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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

GODO KAISHA IP BRIDGE 1, Plaintiff, vs. WESTERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Defendant.	Case No. 24-cv-06555-RS **JOINT STIPULATION AND ORDER TO STAY LITIGATION PENDING *INTER PARTES* REVIEW**

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Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-12, Plaintiff Godo Kaisha IP Bridge 1 ("IP Bridge") and Defendant Western Digital Technologies, Inc. ("Western Digital"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree, subject to the approval of the Court, to stay the above-captioned litigation pending issuance of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's decisions on institution for Western Digital's pending IPR petitions challenging eight patents asserted in this action.

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING THE LITIGATION STAY

WHEREAS, the instant case was originally brought by IP Bridge in the District of Delaware asserting three patents: U.S. Patent Nos. 7,884,403; 8,319,263; and 11,737,372. Dkt. No. 1 ¶ 2.

WHEREAS, Western Digital moved to dismiss the complaint and to transfer the case to this Court. Dkt. Nos. 13, 16.

WHEREAS, IP Bridge filed a First Amended Complaint asserting the original three patents and six more patents: U.S. Patent Nos. 9,608,198; 8,405,134; 9,123,463; 10,367,138; 10,680,167; and 11,968,909. Dkt. No. 21 ¶ 2. Western Digital moved to dismiss the First Amended Complaint. Dkt. 28.

WHEREAS, the District of Delaware then transferred the instant case to the Northern District of California on September 4, 2024. Dkt. No. 36. The case was assigned to this Court on October 1, 2024. Dkt. No. 48.

WHEREAS, Western Digital filed eight *inter partes* review ("IPR") petitions requesting the U.S. Patent Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB") order trial on the patentability of all the claims of the following asserted patents as shown in the table below, and institution decisions in all IPRs are expected by April 2025:

IPR	Patent	Filing Date	Institution Decision Due
IPR2024-01384	7,884,403	August 30, 2024	March 18, 2025
IPR2024-01385	8,319,263	August 30, 2024	March 18, 2025
IPR2024-01386	9,608,198	August 30, 2024	March 18, 2025
IPR2024-01447	8,405,134	September 16, 2024	Est. April 2025

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IPR	Patent	Filing Date	Institution Decision Due
IPR2024-01448	11,737,372	September 16, 2024	Est. April 2025
IPR2024-01449	9,123,463	September 16, 2024	Est. April 2025
IPR2024-01493	10,680,167	September 27, 2024	Est. April 2025
IPR2024-01494	11,968,909	September 27, 2024	Est. April 2025

WHEREAS, an Initial Case Management Conference is currently set for January 16, 2025. Dkt. No. 49. Discovery has not yet begun, and no trial date has been set.

WHEREAS, the only prior extensions of time in this case were stipulated extensions related to filing a response to the complaint and the briefing schedules on Defendant's motions to dismiss and motion to transfer, which were granted by the Delaware court, *see* Dkt. Nos. 9, 15, 20, 33, and this court, *see* Dkt. No. 40.

WHEREAS, Western Digital has not filed an IPR petition challenging asserted U.S. Patent No. 10,367,138 and the parties agree that this stipulated stay does not encompass any decision on institution for the '138 Patent. IP Bridge reserves its right to object, on grounds the parties have discussed, to any stay motion that may later be filed in connection with any IPR on the '138 patent.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties, through their undersigned counsel and subject to approval of the Court, as follows:

This case is hereby STAYED pending the PTAB's issuance of institution decisions in the eight pending IPRs.

No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the date the PTAB issues its last institution decision for any of IPR2024-01384, IPR2024-01385, IPR2024-01386, IPR2024-01447, IPR2024-01448, IPR2024-01449, IPR2024-01493, IPR2024-01494, IP Bridge and Western Digital will jointly file with the Court a status report reporting the current status of each of these IPRs.

After filing the joint status report, either IP Bridge and/or Western Digital may move the Court to lift, extend, or modify this Order.

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CIVIL L.R. 5-1 ATTESTATION

I hereby attest pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3) that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from each of the other signatories to this document.

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/10/2024

Honorable Richard Seeborg
Chief United States District Judge