (RUNNING 00:00:29.455)
 - I mean, in terms of the -- the
 - specific ones, probably so. We've probably seen 17
 - 18 them. We've probably seen all of these patents,
 - 19 yeah.
 - 2.0 These specific patents you mean?
 - 21 In all likelihood they were known
 - 22 to or had been seen by people at Reynolds.
 - 00134:01 How many people at Reynolds review Ο.
 - 02 competitor patents?
- 8. PAGE 134:05 TO 134:17 (RUNNING 00:00:42.576)
 - I don't know how many people are 05 Α.
 - 06 actively doing it on a daily basis, but you have
 - 07 part of Reynolds' legal team looks at that.
 - 08 know we have at least two lawyers that are 09 in-house lawyers for Reynolds that are in
 - 10 patents. And then plus we have outside counsel
 - 11 that provides information.
 - And then typically what happens,



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- 13 and what used to happen at least on a monthly 14 basis, is every time there's a new iteration of patent publications, the lawyers would compile it and send it out to the scientists and people 16
- 17 like myself and others --

9. PAGE 135:06 TO 135:15 (RUNNING 00:00:23.320)

There is a process and an email 07 goes out and you have the opportunity to open up 08 that file and look at all the patents that have 09 issued in that month by all the competitors in 10 the category. And that's all it is, just an 11 information sharing exercise, is what I'm 12 talking about. 13 Understood. Who sends out that Q. email? 14 15 In-house, in-house counsel. Α.

10. PAGE 137:06 TO 137:08 (RUNNING 00:00:09.512)

Who received this email? 07 Most -- a lot of people in R&D Α. 08 working on technology.

11. PAGE 137:14 TO 137:22 (RUNNING 00:00:27.488)

- And this is just something the 15 legal team would just send out on their own 16 every month?
- I mean, it was simply just what 17 Α. 18 published in the US Patent and World Patent
- 19 literature on that basis, based on our product
- 20 category. So it was literally the abstracts of 21
- the patents. 2.2 Okay. And why would they send it?

12. PAGE 138:07 TO 139:05 (RUNNING 00:01:00.775)

- Again, this is not an evaluation. 08 This is simply -- it was like broadcast news. 09 Here's what came out of the patent offices, WTO 10 and US Patent Office. Here are the abstracts, 11 here's the categories. Our patents would be in 12 there and everybody else in the industry is what I'm talking about. 13
- So on a quarterly basis you would 14 15 get this report. It was just a compilation of 16 the abstracts of the patents, so that people had 17 an awareness of what was happening in the 18 business.
- 19 I mean, a lot of them, most of the 20 patents actually is about how to make a better
- 21 cigarette maker, how to make a new flywheel spin 22 faster for cigarette makers and things like
- 00139:01 that, but it covered the whole category. So
 - 02 that's how you become aware of what's happening 0.3 from a patent perspective.
 - 04 Ο. And why do you think this email 05 was circulated within Reynolds?

13. PAGE 139:10 TO 139:16 (RUNNING 00:00:27.025)

- 10 Again, it is information as a 11 technology development company you need to be
- 12 aware of. Where are people, what are we getting
- cleared, what are people doing? It's a good place to get ideas on where the industry is
- going, where technology is going. It's



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- 16 important to be up to date on patents.
- 14. PAGE 213:14 TO 213:15 (RUNNING 00:00:07.071)
 - 14 Q. How much money do you estimate
 - 15 Reynolds spent on the PMTA for the Alto?
- 15. PAGE 214:02 TO 214:07 (RUNNING 00:00:20.184)
 - 02 A. Okay. In terms of our overall
 - 03 budget over the course of the last five years,
 - 04 it has been in the hundreds of millions of
 - ${\tt 05}$ dollars for all of <code>Vuse products. So a portion</code>
 - 06 of that, certainly tens of millions. Tens of
 - 07 millions for Alto, for sure.

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