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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

EIGHT KHZ, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2023-01019
Patent 10,368,179 B1

**PETITIONERS' REPLY TO THE
PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

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I. Institution Is Appropriate Under *Fintiv*

Petitioners have executed a stipulation pursuant to *Sotera Wireless, Inc. v. Masimo Corp.*, IPR2020-01019, Paper 12 at 16-19 (PTAB Dec. 1, 2020) (precedential as to § II.A), agreeing not to pursue in the parallel district court litigation the same grounds or any grounds that could have reasonably been raised before the PTAB. *See Sotera Stipulation* (Ex. 1141). Specifically, Petitioners stipulate:

If the PTAB institutes the pending IPR in IPR2023-01019 challenging the patentability of claims 1-20 of the '179 patent, then [Defendants Meta Platforms, Inc., Meta Platforms Technologies, LLC, and Twisted Pixel Games, LLC] will not pursue as to the challenged claims any ground raised or that could have been reasonably raised in the IPR in the above-captioned district court litigation (No. 6:22-cv-00575-ADA). *See Sotera Wireless, Inc. v. Masimo Corp.*, IPR2020-01019, Paper 12 at 16-19 (PTAB Dec. 1, 2020).

Sotera Stipulation at 2-3. Such a *Sotera* stipulation “mitigates any concerns of duplicative efforts between the district court and the Board, as well as concerns of potentially conflicting decisions,” and the PTAB should not discretionarily deny institution in view of the parallel district court litigation given that stipulation. *Sotera*, Paper 12 at 19; *see Fintiv Memo* (Ex. 2003) at 7.

Indeed, the Director's *Fintiv Memo* instructs that “the PTAB will not discretionarily deny institution of an IPR or PGR in view of parallel district court

litigation where a petitioner” provides a *Sotera* stipulation. *Fintiv* Memo at 7. It explains that “[w]hen a petitioner stipulates not to pursue in a parallel district court proceeding the same grounds as in the petition or any grounds that could have reasonably been raised in the petition, it mitigates concerns of potentially conflicting decisions and duplicative efforts between the district court and the PTAB.” *Id.* (citing *Sotera*, Paper 12 at 18-19). “With such a stipulation, if an IPR ... is instituted, the grounds the PTAB resolves will differ from those present in the parallel district court litigation.” *Id.*

II. Patent Owner Inaccurately Represented the District Court Schedule

In arguing that the Board should discretionarily deny institution under *Fintiv*, Patent Owner asserted that fact discovery opened on July 6, 2023 and closes on December 21, 2023. POPR at 54-58 (citing April 18, 2023 Scheduling Order (Ex. 2002)). But as of the time the POPR was filed, discovery was slated to open, and in fact opened, on October 5, 2023, and was slated to close on February 16, 2024. Ex. 1142 (setting Markman hearing for October 3, 2023); Ex. 1143 (scheduling fact discovery to open two days after the Markman hearing); POPR at 57-58.

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Petitioners’ *Sotera* stipulation mitigates any concerns of potentially conflicting decisions and duplicative efforts between the District Court and the

PTAB. The Board should decline Patent Owner's request to deny institution under *Fintiv*.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I certify that on this 18th day of October, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Petitioners' Reply to the Patent Owner's Preliminary Response and all Exhibits** were served by electronic mail on Patent Owner's lead and backup counsel at the following email addresses:

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