UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

YANGTZE MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES COMPANY, LTD., Plaintiff, v. MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., et al., Defendants.	Case No. 23-cv-05792-RFL **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE** Re: Dkt. No. 88

Yangtze Memory Technologies Company, Ltd. ("YMTC") has filed two actions for patent infringement against Micron Technology, Inc. and Micron Consumer Products Group, LLC (collectively, "Micron"): this action, Case No. 3:23-cv-05792-RFL ("*YMTC I*"), and Case No. 3:24-cv-04223-RFL ("*YMTC II*"). Micron filed a motion to consolidate the two cases. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b), the Court deems the motion suitable for disposition without oral argument, and the hearing on the motion, set for September 17, 2024, is **VACATED**.

The motion to consolidate is **GRANTED**. Common questions of law and fact exist due to the overlap in the accused products and claim terms. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). Although *YMTC I*'s schedule will need to be pushed out, in view of the substantial overlap and the early stage of *YMTC I*, consolidation can be accomplished without a lengthy delay. Accordingly, *YMTC I* and *YMTC II* are consolidated for all purposes pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. All future submissions shall be filed only in *YMTC I*, Case No. 3:23-cv-05792-RFL. The Clerk of the Court is directed to close *Yangtze Memory Technologies*

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Company, Ltd. v. Micron Technology, Inc. et al, Case No. 3:24-cv-04223-RFL. YMTC shall file a consolidated complaint by **September 3, 2024**. The consolidated complaint shall not add new claims or allegations not present in the operative complaints from *YMTC I* and *YMTC II*. A case management conference is **SET** for **September 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via videoconference**. The parties shall file a joint case management statement with a proposed case schedule by **September 11, 2024**.

In the joint case management statement, the Court encourages the parties to agree upon a proposed timeline for narrowing the asserted claims and asserted grounds of invalidity, such as:

Date	**Party**	**Narrowing**
1 week after damages contentions	YMTC	Narrow to 30 claims
2 weeks after damages contentions (and prior to opening claim construction briefs)	Micron	Narrow to 4 grounds per claim
1 week after *Markman* order	YMTC	Narrow to 15 claims
2 weeks after *Markman* order	Micron	Narrow to 3 grounds per claim
3 weeks before dispositive motions deadline	YMTC	Narrow to 10 claims
2 weeks before dispositive motions deadline	Micron	Narrow to 2 grounds per claim
2 weeks prior to serving motions in limine (6 weeks before Pretrial conference)	YMTC	Narrow to 8 claims
1 week prior to serving motions in limine (5 weeks before Pretrial conference)	Micron	Narrow to 2 grounds per claim

Absent such an agreement, the Court will impose its own requirements regarding election of representative claims before dispositive motions and *Daubert*, and will stay and sever non-elected claims.

The Court also anticipates imposing an overall page limit on summary judgment and *Daubert* filings, as well as motions *in limine*, and imposing time limits at trial. The parties are welcome to provide input on those limits in the joint case management statement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 21, 2024

RITA F. LIN
United States District Judge