

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD. and
APPLE INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

MARLIN SEMICONDUCTOR LTD.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2025-00848
Patent No. 9,953,880

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE

On April 17, 2025, Petitioners Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. and Apple Inc. filed a petition for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 9,953,880 (Paper 1) and paid the USPTO a total of \$51,875, which included a \$23,750 request fee and a \$28,125 post-institution fee.

On September 3, 2025, the Director entered a decision denying institution of the requested *inter partes* review (Paper 11), and on November 5, 2025, the Director denied Petitioners' request for Director Review (Paper 14).

Therefore, Petitioners hereby request a refund of the \$28,125 post-institution fee submitted with the petition. Petitioners respectfully request that the Board credit the refunded post-institution fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **Petitioners’ Request for Refund of Post-Institution Fee** was served on April 10, 2026, via email directed to counsel of record for Patent Owner at the following:

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