**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**
**TEXARKANA DIVISION**

MAXELL, LTD.,

*Plaintiff*,

v.

TCL Electronics Holdings Ltd. (f/k/a TCL Multimedia Technology Holdings, Ltd.); TCL Industries Holdings Co., Ltd.; T.C.L. Industries Holdings (H.K.) Limited; TTE Corporation; TCL Moka International Limited; TCL Moka Manufacturing S.A. de C.V.; TCL King Electrical Appliances (Huizhou) Co. Ltd.; Manufacturas Avanzadas S.A. de C.V.; TCL Smart Device (Vietnam) Co., Ltd.; Shenzhen TCL New Technology Co., Ltd.; TCL Optoelectronics Technology (Huizhou) Co., Ltd.; TCL Overseas Marketing Ltd.; and TCL Technology Group Corporation (f/k/a TCL Corp.),

*Defendants*.

Civil Action No. 5:23-CV-00108-RWS-JBB

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

## DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

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| **3 DAYS after conclusion of Trial** | Parties to file **Motion to Seal Trial Exhibits**, if they wish to seal any highly confidential exhibits.<br><br>**EXHIBITS: See Order Regarding Exhibits below.** |

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| **September 22, 2025**<br><br>**To be assigned by the Court**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required | **9:00 a.m. JURY TRIAL before Judge Robert W. Schroeder III, Texarkana, Texas.**<br><br>For planning purposes, parties shall be prepared to start the evidentiary phase of trial immediately following jury selection. |
| **September 22, 2025**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required | **9:00 a.m. JURY SELECTION before Judge Robert W. Schroeder III, Texarkana, Texas.** |
| **September 3, 2025**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required | **10:00 a.m. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE before U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Boone Baxter, Texarkana, Texas.**<br><br>Discuss trial logistics and *voir dire* procedure. Resolve any pending motions or objections.<br>Lead trial counsel must attend the pretrial conference. |
| August 27, 2025<br><br>[*1 week before pretrial*] | **File a Notice of Time Requested for (1) voir dire, (2) opening statements, (3) direct and cross examinations, and (4) closing arguments.** |
| August 27, 2025<br><br>[*1 week before pretrial*] | **File Responses to Motions *in Limine*.** |
| August 20, 2025<br><br>[*2 weeks before pretrial*] | **File Motions *in Limine* and pretrial objections.**<br><br>The parties are **ORDERED** to meet and confer to resolve any disputes before filing any motion *in limine* or objection to pretrial disclosures. |
| August 20, 2025<br><br>[*2 weeks before pretrial*] | **File Joint Final Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions with citation to authority and Form of the Verdict for jury trials**.<br><br>Parties shall use the pretrial order form on Judge Schroeder's website.<br><br>Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with citation to authority for issues tried to the bench. |
| August 13, 2025<br><br>[*3 weeks before pretrial*] | Exchange Objections to Rebuttal Deposition Testimony. |
| August 6, 2025<br><br>[*4 weeks before pretrial*] | **Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting of Court Proceedings due.**<br><br>If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial or hearings, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice and email Shelly Holmes at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov. |

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| August 6, 2025<br><br>[*4 weeks before pretrial*] | Exchange Rebuttal Designations and Objections to Deposition Testimony.<br><br>For rebuttal designations, cross examination line and page numbers to be included.<br><br>In video depositions, each party is responsible for preparation of the final edited video in accordance with their parties' designations and the Court's rulings on objections. |
| July 23, 2025<br><br>[*6 weeks before pretrial*] | Exchange Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof.<br><br>Video and Stenographic Deposition Designation due. Each party who proposes to offer deposition testimony shall serve a disclosure identifying the line and page numbers to be offered. |
| **To Be Determined**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required | **10:00 a.m. HEARING ON ANY REMAINING DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS (INCLUDING *DAUBERT* MOTIONS) before U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Boone Baxter, Texarkana, Texas.** |
| **April 14, 2025**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required | **Any Remaining Dispositive Motions due from all parties and any other motions that may require a hearing (including *Daubert* motions).**<br><br>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.<br><br>For each motion filed, the moving party SHALL provide the Court with one (1) copy of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in a three-ring binder appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be double-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to Judge Baxter's chambers in Texarkana as soon as briefing has completed.<br><br>**Respond to Amended Pleadings**. |
| April 7, 2025<br><br>[*1 week before Dispositive Motions*] | Parties to Identify Rebuttal Trial Witnesses. |
| March 31, 2025<br><br>[*2 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Parties to Identify Trial Witnesses; Amend Pleadings (after *Markman* Hearing).<br><br>It is not necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend before the deadline to amend pleadings. It is necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend after the deadline. However, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6, if the amendment would affect infringement contentions or invalidity contentions, a motion must be made pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6 irrespective of whether the amendment is made prior to this deadline. |

