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1 MR. BURNETTE: That's why they are not publicly traded. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 But is -- but British American -- I'm sorry. British Tobacco is traded on European markets? 4 5 MR. BURNETTE: Yes, Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I want to just make sure, 7 the defendant is not raising any design-around arguments as to these two patents, correct? 8 9 MR. BURNETTE: I believe that's correct, Your Honor. We 10 have an agreement with plaintiffs' counsel on that, and I believe 11 that has resulted in some of the deposition designations being 12 removed. THE COURT: Okay. That's good. And while you're there, 13 14 there is a request for injunctive relief; is that correct? Or is that no longer in the case? 15 16 MR. GRANT: That's correct. 17 THE COURT: All right. And that comes to the Court, not 18 to the jury, correct? 19 MR. BURNETTE: That's right. And we have a stipulation, I 20 believe, Your Honor, that nobody's going to mention the 21 possibility of an injunction to the jury because, Your Honor's 22 correct, that is an issue solely for the Court. 23 THE COURT: All right. Now, are there any witnesses --24 because in some of your discussions there were statements made 25 that this issue might only be related to injunctive relief.

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