UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

STA GROUP LLC,

Patent Owner.

IPR2023-01295

U.S. Patent No. 8,994,830 B2

PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT PROTECTIVE ORDER AND MOTION TO SEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.54, Petitioner Motorola Solutions, Inc. ("Petitioner") hereby requests entry of the Board's Default Protective Order ("Protective Order")[1] appended below as Attachment A (and also submitted as Exhibit 1038), and moves to seal Exhibit 1037. Exhibit 1037 contains excerpts from the Expert Report of Dr. Matthew A. Pooley Regarding Infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,831,664 and 8,994,830 in the related district court litigation, *STA Group LLC v. Motorola Solutions, Inc.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-00381 (E.D. Tex.). Good cause exists to enter the Protective Order and seal the confidential information included in Exhibit 1037 because Petitioner relies on Exhibit 1037 as evidence of Patent Owner's inconsistent positions in this proceeding and the district court litigation in its contemporaneously filed Petitioner's Reply to Patent Owner's Response, and Exhibit 1037 contains Petitioner's confidential technical, product, and business information. 37 C.F.R. § 42.54.

I. Motion for Protective Order

The *Trial Practice Guide* provides that "the rules aim to strike a balance between the public's interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history and the parties' interest in protecting truly sensitive information." Patent

[1] On September 18, 2024, counsel for Petitioner and counsel for Patent Owner met and conferred, and Patent Owner does not oppose the entry of the default protective order and Petitioner's motion to seal.

Trial and Appeal Board, *Consolidated Trial Practice Guide*, at 19 (Nov. 2019), <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated> ("Trial Practice Guide"). Further, those rules "identify confidential information in a manner consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c)(1)(G), which provides for protective orders for trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information." *Id.* (citing 37 C.F.R. § 42.54). The *Trial Practice Guide* sets forth specific guidelines on proposing a protective order and provides a Default Protective Order. *See* Trial Practice Guide, at 19–22, 107–22.

Good cause exists for entry of a Protective Order because Petitioner seeks to rely on Exhibit 1037 as evidence of inconsistencies in Patent Owner's positions in this proceeding and the district court litigation, and Exhibit 1037 includes Petitioner's confidential technical, product, and business information.

II. Good Cause Exists for Sealing Confidential Information

Exhibit 1037 contains excerpts from the expert report of Dr. Pooley concerning the alleged infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,994,830 (the "'830 Patent). Exhibit 1037 contains confidential information regarding the operation of Petitioner's products and was designated "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY – SOURCE CODE" in the related district court litigation. The confidential information in Exhibit 1037 consists of confidential technical information related to Petitioner's products.

As such, Petitioner requests that Exhibit 1037 be maintained under seal. Petitioner's arguments are all publicly-available in its reply, so the public's understanding of the issues in this proceeding would not be substantially reduced by the request to seal Exhibit 1037.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, Petitioner respectfully submits that good cause exists for entering the proposed Default Protective Order in this proceeding, and to seal Exhibit 1037.

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DEFAULT PROTECTIVE ORDER

The protective order governs the treatment and filing of confidential information, including documents and testimony.

1. Confidential information shall be clearly marked "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION."

2. Access to confidential information is limited to the following individuals who have executed the acknowledgment appended to this order:

A. Parties. Persons who are owners of a patent involved in the proceeding and other persons who are named parties to the proceeding.

B. Party Representatives. Representatives of record for a party in the proceeding.

C. Experts. Retained experts of a party in the proceeding who further certify in the Acknowledgement that they are not a competitor to any party, or a consultant for, or employed by, such a competitor with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding.

D. In-house counsel. In-house counsel of a party.

E. Support Personnel. Administrative assistants, clerical staff, court reporters, and other support personnel of the foregoing persons who are reasonably necessary to assist those persons in the proceeding shall not be required to sign an Acknowledgement, but shall be informed of the terms and requirements

of the Protective Order by the person they are supporting who receives confidential information.

F. The Office. Employees and representatives of the United States Patent and Trademark Office who have a need for access to the confidential information shall have such access without the requirement to sign an Acknowledgement. Such employees and representatives shall include the Director, members of the Board and their clerical staff, other support personnel, court reporters, and other persons acting on behalf of the Office.

3. Employees (e.g., corporate officers), consultants, or other persons performing work for a party, other than those identified above in (d)(2)(A)—(E), shall be extended access to confidential information only upon agreement of the parties or by order of the Board upon a motion brought by the party seeking to disclose confidential information to that person after signing the Acknowledgement. The party opposing disclosure to that person shall have the burden of proving that such person should be restricted from access to confidential information.

4. Persons receiving confidential information shall use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information, including:

A. Maintaining such information in a secure location to which persons not authorized to receive the information shall not have access;

B. Otherwise using reasonable efforts to maintain the

confidentiality of the information, which efforts shall be no less rigorous than those the recipient uses to maintain the confidentiality of information not received from the disclosing party;

C. Ensuring that support personnel of the recipient who have access to the confidential information understand and abide by the obligation to maintain the confidentiality of information received that is designated as confidential; and

D. Limiting the copying of confidential information to a reasonable number of copies needed for conduct of the proceeding and maintaining a record of the locations of such copies.

5. Persons receiving confidential information shall use the following procedures to maintain the confidentiality of the information:

A. Documents and Information Filed With the Board.

(i) A party may file documents or information with the Board along with a Motion to Seal. The Motion to Seal should provide a non-confidential description of the nature of the confidential information that is under seal, and set forth the reasons why the information is confidential and should not be made available to the public. A party may challenge the confidentiality of the information by opposing the Motion to Seal. The documents or information shall remain under seal unless the Board determines that some or all of it does not quality for confidential treatment.

(ii) Where confidentiality is alleged as to some but not all of the information submitted to the Board, the submitting party shall file confidential and non-confidential versions of its submission, together with a Motion to Seal the confidential version setting forth the reasons why the information redacted from the non-confidential version is confidential and should not be made available to the public. A party may challenge the confidentiality of the information by opposing the Motion to Seal. The nonconfidential version of the submission shall clearly indicate the locations of information that has been redacted. The confidential version of the submission shall be filed under seal. The redacted information shall remain under seal unless the Board determines that some or all of the redacted information does not qualify for confidential treatment.

B. Documents and Information Exchanged Among the Parties. Documents (including deposition transcripts) and other information designated as confidential that are disclosed to another party during discovery or other proceedings before the Board shall be clearly marked as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" and shall be produced in a manner that maintains its confidentiality.

6. Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, including the exhaustion of all appeals and motions, each party receiving confidential information must return, or certify the destruction of, all copies of the confidential information to the producing party.

7. Standard Acknowledgement of Protective Order. The following form attached as Exhibit A may be used to acknowledge a protective order and gain access to information covered by the protective order:

Standard Acknowledgment for Access to Protective Order Material

I _____, affirm that I have read the Protective Order; that I will abide by its terms; that I will use the confidential information only in connection with this proceeding and for no other purpose; that I will only allow access to support staff who are reasonably necessary to assist me in this proceeding; that prior to any disclosure to such support staff I informed or will inform them of the requirements of the Protective Order; that I am personally responsible for the requirements of the terms of the Protective Order and I agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Office and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for purposes of enforcing the terms of the Protective Order and providing remedies for its breach.

[Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e)(4), the undersigned certifies that on September 27, 2024, a complete and entire copy of the **PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT PROTECTIVE ORDER AND MOTION TO SEAL** was provided via email to the Petitioner by serving the correspondence email addresses of record as follows:

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