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| March 24, 2025<br><br>[*3 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Expert Discovery Deadline. |
| March 3, 2025<br><br>[*6 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Parties designate rebuttal expert witnesses (non-construction issues), rebuttal expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information.<br><br>If, without agreement, a party serves a supplemental expert report after the rebuttal expert report deadline has passed, the serving party must file notice with the Court stating service has occurred and the reason why a supplemental report is necessary under the circumstances. |
| February 17, 2025<br><br>[*8 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Final Election of Asserted Prior Art. |
| February 10, 2025<br><br>[*9 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Parties with burden of proof designate expert witnesses (non-construction issues). Expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information. |
| February 3, 2025<br><br>[*10 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Fact discovery deadline. |
| January 21, 2025<br><br>[*12 weeks before Dispositive Motions*] | Final Election of Asserted Claims. |
| November 7, 2024<br><br>[*3 weeks after Markman hearing*] | Comply with P.R. 3-7. (Opinion of Counsel Defenses) |
| **October 17, 2024**<br><br>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required | ***Markman* Hearing and hearing on any Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness at 10:00 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Boone Baxter, Texarkana, Texas.** |
| October 3, 2024<br><br>[*2 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **P.R. 4-5(d) Chart due**.<br><br>The parties are to meet and confer and jointly submit a claim construction chart on computer disk in Word format listing each party's proposed construction for each of the terms to be addressed at the *Markman* hearing, including any terms purported to be indefinite. The parties should prioritize and list the terms in order of most importance; the Court will address the terms in the prioritized order presented in the claim construction chart. |

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| September 26, 2024<br><br>[*3 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | Parties to file a notice with the Court stating the estimated amount of time requested for the *Markman* Hearing. The Court will notify the parties if it is unable to accommodate this request.<br><br>**Comply with P.R. 4-5(c)** - Reply brief and supporting evidence regarding claim construction due. Plaintiff is to provide the Court with one (1) copy of the completed *Markman* briefing in its entirety (opening brief, response, and reply) and exhibits in a three-ring binder appropriately tabbed. All documents SHALL be double-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to Judge Baxter's chambers in Texarkana as soon as briefing has completed.<br><br>If a technical advisor has been appointed the moving party is to provide their *Markman* brief on disk or CD along with a hard copy, tabbed and bound with exhibits to the advisor. |
| September 19, 2024<br><br>[*4 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Comply with P.R. 4-5(b)** - Responsive claim construction brief and supporting evidence due. |
| September 5, 2024<br><br>[*6 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Comply with P.R. 4-5(a)** - The party claiming patent infringement shall serve and file an opening brief and any evidence supporting its claim construction.<br><br>Briefing shall comply with Local Rules CV-7 and 56 and Patent Rule 4-5(e). Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than joint agreement among the parties.<br><br>Tutorials due. Deadline for parties, if they desire, to provide Court with tutorials concerning technology involved in patent(s). The parties shall submit one (1) copy of their tutorials to the Court. If a technical advisor has been appointed, each party that provides a tutorial shall provide a copy to the advisor.<br><br>Preliminary Election of Asserted Prior Art. |
| September 5, 2024<br><br>[*6 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | Proposed Technical Advisors due if one has not already been appointed. Parties to provide name, address, phone number, and curriculum vitae for up to three agreed technical advisors and information regarding the nominees' availability for *Markman* hearing or a statement that an agreement could not be reached. If the parties cannot agree on a technical advisor, they shall not submit any proposed technical advisors to the Court. If the parties feel a technical advisor is unnecessary, they shall alert the Court at this time. |
| August 22, 2024<br><br>[*8 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | Discovery Deadline - Claim Construction Issues.<br><br>Preliminary Election of Asserted Claims. |

