

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBERT

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 CyWee Motion 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. The appeal is pending.

The ZTE IPR:

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

Asserted Patent	IPR Case No.	Original Claims Held Invalid	Proposed Contingent Amended Claims Held Invalid
8,441,438	IPR2019-00143 IPR2019-01203	1, 4, 5, 14–17, 19	20-24

1 CyWee appealed the PTAB’s final written decision in the ZTE IPR on April 8, 2021. On
2 June 30, 2021, CyWee filed a motion requesting that the Federal Circuit dismiss its appeal of the
3 ZTE IPR and remand the matter to the USPTO for further proceedings in light of the Supreme
4 Court’s recent decision in *United States v. Arthrex, Inc.*, No. 19-1434, 2021 WL 2519433 (June
5 21, 2021) holding that “the unreviewable authority wielded by APJs during *inter partes* review is
6 incompatible with their appointment by the Secretary to an inferior office.” On July 14, 2021, the
7 Federal Circuit issued an order (1) certifying CyWee’s constitutional challenge to the Attorney
8 General, (2) directing the Attorney General to inform the Court within 30 days whether the United
9 States intends to intervene and if so to file any response to CyWee’s motion to remand, (3) ordering
10 appellee to file any response within that 30-day timeframe, and (4) staying the briefing schedule
11 in the appeal. On August 13, 2021, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
12 Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office informed the Federal Circuit of its
13 intention to intervene and filed a response. On September 24, 2021 (“September 24 Order”), per
14 CyWee’s request, the Federal Circuit remanded the ZTE IPR to allow CyWee the opportunity to
15 request Director rehearing. On October 25, CyWee filed a request for *de novo* review by the
16 Director in the ZTE IPR. On January 7, 2022, the Commissioner for Patents denied review. On
17 January 21, 2022, CyWee notified the Federal Circuit of that denial. On March 28, 2022, the
18 Federal Circuit ordered that CyWee’s brief is due no later than 60 days from the date of filing of
19 the updated certified list, and on July 15, 2022, CyWee filed its opening brief in the appeal. The
20 appeal is pending.

21 Because the matters described above may affect claims in this case, neither party requests
22 lifting the stay at this time.

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24 Dated January 31, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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11 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

12 I hereby certify that on January 31, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with
13 the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all
14 counsel of record.

15 Dated: January 31, 2023

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