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I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner challenges claims 1-5 and 14-18 of Patent No. 8,451,339 (“‘339 Patent”). Petition, 1. Challenged claims 1 and 14 are independent.

Patent Owner (“PO”) respectfully submits that Petitioner fails to meet its burden to establish obviousness for at least four reasons.

First, the Watanabe reference has many deficiencies and does not meet the limitations of the challenged claims. Petitioner also relies on the combination of Takane and Watanabe which fails for at least the same reasons. Neither Kishida nor Kita cure these deficiencies.

Second, the proposed modifications/combinations are replete with hindsight bias. Petitioner relies on the testimony of Leonard Laub (“Laub”) who opined on what a person ordinarily skilled in the art **could** do, not what that person **would** do.

Third, both Petitioner and Laub fail to clearly explain **how** the proposed modifications/combinations are supposed to work.

Fourth, there are strong secondary considerations showing non-obviousness of the claimed inventions.

II. THE '339 PATENT CLAIMS NOVEL AND NON-OBVIOUS SYSTEMS FOR CORRECTING ABERRATIONS IN A DIGITAL CAMERA

A. BACKGROUND TO THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY

The '339 Patent claims priority to a provisional application filed July 11, 2006. EX.1001, 1:7-12.¹

At the time of invention, a person ordinarily skilled in the art ("POSA") would understand that all digital cameras are designed to capture images by focusing light through a lens which usually includes an aperture that adjusts the amount of light reaching the sensor. EX.2044, ¶37.

A POSA would understand that the materials used to manufacture a lens affect the size, weight, price, and performance of a particular lens. EX.2044, ¶38. An image captured through a lens will have certain optical aberrations. *Id.* The nature and degree of the optical aberrations may be affected by the quality of the glass, lens coatings, and other materials used to manufacture the lens; as well as the capture settings of the camera including focal length, focusing distance, and

¹ The relevant time of invention is July 11, 2006. Neither Petitioner nor Laub identified any limitations of the claims that allegedly lack written description support. Laub did not analyze the correct time of invention. EX.2044, ¶¶34-36; EX.1003, ¶¶50, 52, 56.

aperture value. *Id.* A POSA would understand that even the highest quality and most expensive lenses are unable to capture “perfect” images and there will always be certain optical aberrations in images captured by digital cameras. EX.2044, ¶39; *see also* EX.2044, ¶¶40-41 (discussing optical versus digital aberrations).

A POSA would understand that, historically, post-production digital editing software (*e.g.*, Adobe Photoshop) was used to correct optical and digital aberrations. EX.2044, ¶42. However, as disclosed in the common specification, using post-production software was time-consuming, expensive, and requires considerable skill. *Id.*; EX.1001, 6:33-44.

A POSA would be familiar with a digital signal processor (“DSP”) generally. EX.2044, ¶43. This is a term of art and refers to a specific type of hardware component. *Id.* As discussed below, the claimed DSP must be capable of specific functionality.

A POSA would be familiar with an application specific integrated circuit (“ASIC”) generally. EX.2044, ¶¶44-45. This is a term of art and refers to a specific type of hardware component. *Id.*

B. THE ‘339 PATENT

The ’339 Patent claims systems that perform in-camera aberration correction using novel and non-obvious combinations of hardware and software. EX.1001,

Abstract (“A system is disclosed for the automated correction of optical and digital aberrations in a digital imaging system.”)

“Though every major advance in photography has solved an important problem, there are still remaining photographic problems to be solved in order to meet the goals of *optimizing optical imaging quality* while *increasing simplicity and efficiency* and *lowering cost*.” EX.1001, 3:13-17 (emphasis added).

“The present system dramatically improves image quality. This digital imaging system eliminates, or minimizes, post-production processes. In addition, the system presents substantial cost savings as well as time savings relative to existing digital imaging systems because of the automation of integrated in-camera optical and digital corrections of aberrations.” EX.1001, 7:13-20.

The specification discloses various embodiments that use specific hardware with specific functionality. EX.2044, ¶51. The specific hardware includes, for example, a digital camera mechanism, an optical lens mechanism, a digital sensor, a microprocessor, and a DSP. *Id.* For example, the specification explains that “[d]igital filtration is performed by employing the **DSP hardware** as well as specific software in order to attain specific aberration corrections.” *Id.*; EX.1001, 31:55-57 (emphasis added).

The inventor of the ‘339 Patent realized the claimed technology efficiently balances competing considerations including space, cost, time, and power in

camera design. EX.2044, ¶52. As recognized by Laub, there is a balance between “cost and manufacturing efficiencies” in camera design. EX.1003, ¶107; EX.2020, 20:16-21:8. Laub testified that, for example, computation time would be considered by a POSA as a factor when designing a camera, “if there is a consideration for how quickly a finished result can be delivered.” EX.2020, 24:5-8.

In general, a POSA designing a camera would always want a smaller, less expensive, faster, and more powerful camera, but how to balance these competing considerations is complex. EX.2044, ¶53. The claimed technology provides a novel and non-obvious solution to this problem. *Id.* In particular, the claimed in-camera aberration correction systems and methods provide an efficient distribution of the workload using the claimed hardware and software. *Id.*

C. LEVEL OF ORDINARY SKILL

In prior litigation, the district court found that a POSA would have had “an electrical engineering degree and three years of relevant experience.” EX.1027, 6. The Board should adopt the district court’s definition at least for consistency in the different forums. *See also* EX.2044, ¶¶17, 20.²

² PO’s expert’s opinions do not change under either POSA definition. EX.2044, ¶20.

Both Petitioner and Laub ignored the district's court's POSA definition. Petition, 8; EX.1003, 149. Petitioner's proposed POSA definition is unbounded regarding what constitutes a related field and unbounded regarding the amount of experience/research. EX.2044, ¶20.

D. CLAIM CONSTRUCTION

Petitioner identified terms/phrases that need not be expressly construed in this proceeding. Petition, 8-9; Paper 10, 12; EX.2044, ¶¶54-58.³

1. “database management system” and “database”

PO submits that the terms “database manage system” (“DBMS”) and “database” should be given their plain and ordinary meaning in the context of the ‘339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶59.

Laub opined that a DBMS is “software used to create, store, retrieve, change, manipulate, sort, format and print... information in a database.” EX.1003, ¶162. The basic premise of Laub's definition is generally consistent with the plain and ordinary meaning of DBMS, except that the meaning of “print” is unclear in the context of the ‘339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶60. PO does not offer Laub's definition

³ PO reserves all rights regarding the correct constructions for these terms/phrases.

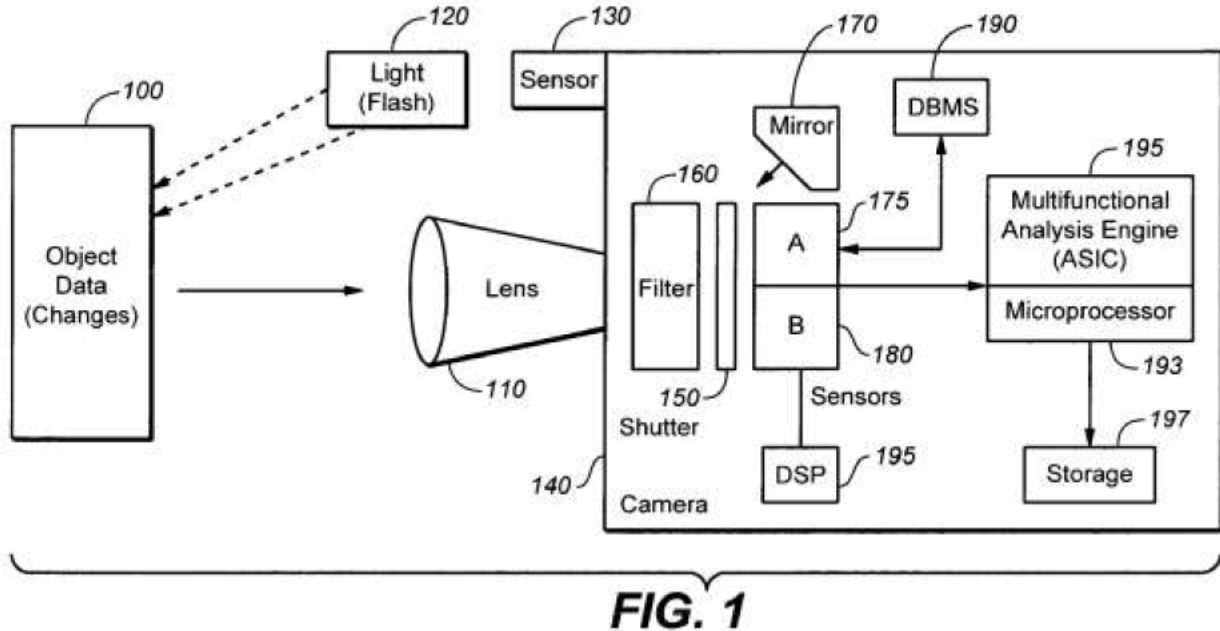
as an express construction for DBMS because the plain meaning is sufficient and would be understood by a POSA in the context of the ‘339 Patent. *Id.*

In the Institution Decision, the Board preliminarily interpreted claim 1 of the ‘339 Patent to equate “database management system” and “database” due to antecedent basis. Paper 10, 16-19.⁴ PO addresses the Board’s preliminary analysis of claim 1 as discussed herein.

The use of the claimed DBMS/database is not merely executing code, running on a main CPU, to access a fixed look-up table of parameters as discussed herein with respect to for example Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶62. A POSA would understand that the DBMS operates in conjunction with the database as discussed herein. *Id.*

In the Institution Decision, the Board reviewed FIG. 1 of the ‘339 Patent and specifically referred to reference number 190 identifying “DBMS”. Paper 10, 3. A POSA would understand that DBMS is the acronym for database management system which operates with database 190. EX.2044, ¶63.

⁴ The Board preliminarily found that Petitioner’s contentions that “Watanabe’s tables comprise a database” and that “Watanabe describes using a database” were sufficient to meet the reasonable likelihood standard of showing that Watanabe teaches a DBMS. Paper 10, 19. PO respectfully disagrees as discussed herein.



EX.1001, FIG. 1.

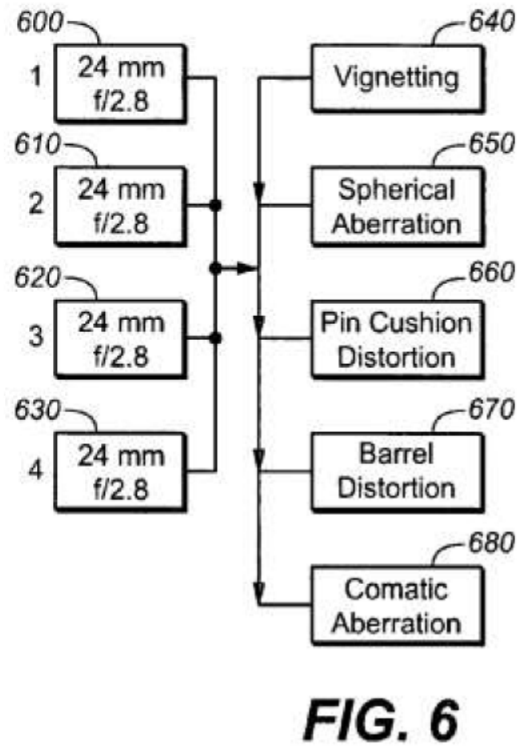
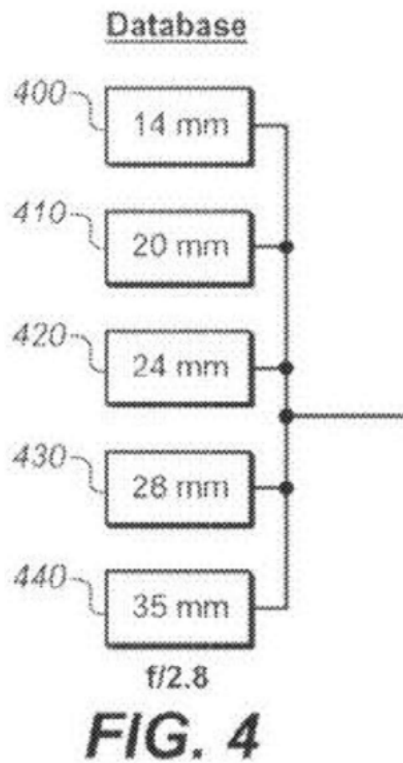
In the specification, reference number 190 describes “a database”. EX.1001, 30:52-53 (“A database (190) is connected to at least one sensor (A or B) as well.”). Although the same reference number 190 is used for DBMS in the figure and database in the description, a POSA would understand that a DBMS is used to organize/manage/update the database. EX.2044, ¶64. A POSA would understand that the DBMS and the database may be located on the same hardware component. *Id.*

The specification also describes for example:

- “[T]he camera identifies a specific lens and refers to a database that matches the lens type with the specific aberrations.” EX.1001, 10:49-51.