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| August 15, 2024<br><br>[*9 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Respond to Amended Pleadings.** |
| August 1, 2024<br><br>[*11 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Amended Pleadings (pre-claim construction) due from all parties, including inequitable conduct allegations**.<br><br>It is not necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend before the deadline to amend pleadings. It is necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend after the deadline. However, if the amendment would affect infringement contentions or invalidity contentions, a motion must be made pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6(b) irrespective of whether the amendment is made prior to this deadline. |
| July 25, 2024<br><br>[*12 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Comply with P.R. 4-3** - Filing of Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement.<br><br>In the P.R. 4-3 filing, the parties shall list the most significant terms according to the parties' priorities, which were agreed upon during the P.R. 4-2 meet and confer, indicating which of those terms will be case or claim dispositive. A maximum of 10 terms will be construed, unless parties have received other instruction from the Court. If the parties cannot agree to the most important 10 terms, the parties shall identify the terms that were agreed upon and then divide the remainder evenly between Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s).<br><br>The nonmoving party subject to an indefiniteness challenge must provide a preliminary identification of any expert testimony it intends to rely on in its response to the moving party's indefiniteness challenge. The nonmoving party shall also provide a brief description of that witness' proposed testimony. |
| July 11, 2024<br><br>[*14 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Comply with P.R. 4-2** - Exchange of Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence. Privilege Logs to be exchanged by parties (or a letter to the Court stating that there are no disputes as to claims of privileged documents). |
| June 13, 2024<br><br>[*18 weeks before Markman Hearing*] | **Comply with P.R. 4-1** - Exchange Proposed Terms and Claim Elements for Construction. |
| May 29, 2024<br><br>[*6 weeks after Scheduling Conference*] | Comply with P.R. 3-3 and 3-4 - Invalidity Contentions due. Thereafter, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6(a), it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add and/or amend invalidity contentions, pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6(b).<br><br>Defendant shall assert any counterclaims. After this deadline, leave of Court must be obtained to assert any counterclaims. |

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| May 8, 2024<br><br>[3 Weeks After Scheduling Conference]<br><br>Deadline cannot be changed without showing good cause | Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures) |
| April 24, 2024<br><br>[*1 week after Scheduling Conference*] | Defendant shall join additional parties. It is not necessary to file a motion to join additional parties prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to join additional parties. |
| April 24, 2024<br><br>[*7 days after Scheduling Conference*] | **Mediation**<br><br>Parties are encouraged, but not required, to mediate cases.<br><br>If the parties agree to mediate, they shall jointly file a motion with a proposed order attached. The motion shall indicate whether the parties agree upon a mediator and shall include a mediation deadline. The parties shall confirm the mediator's availability in light of the proposed deadline. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, they may request the Court appoint a mediator.<br><br>If the parties do not agree to mediate, they shall file a notice so indicating. |
| April 10, 2024<br><br>[*1 week before Scheduling Conference*] | Comply with P.R. 3-1 and P.R. 3-2 - Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Infringement Contentions due. Thereafter, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6(a), it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add and/or amend infringement contentions, pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6(b).<br><br>Plaintiff shall join additional parties. It is not necessary to file a motion to join additional parties prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to join additional parties.<br><br>Plaintiff shall add new patents and/or claims for patents-in-suit. It is not necessary to file a motion to add additional patents or claims prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add patents or claims. |
| April 10, 2024<br><br>[*7 days before Scheduling Conference*] | File Proposed Docket Control Order, Proposed Discovery Order, and Proposed Protective Order<br><br>The proposed orders shall each be separately filed as a joint motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part. Any disputes should be redlined and each party's position explained. |
| April 10, 2024<br><br>[*7 days before Scheduling Conference*] | Designation of Lead Attorney<br><br>Pursuant to Local Rule CV-11(a)(1), each party must designate a lead attorney. If a lead attorney has not previously been designated, a Notice of Designation of Attorney in Charge should be filed and "Lead" selected. |

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| *Parties' estimated number of trial days* | 10 days. |

In the event that any of these dates fall on a weekend or Court holiday, the deadline is modified to be the next Court business day.

The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that "[a] party's failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion."

A party may request an oral hearing on a motion filed with the Court. Any such request shall be included in the text or in a footnote on the first page of the motion or any responsive pleading thereto. The Court does not hold telephonic hearings absent unusual circumstances.

