

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBART

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

CYWEE GROUP LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HTC CORPORATION; and HTC AMERICA,
INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2:17-cv-00932-JLR

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

90-DAY JOINT STATUS REPORT

HTC CORPORATION, and HTC AMERICA,
INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

CYWEE MOTION GROUP LTD.,

Third-Party Defendant.

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Pursuant to the Court's August 19, 2019 Order (ECF No. 146), Plaintiff CyWee Group Ltd. ("CyWee Group"), Defendants and Third-Party Plaintiffs HTC Corporation and HTC America, Inc., and Third-Party Defendant CyWeeMotion Group Ltd. respectfully submit the following joint status report:

The Google IPRs:

On January 9, 2020, the PTAB held the following claims invalid in the two IPR proceedings filed by Google (the "Google IPRs"):

Asserted Patent	IPR Case No.	Original Claims Held Invalid	Proposed Contingent Amended Claims Held Invalid
8,441,438	IPR2018-01258	1, 3-5	20, 21
8,552,978	IPR2018-01257	10, 12	19, 20

CyWee appealed the PTAB's final written decisions in the Google IPRs. The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed those decisions. On April 4, 2021, CyWee filed petitions for *en banc* review. The Federal Circuit denied those petitions on June 3, 2021. Mandates issued on June 10, 2021. On September 23, 2021 ("September 23 Order"), per CyWee's request, the Federal Circuit recalled the mandates, reinstated the appeals, and remanded the Google IPRs to allow CyWee the opportunity to request Director rehearing. On October 24, CyWee filed requests for *de novo* review by the Director in the Google IPRs. On January 7, 2022, the Commissioner for Patents denied review. On January 21, 2022, CyWee notified the Federal Circuit of that denial, and on April 21, 2022, CyWee filed its opening brief in the appeal. On May 2, 2022, Google filed an opposed motion to stay the appeal pending the Federal Circuit's resolution of *Arthrex, Inc. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc.*, 18-2140. On May 4, 2022, CyWee filed its response opposing the stay. The appeal is pending.

The ZTE IPR:

1 On February 17, 2021, the PTAB held all challenged claims invalid in an inter partes
 2 review proceeding filed by ZTE (the “ZTE IPR”):

Asserted Patent	IPR Case No.	Original Claims Held Invalid	Proposed Contingent Amended Claims Held Invalid
8,441,438	IPR2019-00143	1, 4, 5, 14–17, 19	20-24

6 CyWee appealed the PTAB’s final written decision in the ZTE IPR on April 8, 2021. On
 7 June 30, 2021, CyWee filed a motion requesting that the Federal Circuit dismiss its appeal of the
 8 ZTE IPR and remand the matter to the USPTO for further proceedings in light of the Supreme
 9 Court’s recent decision in *United States v. Arthrex, Inc.*, No. 19-1434, 2021 WL 2519433 (June
 10 21, 2021) holding that “the unreviewable authority wielded by APJs during inter partes review is
 11 incompatible with their appointment by the Secretary to an inferior office.” On July 14, 2021, the
 12 Federal Circuit issued an order (1) certifying CyWee’s constitutional challenge to the Attorney
 13 General, (2) directing the Attorney General to inform the Court within 30 days whether the United
 14 States intends to intervene and if so to file any response to CyWee’s motion to remand, (3) ordering
 15 appellee to file any response within that 30-day timeframe, and (4) staying the briefing schedule
 16 in the appeal. On August 13, 2021, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
 17 Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office informed the Federal Circuit of its
 18 intention to intervene and filed a response. On September 24, 2021 (“September 24 Order”), per
 19 CyWee’s request, the Federal Circuit remanded the ZTE IPR to allow CyWee the opportunity to
 20 request Director rehearing. On October 25, CyWee filed a request for *de novo* review by the
 21 Director in the ZTE IPR. On January 7, 2022, the Commissioner for Patents denied review. On
 22 January 21, 2022, CyWee notified the Federal Circuit of that denial. On March 28, 2022 the
 23 Federal Circuit ordered that CyWee’s brief is due no later than 60 days from the date of filing of
 24 the updated certified list, which is due within 40 days of said order. The appeal is pending.
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1 Because the matters described above may affect claims in this case, neither party requests
2 lifting the stay at this time.
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