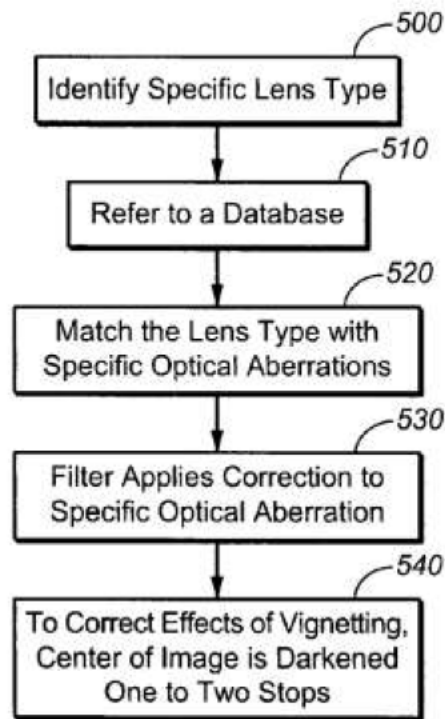
- “The in-camera digital process works by identifying a specific lens and comparing the lens pattern to an internal database.” EX.1001, 10:63-65.
- “[E]ach lens with a unique optical formula will have specific aberrations, the corrections for which will be accessible in a database.” EX.1001, 11:13-15.
- “The dynamics of correcting multiple simultaneous aberrations may be complex, but since the number and type of aberrations are constrained to a specific lens type, a centralized database may be accessed with specific corrections for each respective aberration.” EX.1001, 12:32-37.
- “For a fixed focal length lens, the camera refers to a database of information to provide information to correct specific types of aberrations; for a zoom lens, the camera's database contains multiplex information for each focal length in each respective zoom lens type.” EX.1001, 26:12-18.

FIG. 4 shows an exemplary “database” with a list of several different wide angle lenses, each with f/2.8 apertures. EX.1001, 31:25-28. FIG. 6 also shows an exemplary “database” configured for “several different types of 24 mm f/2.8 lenses (600 to 630) with different optical configurations” and the specification explains that “[t]he database is accessed to provide the multi-objective optimization solution for correcting several different optical aberrations for each specific lens formula.” EX.1001, 31:38-48.



EX.1001, FIGS. 4, 6.

FIG. 5 also shows an exemplary “digital corrective process” where “[a]fter a specific lens type is identified (500) and a database is referenced (510), the lens type is matched with the specific optical aberrations (520).” EX.1001, 31:31-34.

**FIG. 5**

The specification also describes that though multiple aberrations may be corrected simultaneously, it is possible to omit a specific correction in order to induce a particular creative effect. *See, e.g.*, EX.1001, 12:22-28.

The specification also describes the database is updatable:

- “[S]oftware files are periodically downloaded to the camera in order to update the camera settings and the database system.” EX.1001, 28:30-32.
- For example, “as the camera manufacturer provides new lenses for the camera, it becomes necessary to load new updated settings to accommodate corrections for the new lenses.” EX.1001, 28:32-35.

- As another example, “as the camera requires new software updates with improved algorithms to further optimize the corrective functions of both the optical and digital mechanisms, the camera will automatically accept these.” EX.1001, 28:35-38.

The specification explains that the updatable database is a “particularly important” feature to both the manufacturer and the user. EX.1001, 28:39-42 (“This feature is particularly important to both manufacturer and user because the ability to update software capability periodically will protect a user from needing to upgrade major hardware such as with a lens replacement.”)

Because the database may contain many different lens types (that the camera owner may utilize, add, or remove from their inventory) and many different aberration corrections for each lens type, and because the database may be used to correct multiple simultaneous aberrations, and because the database is updatable, **the database is used with a DBMS to organize/manage/update the information.** EX.2044, ¶71. This is similar to Laub’s opinion that a DBMS would be understood as being used to create, store, retrieve, change, manipulate, sort, and format information in the database. EX.1003, ¶162. This is also similar to Petitioner’s statement that “[t]he DBMS is software interfacing between an application and a database but is not itself a database.” Petition, 18.

The claims expressly recite a DBMS, and in context of the ‘339 Patent, a POSA would understand that the claimed database is updatable. EX.2044, ¶72.

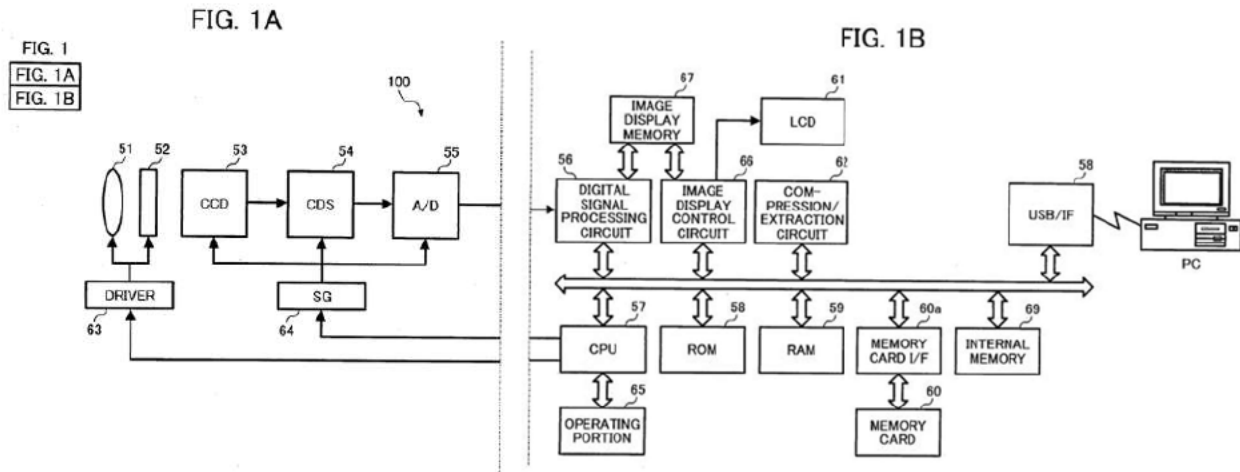
Updating the database is one of the functions performed by the DBMS. *Id.*

Using a DBMS allows flexibility, updatability, and scalability of the data in the database. EX.2044, ¶73. The claimed DBMS/database is unconventional as further discussed herein and the inventor recognized the functional benefits of the claimed DBMS/database including flexibility, updatability, and scalability as discussed herein. *Id.* A POSA reading the specification would understand that the claimed DBMS facilitates organizing/managing/updating the data in the database in a more efficient way to achieve compactness of data, without unnecessarily duplicating data in tables and increasing the memory requirements. *Id.* Furthermore, the ability to organize/manage/update a database with the DBMS allows continued efficient organization/management of data as new and/or updated data is introduced. *Id.*

III. GROUND 1 FAILS

A. OVERVIEW OF WATANABE

Petitioner relies on the first embodiment of Watanabe that is related to a “digital still camera.” EX.1005, [0040], [0042]. With respect to FIGS. 1A-1B, Watanabe discloses a digital still camera 100. EX.1005, [0035].



EX.1005, FIGS. 1A, 1B.

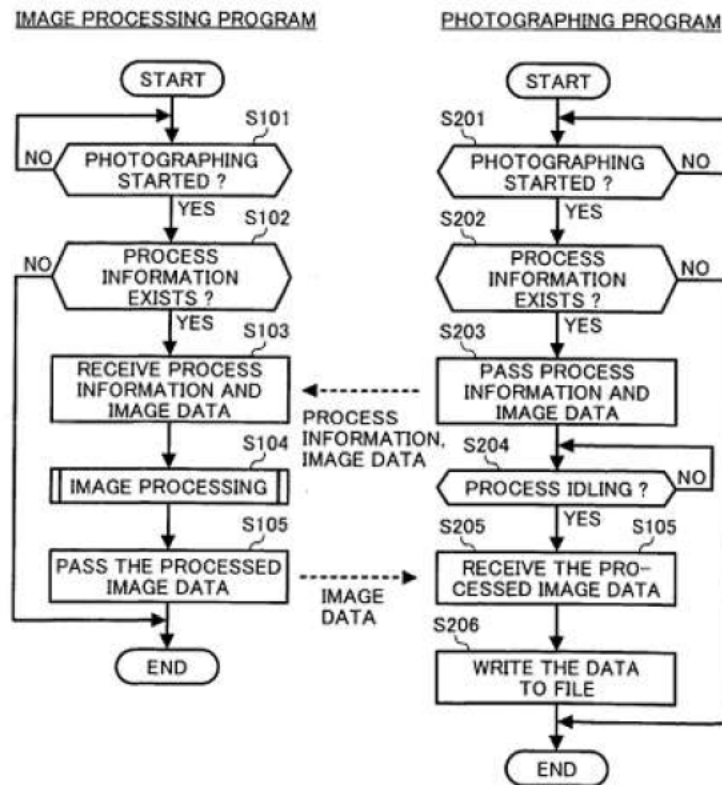
Operating portion 65 includes buttons for selecting a function by the operator, *e.g.*, a release button used at the time of photographing. EX.1005, [0041].

ROM 58 stores a control program that includes an “imaging processing program” and a “photographing program.” EX.1005, [0042].⁵ The CPU 57 executes both programs. EX.1005, [0060].

FIG. 4 of Watanabe shows the steps performed by the “imaging processing program” versus the “photographing program.”

⁵ CPU 57 “controls operation of each part of the digital still camera... by way of an [sic -a] photographing program.” EX.1005, [00042]. CPU 57 “processes image data by way of an image processing program.” *Id.*

FIG. 4



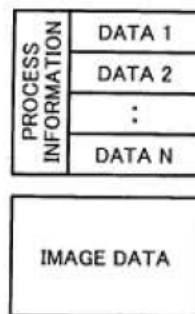
When the release button is pushed (S101 and S201), and when process information exists (S102 and S202), the image data is produced and transferred together with the process information from the photographing program to the image processing program (S103 and S203). EX.1005, [0058], [0061].

The image processing program executes an image process on the image data in accordance with the process information (S104). EX.1005, [0062].

The processed image data is then transferred from the image processing program to the photographing program (S105). EX.1005, [0062]. The processed image data is then recorded (S206). EX.1005, [0063].

With respect to FIG. 2, Watanabe explains that “various data (data 1-data N) are added to image data as process information.” EX.1005, [0046]. For example, information of a lens type, a focusing point, and a zoom position may correspond to data 1, data 2, and data 3, respectively. EX.1005, [0047], FIG. 3.

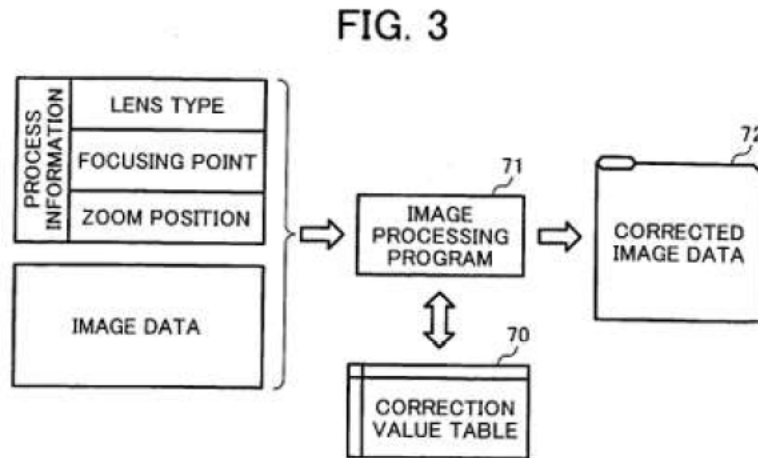
FIG. 2



With respect to FIG. 3, Watanabe discloses tables 70 with correction values, prepared in advance, for each lens type. EX.1005, [0047]. The CPU 57 determines a table according to lens type (data 1) and then determines the correction values according to the focusing point (data 2) and zoom position (data 3). EX.1005, [0047]. Thus, the image process performed by the image processing program,

discussed above with respect to FIG. 4, step 104, is selected based on data 1-data 3.