**Other Limitations**

(a) The following excuses will not warrant a continuance or justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

(i) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;

(ii) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;

(iii) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

(b) Amendments to the Docket Control Order ("DCO"): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion shall include a chart in the format of the DCO that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). The motion to amend the DCO shall also include a proposed DCO in traditional two-column format that incorporates the requested changes and that also lists all remaining dates. In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

(c) Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

(d) Motions *in Limine*: Each side is limited to one (1) motion *in limine* addressing no more than ten (10) disputed issues. In addition, the parties may file a joint motion *in limine* addressing any agreed issues. The Court views motions *in limine* as appropriate for those things that will create the proverbial "skunk in the jury box," e.g., that, if mentioned in front of the jury before an evidentiary ruling can be made, would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice with an appropriate instruction. Rulings on motions *in limine* do not exclude evidence, but prohibit the party from offering the disputed testimony prior to obtaining an evidentiary ruling during trial.

(e) Exhibits: Each side is limited to designating 250 exhibits for trial absent a showing of good cause. The parties shall use the exhibit list sample form on Judge Schroeder's website.

(f) Deposition Designations: Each side is limited to designating no more than ten (10) hours of deposition testimony for use at trial absent a showing of good cause. As trial approaches, if either side needs to designate more than ten (10) hours, the party may file a motion for leave and show good cause. All depositions to be read into evidence as part of the parties' case-in-chief shall be EDITED so as to exclude all unnecessary, repetitious, and irrelevant testimony; ONLY those portions which are relevant to the issues in controversy shall be read into evidence.

(g) Witness Lists: The parties shall use the sample form on Judge Schroeder's website.

**ORDER REGARDING EXHIBITS, EXHIBIT LISTS AND WITNESS LISTS:**

A. On the first day of trial, each party is required to have:

(1) One copy of their respective original exhibits on hand. Each exhibit shall be properly labeled with the following information: Identified as either Plaintiff's or Defendant's Exhibit, the Exhibit Number and the Case Number.
(2) Three hard copies of each party's exhibit list and witness list on hand.
(3) One copy of all exhibits on USB Flash Drive(s) or portable hard drive(s). This shall be tendered to the Courtroom Deputy at the beginning of trial.
(4) One copy of all expert reports on CD. This shall be tendered to the Courtroom Deputy at the beginning of trial.

B. The parties shall follow the process below to admit exhibits.

(1) *On the first day of trial*, each party shall tender a preadmitted list of exhibits it plans to admit into evidence. This list shall include all exhibits which are NOT objected to or to which the Court has already overruled an objection. To the extent there are exhibits with outstanding objections for which the parties need a ruling from the Court, those exhibits should be separately included on the list and designated accordingly to reflect a pending objection. Parties shall entitle the list "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] List of Preadmitted Exhibits." If, during the course of the day's testimony, a party wishes to offer an objected exhibit into evidence, the party may move for admission at the time

it wishes to use that exhibit with a witness. The Court will then hear the opposing party's objection and will rule on the objection at that time.

(2) *On each subsequent day of trial*, the Court will commence by formally admitting all of the exhibits that were either unobjected to or allowed over objection and used during the previous day's trial. The Court will ask for these exhibits to be read into the record and formally admitted into evidence at the beginning of that trial day. These will be the exhibits deemed admitted at trial. The parties shall keep a separate running list of all exhibits admitted throughout the course of trial.

(3) *At the conclusion of evidence*, each party shall read into the record any exhibit that was used but not previously admitted during the course of trial and then tender its final list of every admitted exhibit, entitled "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] Final List of All Admitted Exhibits." To the extent there are exhibits that were not admitted during the course of trial, but for which there is agreement that they should be provided to the jury, the parties must inform the Court of those exhibits at the conclusion of evidence. The Court will then determine whether those exhibits will be allowed into the jury room for deliberations.

C. At the conclusion of evidence, each party shall be responsible for pulling those exhibits admitted at trial and shall tender those to the Courtroom Deputy, who will verify the exhibits and tender them to the jury for their deliberations. One representative from each side shall meet with the Courtroom Deputy to verify the exhibit list.

D. At the conclusion of trial, all boxes of exhibits shall be returned to the respective parties and the parties are instructed to remove these exhibits from the courtroom.

E. Within five business days of the conclusion of trial, each party shall submit to the Courtroom Deputy:

(1) A Final Exhibit List of Exhibits Admitted During Trial in Word format.
(2) Two CD(s) containing admitted unsealed trial exhibits in PDF format. If the Court ordered any exhibits sealed during trial, the Sealed Exhibits shall be submitted on a separate CD. If tangible or over-sized exhibits were admitted, such exhibits shall be substituted with a photograph in PDF format.
(3) A disk containing the transcripts of Video Depositions played during trial, along with a copy of the actual video deposition.

SIGNED this the 11th day of April, 2024.

J. Boone Baxter
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE