

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CIRRUS LOGIC, INC. and OMNIVISION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00020
IPR2024-00021¹
Patent 11,121,222 B2

GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, JON B. TORNQUIST, and
MONICA S. ULLAGADDI, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ULLAGADDI, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

GRANT OF GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION
35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)

¹ This Order addresses issues common to both proceedings. The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate that the above-listed proceedings have been joined. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

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The Board instituted trial in IPR2024-00020 on May 3, 2024. IPR2024-00020, Paper 29. The Board instituted trial in IPR2024-00021 on May 6, 2024. IPR2024-00021, Paper 30. The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00020 expires on May 2, 2025. The one-year period to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00021 expires on May 6, 2025.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11), “the final determination in an inter partes review [shall] be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the Director notices the institution of a review under this chapter, except that the Director may, for good cause shown, extend the 1-year period by not more than 6 months” The Director has delegated the authority to extend the one-year period to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c) (2024). In particular, 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c) provides:

An inter partes review proceeding shall be administered such that pendency before the Board after institution is normally no more than one year. The time can be extended by up to six months for good cause by the Chief Administrative Patent Judge

On April 24, 2025, the Acting Director issued an Order in *Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC v. Greenthread, LLC*, IPR2023-01242; *Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC v. Greenthread, LLC*, IPR2023-01243; and *Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC v. Greenthread, LLC*, IPR2023-01244, granting Patent Owner’s requests for Director Review, vacating the Board’s final written decisions, and remanding to the Board for further proceedings in each of those cases.

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IPR2023-01242, Paper 94; IPR2023-01243, Paper 91; IPR2023-01244,
Paper 91.

Because the Acting Director's Order entered in those cases involves matters at issue in and common to each of the instant proceedings, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), the Chief Administrative Patent Judge determined that good cause exists to extend the one-year period for issuing a Final Written Decision here. IPR2024-00020, Paper 72; IPR2024-00021, Paper 74; 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceeding is extended by up to six months.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in these proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that these proceedings are extended by up to six months.

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