

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00468 (Patent 8,421,195 B2)
IPR2024-00469 (Patent 9,190,502 B2)
IPR2024-00470 (Patent 11,121,222 B2)
IPR2024-00550 (Patent 10,510,842 B2)
IPR2024-00551 (Patent 10,734,481 B2)
IPR2024-00552 (Patent 11,121,222 B2)
IPR2024-00553 (Patent 11,316,014 B2)¹

¹ This Order addresses issues common to all 7 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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GRANT OF GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION
35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)

The Board instituted trial on August 20, 2025 in IPR2024-00468, IPR2024-00469, and IPR2024-00470. IPR2024-00468, Paper 23; IPR2024-00469, Paper 24; IPR2024-00470, Paper 22. The Board instituted trial on September 25, 2024 in IPR2024-00550. The Board instituted trial on October 9, 2024 in IPR2024-00551. The Board instituted trial on October 11, 2024 in IPR2024-00552 and IPR2024-00553. IPR2024-00552, Paper 26; IPR2024-00553, Paper 25.

The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00468, IPR2024-00469, and IPR2024-00470 expires on August 20, 2025. The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00550 expires on September 25, 2025. The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00551 expires on October 9, 2025. The one-year period normally

² This is not an expanded panel. Only three administrative patent judges are assigned to each proceeding.

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available to issue a Final Written Decision in IPR2024-00552 and IPR2024-00553 expires on October 10, 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. IPR2023-01242, Paper 94; IPR2023-01243, Paper 91; IPR2023-01244, Paper 91.

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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. IPR2024-00468, Paper 57; IPR2024-00469, Paper 57; IPR2024-00470, Paper 47; IPR2024-00550, Paper 39; IPR2024-00551, Paper 41; IPR2024-00552, Paper 41; IPR2024-00553, Paper 40. 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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