EX.1005, [0047].



In the context of Watanabe, the patentee expressly distinguished the process information of the first embodiment (identifying capture conditions) and the process information of the second embodiment (identifying aberrations). EX.1005, FIGS. 3, 6, 11, 13; EX.2005, 2-3.⁶ Watanabe teaches identification of capture conditions should be used with a look-up table (in the relied-upon first

⁶ The second embodiment of Watanabe relates to a multifunction printer 101.

EX.1005, [0067], FIG. 5. The second embodiment of Watanabe does not disclose at least the use of a DSP or a DBMS/database as claimed in the '339 Patent.

EX.2044, ¶88.

embodiment), while identification of aberrations should not use a look-up table (in the second embodiment). *Id.*

B. CLAIM 1

PO uses the same claim annotations as Petitioner for convenience of review. Petition, 70-72. PO respectfully submits that a POSA would not perform the proposed modifications as discussed herein. Petitioner is using hindsight bias.

1. *Claim 1[a]*

Petitioner relies on Watanabe's digital camera 100 of FIGS. 1A and 1B, including for example lens 51, CCD 53, A/D converter 53, CPU 57, and digital signal processing circuit 56. A POSA would understand these are hardware components of Watanabe's digital camera 100. EX.2044, ¶92. Indeed, Laub referred to this disclosure in Watanabe as "a digital camera **hardware** implementation." EX.1003, ¶126 (emphasis added).

Petitioner relies on modifications to Watanabe's disclosed digital camera 100 as discussed herein. Laub opined for example that "Watanabe does not specify how the hardware components of digital camera 100 are implemented". EX.1003, ¶145. **This is not correct.** Watanabe discloses a complete hardware diagram of digital camera 100 in FIGS. 1A and 1B. EX.2044, ¶95. A POSA would be familiar with the hardware components disclosed in Watanabe and a POSA reading Watanabe

would understand the hardware capabilities and required resources. *Id.* A POSA would have understood that modifying these hardware components would affect at least the size, weight, and power-requirements of the modified camera, as well as speed and processing capabilities of the modified camera, and a POSA cannot ignore the impact of these modifications. *Id.*

Laub opined for example that “Watanabe does not limit such a hardware implementation to discrete versus integrated components” (EX.1003, ¶127) and that “Watanabe’s schematic arrangements ... could be adapted or modified without issue” (EX.1003, ¶129). **This is not correct.** Watanabe expressly discloses discrete components. EX.2044, ¶94. Watanabe discloses the use of a simple circuit 56 with limited functionality in the context of a closed, self-contained system. EX.2044, ¶104. Laub is using hindsight bias.

Laub opined for example that “Watanabe’s hardware and processes are easily programmable to perform a multitude of different tasks”. EX.2017, ¶236 (citing EX.1005, [0038]). **This is not correct.** The cited paragraph 38 of Watanabe does not suggest that the disclosed hardware has the expanded capabilities or unlimited resources supporting Petitioner’s proposed modifications as discussed herein. EX.2044, ¶96. Each of Petitioner’s proposed modifications is hindsight. Laub also fails to show a POSA would have made the proposed modifications with a reasonable expectation of success and/or predictable results in the context of

Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶97. Just because a POSA “could” do so, in hindsight, does not show that a POSA “would” do so. Petitioner fails to meet its burden.

PersonalWeb Techs., LLC v. Apple, Inc., 848 F.3d 987, 994 (Fed. Cir. 2017);

Belden Inc. v. Berk-Tek LLC, 805 F.3d 1064, 1073 (Fed. Cir. 2015).

As discussed herein, Laub repeatedly testified that a POSA “could” perform various modifications, in hindsight, but Laub fails to explain why a POSA “would” do so upon reading Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶97. Laub fails to consider the competing considerations in camera design discussed above. *Id.* Laub also fails to explain the requisite motivation for a POSA to modify Watanabe’s system as proposed. *Id.*

a. “digital signal processor” (DSP)

Claim 1[a] recites “a digital signal processor”. Petitioner relies on Watanabe’s digital signal processing circuit 56 as the alleged DSP. Petition, 14-15; Paper 10, 16.

A POSA would understand that Watanabe’s digital signal processing circuit 56 is a hardware component. EX.2044, ¶99. Interpreting a circuit to be a functional block contradicts the common understanding of a POSA of the word “circuit”

which refers to hardware.⁷ *Id.* Laub testified that Watanabe’s digital signal processing circuit 56 is a “functional block.” EX.2020, 166:3-11. **This contradicts the common understanding of a POSA.** EX.2044, ¶99. A POSA reading Watanabe would understand that the circuit 56 has limited functionality, that is just sufficient for its purpose in the context of Watanabe’s system, with certain interface requirements as dictated by the figure. *Id.* A POSA would further understand the various input and output requirements dictated by the type of data that is discussed in Watanabe. *Id.* Petitioner fails to explain that a POSA would be motivated to modify Watanabe’s circuit 56 to meet the claimed DSP. *Id.*

Laub agreed that a DSP “generally was well-known.” EX.2020, 27:7-15. Laub admitted that “the specification of the patent presumes that a person reading that patent would understand what is referred to when the phrase ‘digital signal processor’ is used.” EX.2020, 28:17-29:10. However, Laub opined that anything that processes digital signals is a DSP. EX.1003, ¶¶138,142. Laub repeatedly confirmed during deposition that his analysis of a DSP was “anything that processes a signal in a digital manner.” EX.2020, 27:16-28:12; *see also* EX.2020, 56:14-15. **Laub’s analysis is not correct.** DSP is a term of art and refers to a

⁷ Laub agreed that the word “circuit” refers to an electrical or electronic circuit. EX.2020, 31:8-18.

specific type of hardware. EX.2044, ¶100. The claims recite DSP hardware with specific functionality. *Id.*

Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe's circuit 56 corresponds to a DSP as claimed. EX.2044, ¶101. For example, Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe's circuit 56 has flexible programming or uses software as opposed to fixed functionality hard-coded into the circuit itself. *Id.* Laub admits that a POSA would understand differences between a DSP and an ASIC based on flexible programming using software. EX.2017, ¶157. Laub testified that a "DSP is capable of being programmed in any of a variety of ways. So the DSP is flexible in terms of programs provided to it." EX.2020, 52:15-53:11.

In a related IPR, Petitioner stated that "a DSP provides known advantages where a programmable upgrade in processing function (such as image optimization) may be desirable" and that "DSPs provide upgrade benefits as compared to ASICs based on software programming." IPR2024-00924, Paper 2 at 12 (PTAB May 20, 2024). Petitioner also stated that "a POSITA would recognize

that while lens aberrations were known, optimization schemes may require the flexible programming of a DSP.” *Id.*⁸

Petitioner relied on EX. 2019 (“Ralston”) which distinguishes a DSP from an ASIC based on the flexible programming of a DSP. *See* EX.2044, ¶103; EX.2019, 7:65-8:1 (explaining software running on DSP can be modified/upgraded), 8:1-5 (explaining implementing complex, repetitive functions as software is disadvantageous due to overall processor resource and power consumption requirements), 8:5-10 (explaining ASICs as fixed hardware that reduces overall power consumption); 8:10-16 (explaining ASIC requires longer and more expensive design cycles, includes risk of expensive product recalls if errors in fixed silicon and inability to upgrade silicon functions).

Laub stated his opinions do not address whether Watanabe’s circuit 56 is capable of being flexibly programmed. EX.2020, 58:15-59:3. In view of a POSA’s knowledge of a DSP, Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe’s circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP.

⁸ Petitioner’s varying arguments regarding DSPs and ASICs in the related IPRs show that Petitioner is hindsight biased and using the challenged claims as a roadmap. EX.2044, ¶97.

b. “database management system” (DBMS)

Claim 1[a] recites “a database management system”. Petitioner relies on Watanabe’s control program that allows the CPU 57 to access tables 70. Petition, 16-17. Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe’s control program accessing tables 70 corresponds to the DBMS as claimed.

Watanabe’s tables 70 are “prepared in advanced” and include predetermined correction values for a distortion aberration. EX.1005, [0006], [0047]. There is no disclosure that Watanabe’s control program creates, stores, changes, manipulates, sorts, formats, or prints information in tables 70 under Laub’s definition of DBMS. EX.2044, ¶113. There is no disclosure that Watanabe’s control program organizes/manages/updates the information in tables 70 as would be understood by a POSA. *Id.*

As discussed above, a POSA would understand that the use of the claimed DBMS/database is not merely executing code, running on a main CPU, to access a fixed look-up table of parameters as described in Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶¶114-116.

A POSA reading Watanabe would understand that tables 70 are stored in read-only memory (ROM) 58. EX.2044, ¶116; EX.1005, [0039]. Watanabe only discloses fixed tables that are prepared in advance. EX.2044, ¶116. Watanabe’s tables 70 are not updatable and are not organized/managed/updated by Watanabe’s control program. *Id.* For example, Watanabe does not disclose the tables can be

updated for new lenses. *Id.* Watanabe highlights one of the problems the ‘339 Patent was designed to avoid. *Id.* For at least these reasons Watanabe fails to disclose or render obvious the claimed DBMS/database. *Id.*

2. Claims 1[c] and 1[d]

Claim 1 recites “database”. Petitioner relies on Watanabe’s tables 70. Petition, 18-21. As discussed above, Petitioner does not show that Watanabe’s tables 70 are updatable and a POSA would understand that the use of the claimed DBMS/database is not merely executing code, running on a main CPU, to access a fixed look-up table of parameters as described in Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶118.

Moreover, Petitioner states that there were two known alternatives: (1) storing the algorithm as executable code in Watanabe’s circuit 56 or (2) storing the algorithm in some other memory and loading the algorithm into the circuit 56 as needed. Petition, 19. **This is not correct.** There are not only “two” alternatives. EX.2044, ¶137. The algorithm could be hard-coded into the circuit. *Id.* A POSA would have understood Watanabe’s circuit 56 is a hard-coded circuit. EX.2044,

¶¶138-140. A POSA would have understood that using a hard-coded circuit, such as circuit 56, provides for fast computation.⁹ *Id.*

Both proposed alternatives rely on modifications to Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶¶138-140. Watanabe does not disclose that circuit 56 includes software comprising executable code. *Id.* Watanabe does not disclose that circuit 56 is configured to access correction values tables 70. There is no suggestion that a POSA would load an algorithm into circuit 56 “as needed”. EX.2044, ¶140.

Watanabe expressly distinguishes prior art “where process data need[s] to be transmitted between apparatuses” because “the process becomes complicated.” EX.1005, [0008]. Therefore, a POSA reading Watanabe would not be motivated to have Watanabe’s CPU pass process information to circuit 56; and a POSA would not be motivated to have Watanabe’s CPU 57 select correction values/algorithms and pass them to circuit 56 for processing. EX.2044, ¶140. As discussed above, the selection and processing is all done by Watanabe’s CPU 57. *Id.*

⁹ Laub testified that computation time would be considered by a POSA as a factor when designing a camera, “if there is a consideration for how quickly a finished result can be delivered.” EX.2020, 24:5-8.

3. Claim 1[f]

Petitioner relies on Watanabe's circuit 56 as allegedly performing digital filtration to correct an optical image aberration as claimed. Petition, 21-23. For at least the reasons discussed herein, Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe's circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP. *See infra*, section III.B.1.

Additionally, Petitioner's characterization of Watanabe's circuit 56 is incorrect. EX.2044, ¶¶120-140. A POSA reading Watanabe would understand that Watanabe's CPU, not circuit 56, performs the aberration correction. *Id.*

a. Watanabe's CPU 57 – not circuit 56 - executes a correction process

Watanabe expressly discloses that “CPU 57 executes... a correction process on image data...” EX.1005, [0042]. Watanabe also discloses that “RAM 59 temporarily stores data *to be processed by the CPU 57*”. EX.1005, [0039] (emphasis added).

Watanabe discloses that CPU 57 “processes image data by way of an image processing program.” EX.1005, [0042]. Watanabe further discloses that “CPU 57 executes the image processing program” including step 104 for “image processing” shown in FIG. 4. EX.1005, [0060]; *see also* FIG. 3 (image processing program 71 accessing correction value table 70). The CPU 57 also executes step 105 to pass the processed image data to the photographing program. EX.1005, [0058], [0062].

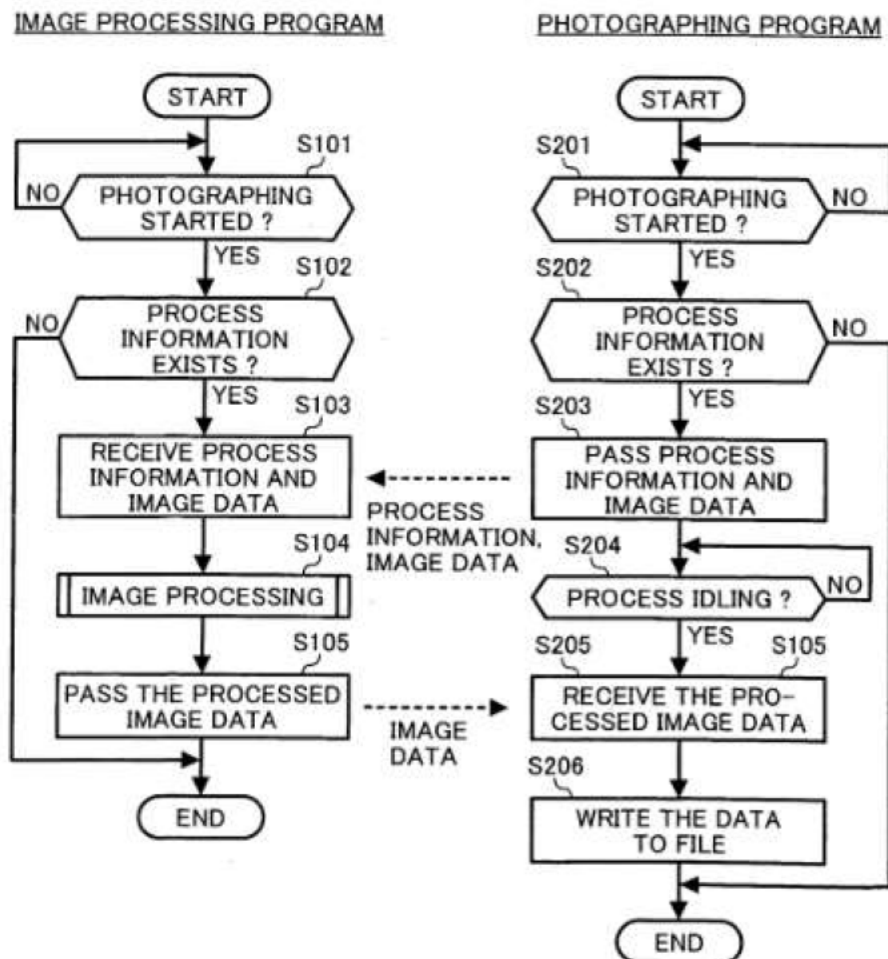
A POSA reading Watanabe would understand that it is Watanabe's CPU 57 that performs aberration correction, not circuit 56.¹⁰ EX.2044, ¶124. Watanabe relies heavily on CPU 57 which has more functionality and more processing power, than circuit 56. *Id.* Watanabe's heavy dependence on the CPU 57 is contrary to the claimed inventions of the '339 Patent that efficiently distribute the workload by using the claimed DSP for specific functions. *Id.*

Watanabe does not disclose that circuit 56 corrects an aberration by applying digital filtration, or that circuit 56 corrects an aberration using the correction values in tables 70. EX.2044, ¶125. Watanabe does not disclose Watanabe's CPU 57 passing correction values to Watanabe's circuit 56. EX.2044, ¶126. Watanabe expressly teaches away from transmitting process data "between apparatuses" because the process becomes "complicated". EX.1005, [0008]. Instead, Watanabe teaches the image processing program and the photographing program can be executed in a single component, the CPU 57. EX.2044, ¶126. The

¹⁰ This understanding is consistent with the second embodiment of Watanabe as well. EX.2044, ¶124. With respect to the second embodiment, Watanabe expressly discloses "the CPU 80 executes a distortion aberration correction process and a peripheral light intensity correction process according to the image correction processing program 71." EX.1005, [0070].

photographing program passes process information and image data to the image processing program (steps 103, 203), the image processing program performs image processing (step 104), and the image processing program passes the processed image data to the photographing program (steps 105, 205), **all of which is done within the CPU 57.** *Id.*; EX.1005, FIG. 4.

FIG. 4



Petitioner misinterprets Watanabe's one sentence disclosure that "the digital signal processing circuit 56 sorts out the image data inputted from the A/D

converter 55 into color-difference data and brightness data, and executes various process, correction and a data process for image compressing/extracting.”

EX.1005, [0038]; EX.2044, ¶127. This sentence does not disclose that Watanabe’s circuit 56 performs aberration correction to image data based on the process information. *Id.* Nor does this sentence disclose that Watanabe’s circuit 56 obtains correction values from tables 70. *Id.* Regardless of whatever “correction” may be performed by Watanabe’s circuit 56, there is no disclosure that circuit 56 performs the functions of the claimed DSP. *Id.*

Claim 1[f] specifically refers to correcting the “optical aberration.”

Therefore, any digital corrections that may be performed by Watanabe’s circuit 56 do not meet this claim limitation. EX.2044, ¶128 (discussing for example gamma correction and other digital corrections that may be performed). Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe’s circuit 56 performs the specific functions of the claimed DSP.

Watanabe further confirms that it was conventional thinking to use CPU-intensive processes to perform aberration correction, which is opposite to the claimed inventions of the ‘339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶129.

b. Watanabe's CPU executes distortion correction OR peripheral light intensity correction

Watanabe discloses two different correction processes, neither of which is performed by circuit 56, the alleged DSP. There is no disclosure in Watanabe that a hard-coded digital signal processing **circuit 56** could perform more than one correction process. EX.2044, ¶135. The fact that Watanabe discloses two different correction processes further shows that the corrections are performed by Watanabe's CPU 57, not circuit 56. *Id.* Because Watanabe discloses two different correction processes that use different correction values, a POSA would understand that Watanabe's CPU 57 – not circuit 56 – performs the correction. Petitioner fails to establish that a POSA would be motivated to modify Watanabe's circuit 56 to perform this functionality.

Watanabe discloses distortion correction using a distortion rate formula. EX.1005, [0006], [0050]-[0053]. As disclosed, this distortion rate formula would not correct peripheral light intensity correction. EX.2044, ¶130.

Watanabe discloses peripheral light intensity correction based on the cosine fourth law. EX.1005, [0007], [0054]-[0056]. As disclosed, the correction based on the cosine fourth law would not correct distortion. EX.2044, ¶131.

Watanabe's distortion correction and peripheral light intensity correction are different correction processes. EX.2044, ¶¶130-131. Laub agreed that the

correction values for distortion aberration correction are not the same as the correction values for peripheral light intensity correction. EX.2020, 90:15-19. A POSA reading Watanabe would understand these are different correction processes with different correction values. EX.2044, ¶¶130-134.

Watanabe discloses “an image process such as distortion aberration correction *or* peripheral light intensity correction can be executed.” EX.1005, [0064](emphasis added). Watanabe discloses “a predetermined correction process” is executed “in conformity with the process information”. EX.1005, [0042], [0058]. At step 104 of FIG. 4, the image processing program of Watanabe does not perform **both** distortion correction and peripheral light intensity correction. EX.2044, ¶134.

Watanabe’s CPU is capable of performing both correction processes, and selects/performs one of the predetermined correction processes based on the process information. Petitioner fails to establish how and why a POSA would have modified Watanabe’s circuit 56 to perform any aberration correction, let alone both correction processes. As discussed above, a POSA reading Watanabe would not be motivated to have Watanabe’s CPU pass process information to circuit 56; and a POSA would not be motivated to have Watanabe’s CPU 57 select correction values/algorithms and pass them to circuit 56 for processing. EX.2044, ¶140. As discussed above, Watanabe’s circuit 56 is a fixed circuit with limited functionality.

C. CLAIM 2

Petitioner argues that claim 2 recites “optical aberrations” and that this plural recitation has no antecedent basis in claim 1. Petition, 24. This is not correct. The preamble of claim 1 recites “optical image aberrations” where aberrations is plural. EX.2044, ¶144.

Petitioner alleges that Watanabe discloses correcting “curvature aberration” and “lens distortion”. Petition, 24. This is not correct. Petitioner misplaces reliance on the translation of JP-872 (EX.1006).

Petitioner argues that the translation of JP-872 discloses “curvature aberration” but the translation is not correct. The EPO translation of JP-872 reads “distortion aberration correction” (EX.2004, 10:10-11) and Watanabe reads “distortion aberration correction” (EX.1005, [0046]).¹¹ Petitioner therefore relies on an incorrect translation of JP-872. Neither the EPO translation of JP-872 nor Watanabe refer to “curvature aberration correction.” EX.2044, ¶¶144-147.

¹¹ As shown by Global Dossier, Watanabe has a related foreign counterpart publication, EP1608140. EX. 2002; EX. 2003. A translation of JP-872 was submitted by the patentee with the EPO to claim foreign priority (“EPO translation”). The EPO translation of JP-872 is different from Petitioner’s translation of JP-872.

Consistent with the Board’s previous interpretation, claim 2 of the ‘339 Patent differentiates “lens distortion” aberration and “curvature of field” aberration. IPR2024-00923, Paper 11 at 30. The Board previously interpreted JP-872 as failing to disclose “curvature of field” correction. *Id.* Neither JP-872 nor Watanabe disclose “curvature aberration” as alleged by Petitioner.

Petitioner also alleges that “pin-cushion distortion” and “barrel distortion” were known. Petition, 24. However, Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe alone or in combination with another reference corrects for “pin-cushion distortion” and/or “barrel distortion”. EX.2044, ¶149.

D. CLAIM 5

1. Claim 5[a]

Watanabe discloses Watanabe’s CPU 57 “determines a table according to a lens type.” EX.1005, [0047]. However, Watanabe does not disclose each lens type is “registered” in the alleged database as required by claim 5[a].

Petitioner fails to show that that Watanabe’s control program, the alleged DBMS, registers each lens type in tables 70. EX.2044, ¶¶150-153. Registering each lens type, especially new lenses, is one of the functions of the claimed DBMS. *Id.* Watanabe does not disclose or render obvious the claimed DBMS/database at least because Watanabe only discloses fixed tables that are

prepared in advance. *Id.*; EX.1005, [0047]. Watanabe highlights one of the problems that the '339 Patent was designed to avoid.

2. Claims 5[b] and 5[c]

As discussed above, Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe discloses corrections for curvature aberration and Petitioner does not explain how Watanabe would correct for pin-cushion or barrel distortion. *See infra*, section III.C.

Moreover, Petitioner fails to explain how Watanabe's correction values meet both "multiple optical aberrations" in claim 5[b] and "filtration solutions" in claim 5[c]. EX.2044, ¶157. Claims 5[b] and 5[c] recite **listing** "multiple optical aberrations" and **listing** "filtration solutions" in the database. *Id.* Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe meets claims 5[b] and 5[c]. *Id.*

3. Claims 5[d] and 5[e]

As discussed above, Watanabe discloses the CPU performs the alleged correction, not circuit 56, the alleged DSP. *See infra*, section III.B.

E. CLAIM 14

PO incorporates the above discussion of claim 1. *See infra*, section III.B.

Below, PO submits additional reasons why Petitioner fails to meet its burden.

1. Claim 14[d]

Petitioner relies on its analysis of claim 1[e] for claim 14[d]. Petition, 29.¹² Claim 1[e] recites “wherein when the image file is captured by the digital sensor the digital file is forwarded to the digital signal processor.” Claim 14[d] recites “wherein when the image file is captured by the digital sensor the file is forwarded to the digital signal processor **and to memory**.” Petitioner fails to show that or explain how Watanabe discloses the alleged image file is forwarded to memory as recited in claim 14[d]. EX.2044, ¶160.

F. CLAIM 15

PO incorporates the above discussion of claim 2. *See infra*, section III.C.

IV. GROUND 2 FAILS

A. OVERVIEW OF KISHIDA

Kishida relates to correction of an observation image by **a microscope**. EX.1007, Abstract. Kishida does not teach in-camera aberration correction as

¹² Petitioner only cites to the expert declaration, EX.1003, ¶¶220-231. Petition, 29.

There is no explanation of this evidence in the petition which would amount to improper incorporation by reference. *Cisco Sys., Inc. v. C-Cation Techs., LLC*, IPR2014-00454, Paper 12 (PTAB Aug. 29, 2014)(informative). Incorporation would also cause the petition to exceed the permissible word count.

claimed in the '339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶165. Kishida teaches exposure or white balance correction based on a shading prediction result. EX.1007, [0010]. Kishida explains that the shading prediction result is predicted from the background image, **which is an image captured separately from the object image and does not include the object**. EX.1007, [0015]. Kishida explains that the background image is stored in a memory unit of the PC 46 itself. EX.1007, [0043].

Kishida explains “[t]he user of this system first removes the observation specimen on the stage 18 from the field of view of the observation image. Here, an instruction is given to operate an input device 47, such as a mouse, to click one of the positions on the background photographing button 301 displayed on the imaging screen When the PC 46 receives this instruction, it starts executing the steps shown in Fig. 4.” EX.1007, [0045].

B. THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF WATANABE+KISHIDA

Petitioner fails to address the technological incompatibility of Watanabe and Kishida. EX.2044, ¶¶181-182. Petitioner fails to establish that a POSA interested in optimizing a digital camera would look to a reference focused on an exemplary microscope. *Id.* Petitioner does not explain how Kishida’s use of an external PC even could, let alone would, be implemented in Watanabe’s digital camera. *Id.*

Petitioner does not explain how Watanabe+Kishida avoids the “known problems with processing requirements.” Petition, 35; EX.2044, ¶182. Laub does not explain how implementing Kishida’s techniques in Watanabe’s system does not require “huge” additional processing power. EX.1003, ¶263; EX.2044, ¶182. Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how Watanabe+Kishida would work. Petitioner fails to meet its burden. *PersonalWeb Techs.*, 848 F.3d at 994.

Petitioner argues that “Kishida implemented its techniques in software... which could be implemented in Watanabe’s control program running on Watanabe’s IC.” Petition, 35 (citing EX.1007, [0020]). Petitioner’s argument fails for at least two reasons.

First, Petitioner’s analysis refers to “Watanabe’s IC”. Petition at 35. Petitioner does not identify “Watanabe’s IC” and a POSA would not be motivated to modify Watanabe to implement Watanabe’s CPU and circuit 57 as a system-on-chip. EX.2044, ¶¶105-110, 137-142. During deposition, Laub confirmed it is not his opinion that a POSA would have implemented the CPU and circuit 56 of Watanabe as a system-on-chip. EX.2020, 82:10-13; *see also* EX.2020, 84:6-12. Combining “Watanabe’s IC” and Kishida requires further modification that a POSA would not be motivated to make. EX.2044, ¶183. Petitioner is using hindsight bias.

Second, the cited paragraph 20 of Kishida does not support Petitioner's proposed modification. EX.2044, ¶183. Kishida discloses "executing this program with a computer". EX.1007, [0020]. As discussed herein, the teachings of Watanabe and Kishida are technologically incompatible.

1. Technological incompatibility of Watanabe and Kishida

Petitioner fails to consider how shading correction is actually performed by Kishida. EX.2044, ¶186. Kishida's exposure correction control based on a shading prediction result is performed by the external PC 46 of Kishida. EX.1007, [0044] ("...in the following explanation, the processing performed by the PC 46 is realized by the CPU of the PC 46..."). Thus, the process of Kishida does not relate to in-camera correction. EX.2044, ¶187. Petitioner fails to explain how Watanabe+Kishida would work.

Petitioner fails to address a background image as taught by Kishida and Petitioner fails to explain how this technique would be implemented in Watanabe's system, or why a POSA would be motivated to do so. EX.2044, ¶189. Kishida explains that the prediction result is predicted from the background image, **which is an image captured separately from the object image and does not include the object**. EX.1007, [0015].

In the context of microscopes, there is a consistent, static background and it is possible to capture a background image **in which the observation specimen is not present**. *See, e.g.*, EX.1007, [0048]. In the context of a microscope, the device is stationary, situated on a workbench with a target image area that has consistent and repeatable imaging characteristics. EX.2044, ¶190. In the context of digital cameras, there is not a consistent background and it is unlikely a background image without the subject could be obtained. *Id.* Further, it is unlikely an image with the subject would have the exact same background as the background image. *Id.*

Petitioner also fails to address a control value as taught by Kishida and Petitioner fails to explain how this technique would be implemented in Watanabe's system, or why a POSA would be motivated to do so. EX.2044, ¶191; EX.1007, [0052], [0058]. Kishida's control value is specific to the background in the background image. *Id.* While this control value may be suitable for a microscope with a static background, it would not be practical for a digital camera. *Id.*

Petitioner also fails to address user selection of a specified area 305 to perform exposure correction as taught by Kishida and Petitioner fails to explain how this technique would be implemented in Watanabe's system, or why a POSA would be motivated to do so. EX.2044, ¶192; EX.1007, [0035].

Petitioner also fails to address the order of corrections in Watanabe+Kishida. EX.2044, ¶194. Kishida warns that if the shading correction is applied to an image after an exposure or white balance correction has already been applied to the image, there is a risk of over-correction. EX.1007, [0007]. Watanabe does not disclose performing different corrections in a different order. EX.2044, ¶194. Petitioner does not address how Watanabe's control program would purposefully order the corrections allegedly performed by Watanabe's circuit 56, consistent with the teachings of Kishida. *Id.*

Petitioner fails to meet its burden regarding the proposed combination of Watanabe+Kishida. *PersonalWeb Techs.*, 848 F.3d at 994.

C. CLAIMS 3 AND 18

PO incorporates the above discussion of claim 1. *See infra*, section III.B. For at least the reasons discussed above, Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe's circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP.

Moreover, Petitioner fails to establish that the teachings of Watanabe and Kishida are technologically compatible. PO submits they are not. A POSA would not be motivated to make the proposed combination.

Petitioner alleges that Watanabe alone discloses correction of vignetting based on correction values stored in tables 70. *See, e.g.*, Petition, 35 ("Watanabe

describes correcting peripheral lighting (e.g., shading or vignetting) in digital images”). Petitioner further alleges that Kishida discloses correction of vignetting. Petition, 37. Petitioner fails to explain how Watanabe’s vignetting correction technique is properly combinable with Kishida’s vignetting correction technique. EX.2044, ¶197. Petitioner is using hindsight bias. *Id.* For at least the reasons discussed above, the techniques of Watanabe and Kishida are technologically incompatible. *Id.* Petitioner never considered for example the background image required to perform Kishida’s technique.

As discussed above, Petitioner fails to explain how and why a POSA would have implemented Kishida’s technique in Watanabe’s system. Petitioner fails to explain how Watanabe+Kishida would work.

V. GROUND 3 FAILS

A. OVERVIEW OF KITA

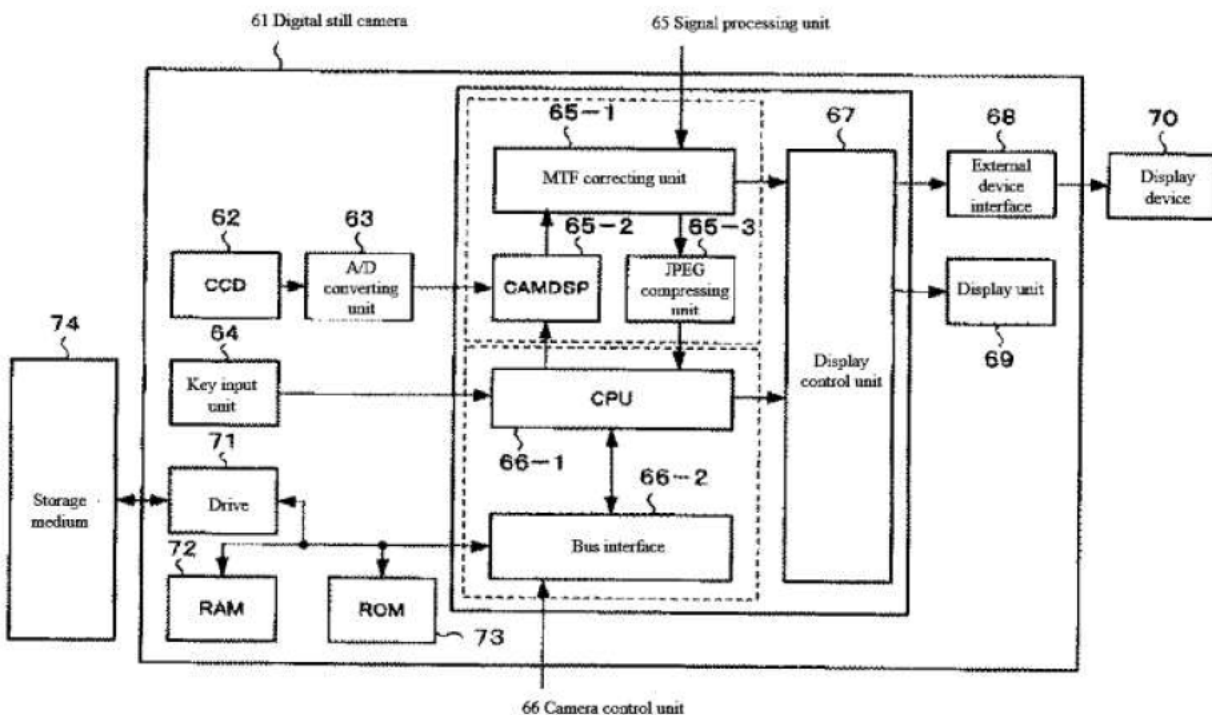
Kita discloses “a method to restore the lost high-frequency-domain frequency characteristics... using the inverse function of the lens MTF characteristics.” EX.1008, [0078].

“[A]n image of a certain block is cropped from the original image, and a frequency-domain image is generated from the cropped time-domain image” and “this frequency-domain image is multiplied by the filter of the inverse function of the transfer function according to the amount of optical adjustment for the optical

system using a multiplier.” EX.1008, [0010]. Then, “the result of this multiplication is converted from the frequency domain back to the time domain.”

Id.

FIG. 6 of Kita shows signal processing unit 65 including MTF correcting unit 65-1, camera processing unit (CAMDSP) 65-2, and JPEG compression unit 65-3.



EX.1008, FIG. 6.

Kita teaches the zooming amount, defocusing amount, and diaphragming amount are determined by an exchange between CAMDSP 65-2 and camera

control unit 66. EX.1008, [0049].¹³ The image information output from CAMDSP 65-2 is input to the MTF correcting unit 65-1 at the same time as the zooming amount, defocusing amount, and diaphragming amount (e.g., aperture of an iris diaphragm). EX.1008, [0057]. The zooming amount, defocusing amount, and diaphragming amount are used as keys to select MTF correction filters. EX.1008, [0059]. The MTF correction filter is determined from table 87 according to each parameter. EX.1008, [0059]. **The MTF correction filter is applied by the MTF correction unit 65-1.** EX.1008, [0046].

B. THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF WATANABE+KITA

As discussed herein, Watanabe's method uses correction values in tables 70. EX.2044, ¶206. There is nothing in Watanabe to suggest or otherwise invite a POSA to use Kita's techniques in the frequency domain. *Id.* Petitioner fails to establish that Watanabe's system could or would implement the functionality discussed in the cited portions of Kita. *Id.* MTF compensation as considered by

¹³The CAMDSP is a different component than the MTF correcting unit 5-1.

EX.2044, ¶214. Thus, Kita teaches that the component specifically identified as a digital signal processor in Kita is not itself involved with the application of a fast Fourier transform and thus, teaches away from the claims of the '339 Patent. *Id.*

Kita is completely different than the teachings of Watanabe. *Id.* Petitioner also fails to establish that Watanabe's circuit 56, the alleged DSP, could implement the functionality discussed in the cited portions of Kita. *Id.*

Moreover, Petitioner alleges an ASIC would be used for repetitive and labor intensive functions. Petition, 47. Here, however, Petitioner alleges that the alleged DSP of Watanabe would be modified to perform FFT processing. EX.2044, ¶222. Petitioner's analysis is inconsistent. *Id.* Petitioner fails to explain how or why a POSA would be motivated to make the proposed modification. *Id.*

A POSA would not have been motivated to combine Watanabe+Kita as proposed. EX.2044, ¶¶206-211. Petitioner is using hindsight bias. *Id.*

1. Technological incompatibility of Watanabe and Kita

Petitioner argues that a POSA would implement Kita's techniques in Watanabe's control program, without considering how Kita actually uses FFT for its intended purpose. EX.2044, ¶213. A POSA would understand that FFT is a way to represent data in the frequency domain to then further process the image data. *Id.* The FFT itself does not perform any correction. *Id.* Watanabe does not consider manipulating data in this manner for processing using a MTF filter. *Id.* A POSA reading Watanabe would not consider doing so either. *Id.*

Petitioner does not address the hardware components of Watanabe or explain how Watanabe's hardware supports Kita's techniques. EX.2044, ¶215. Petitioner further does not address Kita's hardware used for Kita's techniques. *Id.* Kita relies on distinct hardware elements that are not present or discussed in Watanabe's system. EX.2044, ¶¶216-219.

Petitioner also does not explain how Kita's techniques, software or otherwise, could be implemented in Watanabe's system, at least because Kita's approach is so different from that of Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶¶220-221.

2. Watanabe+Kita changes Watanabe's principle of operation

Aberrations, such as vignetting, contribute to degradation of the MTF and the MTF reflects their total effect. Therefore, based on the teachings of Kita, the MTF correction filter would correct vignetting and there would be no need to perform the vignetting correction methods disclosed in Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶225. Petitioner fails to explain how and why incorporating the teachings of Kita into Watanabe's system would add additional correction capabilities to the methods disclosed in Watanabe, as opposed to a wholesale replacement of the methods disclosed in Watanabe. *Id.* Petitioner is using hindsight bias. *Id.*

C. CLAIMS 4 AND 16

As discussed above, Petitioner fails to explain how and why a POSA would have implemented Kita's techniques in Watanabe's system. Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe+Kita renders obvious the alleged DSP applying a FFT to correct an aberration as recited in claims 4 and 16.

At no point does Petitioner address Watanabe's circuit 56, the alleged DSP in its analysis of claim 4. Petition at 40. There is nothing in Watanabe or Kita to suggest that Watanabe's circuit 56, the alleged DSP, is capable of applying FFT-based image processing as disclosed in Kita. EX.2044, ¶¶228-230. There is no evidence that a POSA would have been motivated to modify Watanabe's circuit 56 to do so.

Petitioner and Laub point to discrete teachings in each reference without considering each claim as a whole. EX.2044, ¶231. Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how these discrete teachings would have been combined to arrive at the claims of the '339 Patent. *Id.*

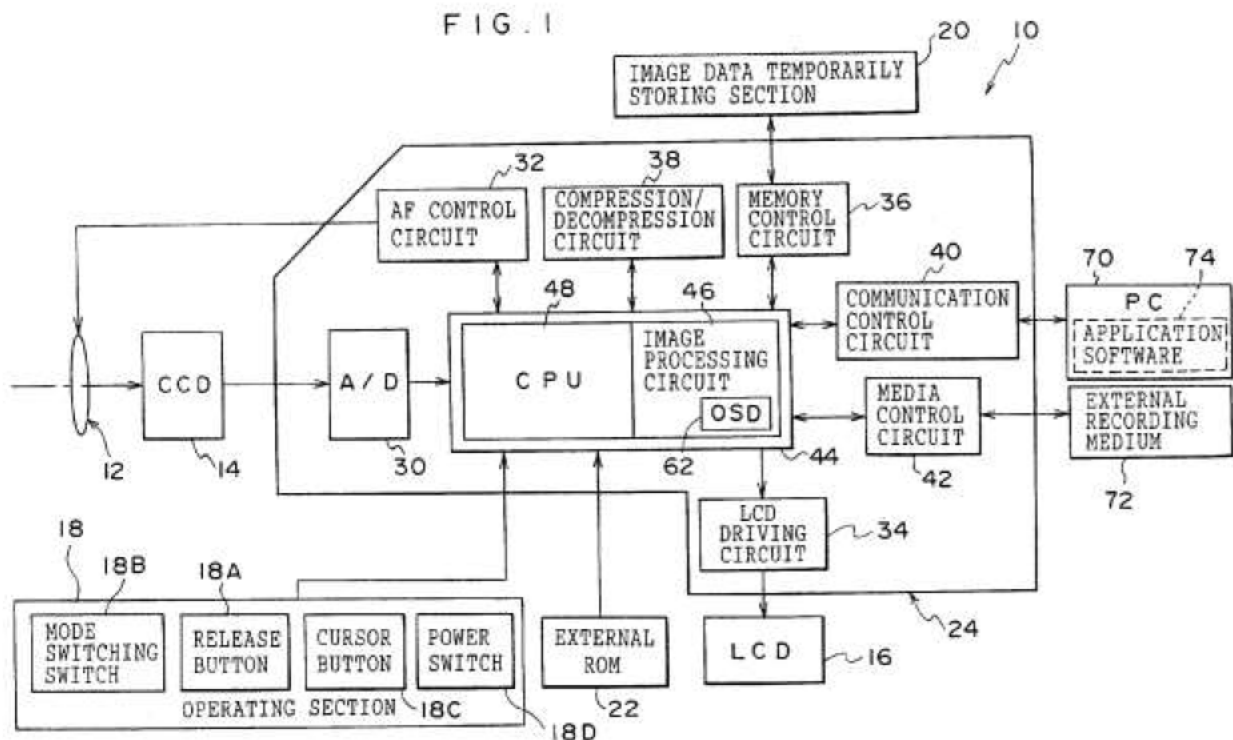
The teachings of Watanabe and Kita are technologically incompatible such that a POSA reading Watanabe would not have been motivated to use FFT-based image processing as disclosed in Kita. EX.2044, ¶¶231-232. A POSA would understand that Watanabe's system is not capable of FFT-based image processing as disclosed in Kita. *Id.* Petitioner fails to explain how modifying Watanabe's

circuit 56, the alleged DSP, to perform FFT was within the ordinary skill of a POSA and would have been routine. *Id.*

VI. GROUND 4 FAILS

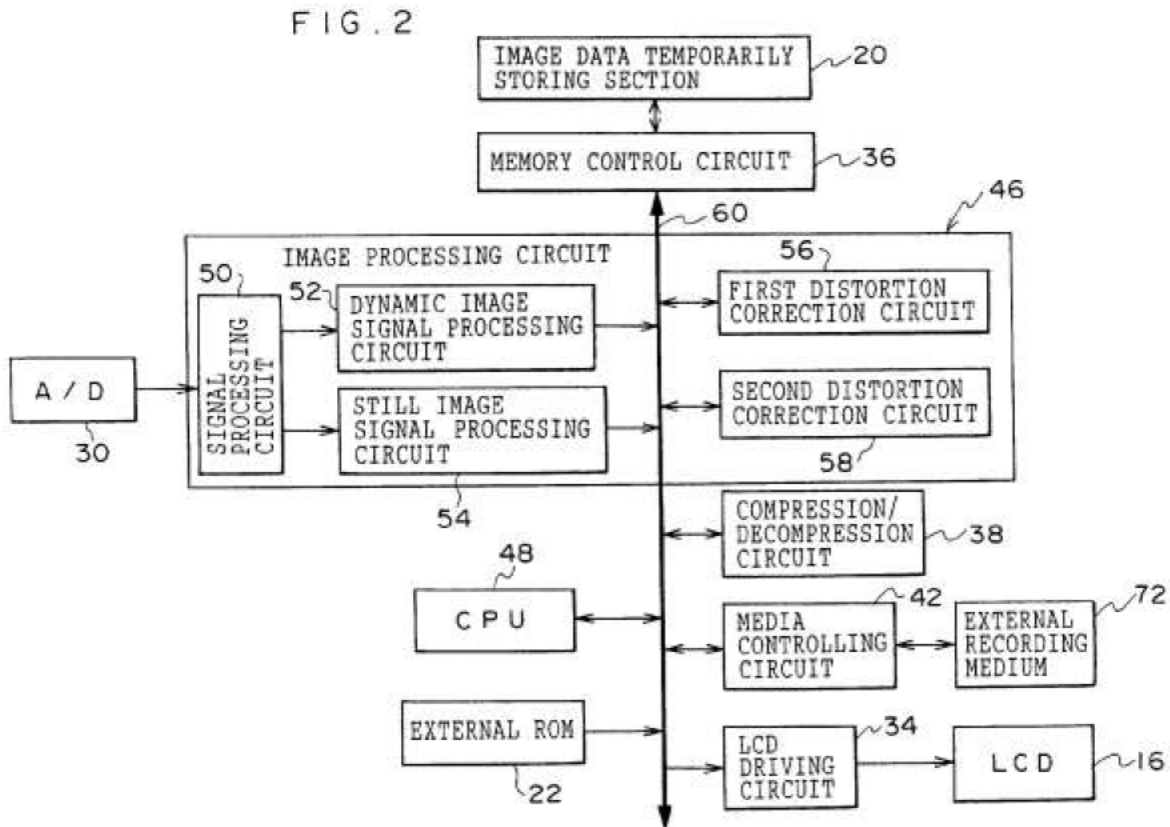
A. OVERVIEW OF TAKANE

Takane's FIG. 1 shows a digital camera 10 including image processing circuit 46.



EX.1009, FIG. 1

Takane's imaging processing circuit 46 is further shown in FIG. 2:



EX.1009, FIG. 2

Takane discloses the signal processing circuit 50 inputs digital image data from the A/D converter, processes the data, *e.g.*, white balance adjustment, gamma correction, sharpness correction, and converts the RGB data into a YC signal.

EX.1009, [0044]. The output of circuit 50 is connected to the dynamic image signal processing circuit 52 and the still image signal processing circuit 54.

EX.1009, [0044]-[0045]. The signal processing circuit 52/54 converts the gradation such that the image size becomes a predetermined image size set in advance.

EX.1009, [0047]. Then, the data is input to the first distortion correction circuit 56 or the second distortion correction circuit 58. EX.1009, [0053].

Takane expressly distinguishes the functionality of the first distortion correction circuit 56 from the second distortion correction circuit 58.

The first distortion correction circuit 56 can carry out processing at a low correction accuracy. EX.1009, Abstract, [0061], [0115]. The first distortion correction 56 carries out processing when the release button 18A is depressed halfway for a “preview display.” EX.1009, [0091], [0117].

“The correction accuracy is intentionally lowered, and the processing time can be shortened and the circuit structure of the first distortion correction circuit 56 can be made simple.” EX.1009, [0061]. For example, in the described embodiment, “only the distortion in the horizontal direction is corrected at the first distortion correction circuit 56.” EX.1009, [0062]; *see also* EX.1009, [0080], [0102].

The second distortion correction circuit 58 can carry out processing at a high correction accuracy. EX.1009, Abstract. The second distortion correction 58 carries out processing when the release button 18A is fully depressed at the time of “actual photographing.” EX.1009, [0092], [0117].

The parameters stored in the second distortion correction circuit 58 give priority to the quality of each image and provide a high correction accuracy.

EX.1009, [0063]. Unlike the first distortion circuit 56, the second distortion circuit 58 will correct optical distortion in both the horizontal and vertical directions.

EX.1009, [0094].

B. THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF TAKANE+WATANABE

In the proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe, Petitioner alleges that Takane would be modified to store the correction parameters in a table in Takane's ROM 22 and that Takane's software would retrieve the correction parameters and load them into the distortion correction circuits at the time of image capture.¹⁴

Petition, 44,47; EX.2044, ¶¶248-250. A POSA would not have been motivated to modify Takane based on the teachings of Watanabe as proposed. *Id.*

Petitioner relies on Takane's digital camera shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, including for example lens 12, CCD 14, A/D converter 30, CPU 48, and image processing circuit 46. A POSA would understand these are hardware components of Takane's digital camera 10. EX.2044, ¶244.

Laub opined that "Takane does not describe how distortion correction circuits 56 or 58 are implemented." EX.1003, ¶337. **This is not correct.** Takane

¹⁴ Petitioner expressly states that in Takane+Watanabe, "Takane is modified...".

Petition, 44.

discloses complete hardware diagrams in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2. EX.2044, ¶245. A POSA would be familiar with the hardware components disclosed in Takane and a POSA reading Takane would understand the hardware capabilities and required resources. *Id.* A POSA would have understood that modifying these hardware components would affect at least the size, weight, and power-requirements of the modified camera and a POSA cannot ignore the impact of these modifications. *Id.*

Laub opined that “Takane leaves the camera’s data storage and retrieval techniques to the implementer.” EX.1003, ¶307. **This is not correct.** Takane expressly discloses that the correction parameters are set in advance and stored in the correction circuits 56/58 themselves. EX.1009, [0054],[0059]; EX.2044, ¶252.

The proposed modification would change Takane’s principle of operation. Takane teaches storing correction parameters in circuits 56 and 58 and does not use a separate table as disclosed in Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶¶253-254. A POSA would not be motivated to modify Takane based on Watanabe as proposed. *Id.* Storing the parameters in tables in Takane’s ROM 22 would be inefficient and change Takane’s principle of operation. *Id.*

1. The proposed modification changes Takane’s principle of operation

Petitioner agrees that Takane discloses polynomial coefficients (correction parameters). Petition, 43. As discussed herein, Takane expressly discloses that the

correction parameters are “stored in advance” in the correction circuits 56/58 themselves. EX.1009, [0054] (“Parameters expressing a polynomial... are stored in advance in each of the first distortion correction circuit 56 and the second distortion correction circuit 58.”), [0059] (“[T]he parameters... are set in advance...”); EX.2044, ¶251.

Takane teaches away from storing the correction parameters in a separate table, and modifying Takane to store the correction parameters in a separate table would change Takane’s principle of operation. EX.2044, ¶253.

Takane expressly teaches away from prior art that uses a table of correction amounts that require a large storage capacity, which reduces the work region and increases costs. EX.1009, [0007]. Takane also distinguishes prior art that stores the correction parameters (the coefficients of the polynomial) in a separate table. EX.1009, [0008]. Takane instead teaches storing the correction parameters in the correction circuits 56/58 in advance. EX.2044, ¶255. Therefore, Petitioner’s proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe changes Takane’s principle of operation. EX.2044, ¶262.

A POSA would understand that because the correction parameters are stored in the circuits 56/58 “in advance”, the correction parameters are stored in the circuits 56/58 before the time of image capture. EX.2044, ¶¶250-251. For example, a POSA reading Takane would understand that the image size and/or focal length is

designated by the user in advance, before the time of image capture, and the correction parameters are stored in the correction circuits 56/58 in advance, before the time of image capture. EX.2044, ¶251. The correction parameters are selected based on the designated image size and/or focal length. EX.2044, ¶251; EX.1009, [0060].

Takane discloses that the user can designate/set various image capture parameters such as image size or focal length before the time of image capture. EX.2044, ¶¶259-260; EX.1009, [0034] (“a cursor button 18C operated in order to set various parameters”), [0047] (“a predetermined image size set in advance”), [0048] (“a predetermined image size which is set in advance”), [0049] (“an image size designated by the photographer in advance”). These image capture parameters are different from the correction parameters (polynomial coefficients) used by distortion correction circuits 56/58. *Id.*

2. A POSA would not be motivated to store correction parameters in the external ROM 22 as opposed to in the correction circuits 56/58

Takane’s ROM 22 is described as an external ROM. EX.1009, FIG. 1, [0052]. Takane discloses “an external ROM 22 in which various programs, parameters, conversion tables and the like are stored in advance.” EX.1009, [0033]. However, the parameters stored in Takane’s ROM 22 are **not** the correction

parameters stored in the correction circuits 56/58. EX.2044, ¶263. The parameters stored in Takane's ROM 22 relate to image capture parameters. *Id.*

For example, Takane explains the ROM 22 stores bitmap data “in advance” to be “superposed” on the subject and displayed on the LCD 16. EX.1009, [0070], [0071]. These image capture parameters do relate to image processing, but the image capture parameters are not the same as the correction parameters stored in circuits 56/58. EX.2044, ¶263. For example, focal length is an image capture parameter and the focal length may be “superposed” on the image. EX.2044, ¶263; EX.1009, [0090]. Further, focal length is an image capture parameter and the correction parameters are selected based on the focal length. EX.2044, ¶263; EX.1009, [0060].

Instead of using the external ROM 22 to store correction parameters, Takane explains that correction parameters are set in advance and stored in the correction circuits themselves. EX.2044, ¶264; EX.1009, [0054].

Petitioner argues a POSA would be motivated to use external ROM 22 for “simplified and streamlined access.” Petition, 44. However, Takane's correction parameters are already stored in circuits 56 and 58 and moving the correction parameters to an external ROM would **not** provide simplified and streamlined access for circuits 56 and 58. EX.2044, ¶265.

A POSA would understand that storing the parameters in tables in Takane's ROM 22 would require more processing power, more memory space, increase costs, and be highly inefficient. EX.2044, ¶265. A POSA would not be motivated to make the proposed modifications. *Id.* Petitioner is applying hindsight bias using the claims of the '339 Patent as a roadmap. *Id.*

Laub testified that, for example, computation time would be considered by a POSA as a factor when designing a camera, "if there is a consideration for how quickly a finished result can be delivered." EX.2020, 24:5-8. **A POSA reading Takane would understand that storing the correction parameters in the circuits 56/58 speeds up computation time.** EX.2044, ¶257. A POSA reading Takane would not be motivated to slow down computation time. *Id.* Takane repeatedly refers to speed as a consideration. *See, e.g.,* EX.1009, [0012], [0014], [0015], [0016], [0017]; [0021], [0022], [0061], [0062].

To the extent Petitioner is suggesting to add additional correction parameters or additional correction algorithms to Takane based on the teachings of Watanabe, that is not clearly set forth in the petition. Even so, a POSA reading Takane would not be motivated to add additional correction parameters or additional correction algorithms for processing by the first distortion correction circuit 56, the alleged DSP. EX.2044, ¶¶266-267. Takane's first distortion correction circuit 56 purposefully uses fewer parameters and provides lower accuracy. *Id.*

3. *Petitioner does not explain how Takane+Watanabe would work*

Petitioner also does not clearly specify the alleged “database” and DBMS teachings of Watanabe that would be incorporated into Takane. For example, Petitioner does not explain how Watanabe’s process information would be used with respect to Takane’s correction parameters. EX.2044, ¶¶268-269.

Watanabe discloses a photographing program that appends the process information (lens type, focusing point, zoom position) to the image data and an image processing program that determines a table and then a correction value. *Id.* Takane does not disclose separate imaging processing versus photographing programs, the transfer of process information, or the reference to tables for correction values. *Id.* Instead, Takane simply stores correction parameters in Takane’s correction circuits 56/58. *Id.*

Petitioner does not explain how the alleged DBMS/database teachings of Watanabe would be incorporated into Takane’s system or how Takane+Watanabe would work. Petitioner fails to meet its burden. *PersonalWeb Techs.*, 848 F.3d at 994.

A POSA would not have been motivated to make the proposed modifications for at least the reasons discussed herein. *Id.* Petitioner also fails to establish that it would have been within the ordinary skill of a POSA to combine the references’

teachings or that a POSA would have a reasonable expectation of success in doing so. EX.2044, ¶271. Petitioner fails to establish that the proposed combination would have yielded predictable results. *Id.* Petitioner is using hindsight bias. *Id.*

4. Laub’s deposition testimony contradicts Petitioner’s allegations

In view of Laub’s deposition testimony, the proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe is not supported and not explained. EX.2044, ¶280. Petitioner fails to show a rational basis for the proposed modification and Laub’s deposition testimony directly contradicts the allegations in the petition. *Id.* Laub could not explain the proposed modification or the motivation for the proposed modification during deposition. *Id.* Both Petitioner and Laub fail to show that a POSA would have been motivated to make the combination as proposed. *Id.*

During deposition, Laub testified that he has “not proposed a modification” to Takane. EX.2020, 109:9-12. When questioned if Laub is relying on a modified system of Takane based on Watanabe’s teachings of a database, Laub answered “that is wrong”. EX.2020, 138:15-19. **This testimony directly contradicts the petition.** Petition, 44 (“Takane is modified with the table teachings of Watanabe ...”).

Laub appears to suggest that a POSA would use Watanabe’s teachings to “implement” – “not modify” – storing parameters in tables comprising a database.

EX.2020, 111:4-12; *see also* EX.2020, 117:8-9 (“It’s not a modification; it is a – an implementation”). **However, Laub could not explain the proposed “implementation.”** EX.2044, ¶240.

Laub testified that Takane+Watanabe does not store the correction parameters in Takane’s ROM 22. EX.2020, 114:19-115:3. **This testimony directly contradicts Laub’s declaration.** EX.1003, ¶316 (“Thus in Takane in view of Watanabe, Takane’s system uses Watanabe’s tables (database) to organize and store parameters for optical distortion correction for each image size, lens, focal length, and zoom position in Takane’s ROM 22.”). When asked if the parameters are not stored in Takane’s ROM 22, Laub acknowledged that was a contradiction of paragraph 293 of his declaration. EX.2020, 115:13-18.¹⁵

Laub refused to answer whether in Takane+Watanabe, the parameters “would” be stored in Takane’s ROM 22. EX.2020, 115:19-22, 116:1-118:9. **Laub fails to support that a POSA would be motivated to make the modification proposed in the petition.** EX.2044, ¶275.

Laub confirmed it is not his opinion that a POSA would modify Takane to store correction parameters in Takane’s ROM 22 instead of the circuits themselves.

¹⁵ PO notes that paragraph 293 of Laub’s declaration on the ‘805 Patent is the same as paragraph 316 of Laub’s declaration on the ‘339 Patent.

EX.2020, 109:4-8, 110:6-112:3. Laub testified that Takane+Watanabe does not store the correction parameters in Takane's ROM 22 in addition to storing those parameters in Takane's circuits 56/58. EX.2020, 114:4-9. **Again, Laub could not explain the proposed "implementation".** EX.2044, ¶276.

Laub's inconsistent testimony fails to support Petitioner's reliance on Takane+Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶277. Laub could not explain the proposed modification to Takane in Takane+Watanabe. *Id.* Laub could not confirm where the correction parameters are stored in Takane+Watanabe. *Id.* Laub could not explain why a POSA would be motivated to change the principle of operation of Takane, given that Takane expressly teaches storing the correction parameters in the circuits themselves. *Id.*

Laub testified that Watanabe's database "is something that *could* be used by a POSITA as a way to implement Takane." EX.2020, 118:5-7 (emphasis added). However, Laub did not opine that a POSA "would" have done so. Laub testified that "none of this [knowledge] compels the POSITA, and none of those, no specific one of those [teachings]... would reach to the word 'would' that you have been continually using, which is why you have heard so many no's from me". EX.2020, 117:1-118:9. **Laub fails to support that a POSA would be motivated to make the modification proposed in the petition.** EX.2044, ¶279.

C. CLAIM 1

1. *Claim 1[a]*

a. “digital signal processor” (DSP)

Claim 1[a] recites “a digital signal processor.” Petitioner fails to establish that Takane’s circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP.

Throughout the analysis of claim 1, it is clear that Petitioner is relying on Takane’s first distortion correction circuit 56 as allegedly corresponding to the claimed DSP. Petition, 47 (analyzing 1[a]), 49 (analyzing 1[c] and 1[d]), 50 (analyzing 1[f]). Laub confirmed in deposition that he is relying on Takane’s first distortion correction circuit 56 as corresponding to the claimed DSP. EX.2020, 127:11-20.

A POSA would understand that Takane’s circuit 56 is a hardware component. EX.2044, ¶283. Interpreting a circuit to be a functional block contradicts the common understanding of a POSA of the word “circuit” which refers to hardware.¹⁶ *Id.*

Laub agreed that a DSP “generally was well-known.” EX.2020, 27:7-15. Laub admitted that “the specification of the patent presumes that a person reading

¹⁶ Laub agreed that the word “circuit” refers to an electrical or electronic circuit. EX.2020, 31:8-18.

that patent would understand what is referred to when the phrase ‘digital signal processor’ is used.” EX.2020, 28:17-29:10. However, Laub opined that any of Takane’s circuits that process digital signals could be regarded as DSPs. EX.1003, ¶335.¹⁷ **This is not correct.** DSP is a term of art and refers to a specific type of hardware. EX.2044, ¶284. The claims recite DSP hardware with specific functionality. *Id.*

Petitioner fails to establish that Takane’s circuit 56 corresponds to a DSP as claimed. EX.2044, ¶285. For example, Petitioner fails to show that Takane’s circuit 56 has flexible programming or uses software as opposed to fixed functionality hard-coded into the circuit itself. *Id.* As discussed above, Petitioner, Laub, and EX.2019 (“Ralston”) distinguish a DSP from an ASIC based on the flexible programming of a DSP. EX.2044, ¶¶285-287; EX.2017, ¶¶157, 319; EX.2020, 52:15-53:11; EX.2019, 7:65-8:16. Neither Petitioner nor Laub addressed whether Takane’s circuit 56 is capable of being flexibly programmed. EX.2044, ¶288. In view of a POSA’s knowledge of a DSP, Petitioner fails to show that Takane’s circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP. *Id.*

¹⁷ Laub repeatedly confirmed during deposition that Petitioner’s analysis of a digital signal processor was “anything that processes a signal in a digital manner.” EX.2020, 27:16-28:12; *see also* EX.2020, 56:14-15.

Indeed, Takane expressly discloses that for the circuit 56, “[t]he correction accuracy is intentionally lowered, and the processing time can be shortened and the *circuit structure* of the first distortion correction circuit 56 can be made *simple*.” EX.1009, [0061] (emphasis added). For at least this additional reason, Petitioner fails to show that Takane’s circuit 56 corresponds to the claimed DSP. EX.2044, ¶¶289-291.

b. “database management system” (DBMS)

Petitioner relies on Watanabe’s DBMS teachings in Takane+Watanabe. Petition, 47-48. PO incorporates the discussion of claim 1[a] and the alleged DBMS in Watanabe in Ground 1 herein. *See infra*, section III.B.1.

PO disagrees with Petitioner’s allegations regarding Takane+Watanabe for at least the reasons discussed above regarding the proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe. EX.2044, ¶294. Takane expressly discloses that the correction parameters are stored in advance in Takane’s circuit 56. EX.1009, [0054]. As such, a POSA would not be motivated to combine Takane and Watanabe as proposed. The proposed modification would change Takane’s principle of operation. Petitioner also fails to explain how Takane+Watanabe would work.

2. Claims 1[c] and 1[d]

Petitioner relies on Watanabe's database teachings in Takane+Watanabe. PO incorporates the discussion of claims 1[c] and 1[d] and the alleged database in Watanabe in Ground 1 herein. *See infra*, section III.B.2.

For the same reasons discussed above, PO also disputes that there were only two known alternatives for storing algorithms. EX.2044, ¶¶297-302. Takane's correction parameters (the coefficients of the polynomial) are used in a hard-coded algorithm in the circuit. *Id.* As discussed above, Takane teaches away from storing corrections in a separate table (EX.1009 at [0007]-[0008]) and instead discloses storing the correction parameters in the correction circuits. *Id.*

Both proposed alternatives rely on modifications to Takane. *Id.* There is no suggestion in Takane that circuit 56 includes software comprising executable code. *Id.* And Takane expressly discloses that the correction parameters are stored in advance in the circuit 56. *Id.*

D. CLAIM 5

Petitioner relies on Watanabe's database teachings in Takane+Watanabe. Petition, 52-54. PO incorporates the discussion of claim 5 in Ground 1 herein. *See infra*, section III.D.

E. CLAIM 14

PO incorporates the above discussion of claim 1 herein. *See infra*, section VI.C.

Below, PO submits additional reasons why Petitioner fails to meet its burden.

1. Claim 14[d]

Petitioner relies on its analysis of claim 1[e] for claim 14[d]. Petition, 55. Claims 1[e] and 14[d] recite different language. Petitioner fails to show that Takane+Watanabe discloses the alleged image file is forwarded to memory as recited in claim 14[d]. EX.2044, ¶306.

2. Claims 14[e] and 14[f]

Petitioner fails to establish that a POSA would be motivated to modify Takane for the alleged microprocessor to “forward” a filtration algorithm to the circuit 56 as required by claim 14[f]. EX.2044, ¶309. For at least the reasons discussed above, because the correction parameters are stored in circuits 56/58 of Takane, the main controlling section 24 is not configured to forward the at least one filtration algorithm to the circuits 56/58. *Id.* A POSA would not be motivated to modify Takane to do so. *Id.*

VII. **GROUND 5 FAILS**

A. **THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF TAKANE+WATANABE+KISHIDA**

PO incorporates the above discussion regarding Watanabe+Kishida herein.

See infra, section IV.B. At least because Petitioner fails to show that

Watanabe+Kishida are properly combinable, Petitioner fails to show that

Takane+Watanabe+Kishida are properly combinable. EX.2044, ¶¶310-311.

A POSA would not be motivated to add additional exposure and shading corrections to Takane's circuit 56, the alleged DSP. EX.2044, ¶312. As discussed above, Takane's circuit 56 is intentionally designed to use fewer parameters and provide low correction accuracy. *Id.* Therefore, a POSA would not be motivated to add additional correction capabilities to Takane's circuit 56. *Id.*

Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how the proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe+Kishida would operate. EX.2044, ¶314. Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how the techniques in each reference actually work or why a POSA would have been motivated to implement the specific teachings in a specific way in the proposed combinations. *Id.* As discussed above, the references are technologically incompatible. Petitioner fails to meet its burden. *PersonalWeb Techs.*, 848 F.3d at 994.

B. CLAIMS 3 AND 18

PO incorporates the above discussion of claims 3 and 18 herein. *See infra*, section IV.C.

Petitioner fails to explain incorporating Watanabe's peripheral light intensity correction process in Takane+Watanabe+Kishida and how the proposed combination would operate. EX.2044, ¶320. Petitioner also fails to explain Kishida's techniques exposure correction control based on shading prediction to correct vignetting and how the proposed combination would work. EX.2044, ¶321.

Petitioner is using hindsight. The references are technologically incompatible. EX.2044, ¶321.

VIII. GROUND 6 FAILS**A. THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF
TAKANE+WATANABE+KITA**

PO incorporates the above discussion regarding Watanabe+Kita herein. *See infra*, section V.B. At least because Petitioner fails to show that Watanabe+Kita are properly combinable, Petitioner fails to show that Takane+Watanabe+Kita are properly combinable. EX.2044, ¶323.

Petitioner argues that POSAs would have used Kita's techniques in Takane+Watanabe "to achieve Takane's aberration (distortion) corrections, or Takane's other 'various types of correction[s]'. " Petition, 62-63 (citing EX.1009,

[0044]). The cited paragraph 44 of Takane refers to functionality of signal processing circuit 50, not the first distortion correction circuit 56 which is the alleged DSP. EX.2044, ¶324. Petitioner fails to establish that a POSA would have incorporated Kita's techniques in Takane's circuit 56, the alleged DSP. *Id.* PO submits that a POSA would not be motivated to do so. *Id.* As discussed above, Takane's circuit 56 is intentionally designed to use fewer parameters and provide low correction accuracy. *Id.* Therefore, a POSA would not be motivated to add additional correction capabilities to Takane's circuit 56. *Id.*

Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how the proposed combination of Takane+Watanabe+Kita would operate. EX.2044, ¶327. Neither Petitioner nor Laub explain how the techniques in each reference actually work or why a POSA would have been motivated to implement the specific teachings in a specific way in the proposed combinations. *Id.* As discussed above, the references are technologically incompatible. Petitioner fails to meet its burden. *PersonalWeb Techs.*, 848 F.3d at 994.

Moreover, Petitioner alleges an ASIC would be used for repetitive and labor intensive functions. Petition, 47. Here, however, Petitioner alleges that the alleged DSP of Takane+Watanabe would be modified to perform FFT processing. EX.2044, ¶329. Petitioner's analysis is inconsistent. *Id.* Petitioner fails to explain how or why a POSA would be motivated to make the proposed modification. *Id.*

There is no teaching in Takane or Watanabe or Kita that would have motivated a POSA to arrive at the claims of the '339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶330.

B. CLAIMS 4 AND 16

For at least the reasons discussed above in Ground 3, Petitioner fails to establish that Takane+Watanabe+Kita meets claims 4 and 16. EX.2044, ¶331.

At no point does Petitioner address Takane's circuit 56, the alleged DSP. There is nothing in Takane or Watanabe or Kita to suggest that Takane's circuit 56, the alleged DSP, is capable of applying FFT-based image processing as disclosed in Kita. EX.2044, ¶332. There is no evidence that a POSA would have been motivated to modify Takane's circuit 56 to do so. Petitioner is using hindsight bias.

IX. SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS OF NON-OBVIOUSNESS

A. LONG-FELT NEED

Laub admits the well-known problems related to optical aberrations and the competing considerations in camera design to try to solve those problems.

EX.2044, ¶335; EX.1003, ¶¶75, 78, 107, 110.

Historically, aberration correction was done on an external computer as discussed above regarding Adobe Photoshop and/or Russ. EX.2044, ¶336. However, this requires significant time, cost, and expertise as discussed above. *Id.* Additionally, conventional cameras stored and transferred compressed images

(JPEG) which are inherently degraded in terms of image quality when compared to RAW images, which means the post-production editing was performed on an already degraded compressed image. *Id.*

Conventional wisdom taught against adding significant hardware needed to perform the processing as described in the claims due to limitations of size, weight, power, cost, and mobility and a POSA would not think to arrive at the claimed technology because aberration correction was conventionally done on an external computer. EX.2044, ¶337.

A POSA would have understood the long-felt need for improved image quality by way of aberration correction, but there were significant engineering challenges in achieving in-camera aberration correction as claimed in the '339 Patent. EX.2044, ¶338. The claimed technology solves this long-felt need and does so by efficiently balancing competing considerations of size, weight, power, cost, and mobility in the camera itself. *Id.* The claimed technology recites hardware and software that provides in-camera aberration correction capabilities and uniquely balances limited space, power consumption, and expense of a desirable digital camera. *Id.* By efficiently performing in-camera aberration correction within the image processing pipeline within the camera, the result is far improved image quality, even when compared to post-production editing. *Id.* The claimed technology enables in-camera aberration correction with the use of multiple

different lenses with multiple different camera systems. *Id.* This is extremely beneficial in solving the known problems facing many photographers, engineers, and camera manufacturers. *Id.*

Further, using a DBMS/database as claimed in a compact self-contained device, such as a digital camera, is by itself unconventional because without the express teachings of the '339 Patent, the POSA would not look to implement the features of a DBMS in such a device. EX.2044, ¶339. Furthermore, the ability to organize/manage/update a database allows continued efficient organization/management of data as new and/or updated data is introduced. *Id.*

It is unconventional for a POSA to consider access to a DBMS within the image processing pipeline of a compact self-contained device. EX.2044, ¶340. A POSA would conventionally take all efforts to make this processing portion of the device as efficient as possible and adding a DBMS would initially be thought of as unnecessary overhead. *Id.* The teachings of the '339 Patent enable a POSA to understand that the correction data can be retrieved from and updated within an organized database and processed efficiently within the image processing pipeline. *Id.*

The long-felt need for the claimed technology is evidence of non-obviousness. EX.2044, ¶341.

B. CANON LITIGATION

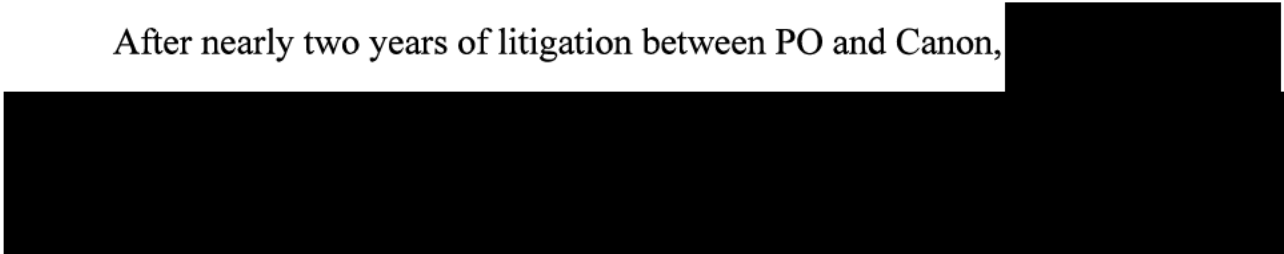
In prior litigation, Canon Inc. (“Canon”) was accused of infringing the ‘339 Patent and related Patent No. 7,612,805 (“’805 Patent”). Canon filed IPRs against the ‘339 and ‘805 Patents and also filed a declaratory judgment action against related Patent Nos. 10,873,685 and 10,877,266 (“’685 Patent” and “’266 Patent”, respectively). EX.2044, ¶¶342-344.

Among the various accused infringing products, the Canon EOS Rebel T6s was a very popular Canon product. EX.2044, ¶¶346, 348. Reviews of this product touted the advanced capabilities including the in-camera aberration correction features. *Id.*; EXS.2022-2025.

PO’s expert performed an analysis of exemplary claim 1 of the ‘339 Patent and the Canon EOS Rebel T6s, based on public information; and opined that the Canon EOS Rebel T6s incorporated the claimed technology. EX.2044, ¶¶347, 349, 350; EXS.2026-2036.

PO’s expert also found that Canon consistently held approx. 45-48% market share of the digital camera industry from 2019-2024. EX.2044, ¶351; EXS.2037-2042.

After nearly two years of litigation between PO and Canon,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EX.2044, ¶352; EX.2043.

In view of Canon's market share, litigation investigation and investment, and [REDACTED] represents further evidence of non-obviousness.

X. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth herein, PO respectfully requests that the challenged claims be confirmed patentable.

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