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3 8:03 A.M.

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5 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Patent owner, we're having  
6 this call because of a request for relief that you've  
7 made by email. I will let you open the discussion in  
8 any way that you would like.

9 ATTORNEY SITLER: Thank you, Your Honor. This  
10 is Louis Sitler for patent owner Slick Slide. I think  
11 it will helpful just to provide a little background  
12 about what led up to our email to the board that you  
13 referenced.

14 So as you know, petitioner filed a petition  
15 last October that listed two entities as real parties of  
16 interest. Those are UATP IP, LLP and UATP Management,  
17 LLC. From there we'll fast forward to the deposition of  
18 Mr. Schmit that took place on November 10 recently where  
19 at the outset of the deposition counsel for petitioner  
20 informed us that in-house counsel would be attending the  
21 deposition, in-house corporate counsel, and that he  
22 would be actively participating in the proceeding via  
23 the deposition, did not identify who that individual  
24 was.

25 That individual did not end up joining the

1 deposition but following the deposition patent owner  
2 investigated who corporate counsel, you know, could be,  
3 or was, that was going to attended the deposition. And  
4 through that investigation we could only find corporate  
5 counsel employed by an entity named Unleashed Brand,  
6 LLC, who was not a named real party in interest in the  
7 petition.

8 And then through petitioner's recent reply  
9 indicates that Unleashed Brands and Mr. Polozola was  
10 likely the individual who was going to attend as  
11 corporate counsel. Through that investigation we  
12 conferred with petitioner about our concerns which  
13 ultimately led to our email to the board with our  
14 specific discovery request in that regard.

15 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay. That's a decent  
16 opening.

17 Petitioner, we're curious about your response  
18 to petition owner's desire to seek additional discovery;  
19 so the floor is yours.

20 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 This is Craig Deutsch on behalf of petitioner.  
22 I can comment on patent owner's remarks. I'll note at  
23 the outset that petitioner has acted in good faith since  
24 its initial diligence around our PI and continues to do  
25 so.

1           At first we believe that the petition was  
2 correct and remains correct in its listing of RPIs, and  
3 I'll talk a little bit more about that in detail.

4           Second, hearing these concerns from patent  
5 owner just a couple weeks ago, just in the interest of  
6 being cautious, being overly inclusive, we identified  
7 with the reply that was filed last week included updated  
8 mandatory notices listing additional entities, and I can  
9 speak to that as well.

10           And then also the basis that patent owner  
11 raised about in-house counsel being affiliated with a  
12 different entity, Unleashed Brands, and not petitioner,  
13 that's also incorrect. We've submitted evidence  
14 demonstrating his role as chief legal officer of  
15 petitioner UATP IP and UATP Management with the reply  
16 last week. So stepping through those --

17           JUDGE WEATHERLY: Which exhibit contains the --  
18 is it just an updated mandatory notice? Is that where  
19 those parties were identified?

20           ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: So they're --

21           JUDGE WEATHERLY: That's paper 28, it looks  
22 like. Okay.

23           ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: And also at the very end of  
24 the reply, we also went through those parties and  
25 provided some commentary on the real party in interest

1 question, and that's in the reply itself as well. And  
2 the two exhibits that I was referring to are  
3 Exhibits 1070 and 1071 that, again, are in the reply and  
4 submitted with the reply.

5 So I guess if we, again, start with the  
6 petition and going back to the petition filing in  
7 assessing RPI at that stage, the factor of control is,  
8 of course, central, and that's what we had looked at,  
9 what is the relationship of a party --

10 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Before you go to that -- I'm  
11 sorry. Judge Weatherly again. It sounds like you're  
12 shifting away from -- you've essentially mooted the  
13 request for discovery by listing a number of entities  
14 newly as real parties in interest in a mandatory notice.

15 Patent owner, does that moot your request for  
16 discovery but raise a different issue?

17 ATTORNEY SITLER: No, Your Honor. That does  
18 not clarify our issue as to kind of the ultimate  
19 question as to whether, you know, Unleashed Brands by  
20 and through Mr. Polozola had an opportunity to control  
21 and actually is controlling the proceeding. That does  
22 not answer our inquiry with respect to our discovery  
23 request in that manner.

24 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay. Because I'm looking at  
25 the paper 28 right now on my screen, and I don't see

1 Unleashed Brands -- oh, I do. Unleashed Brands, LLC, is  
2 listed as a real party in interest.

3 ATTORNEY SITLER: That's correct. I'll note  
4 the Exhibit 1070 and 1071 -- sorry.

5 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Why does that not moot your  
6 need for discovery about whether Unleashed Brands is a  
7 real party in interest?

8 ATTORNEY SITLER: If that's an admission that  
9 they are a real party in interest and were not named  
10 properly at the outset and through institutions, then  
11 patent owner would request authorization for motion to  
12 dismiss.

13 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay.

14 Petitioner, I suppose that that's why you  
15 wanted to address the concept, the other issues that you  
16 were about to address, the significance of naming a real  
17 party in interest after the filing of the petition. So  
18 I'll let you pick up again with where you were going  
19 before I interrupted you.

20 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Go ahead. We'll hear from  
22 you for a bit, and I'll let you know if we need you to  
23 continue further.

24 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Sounds good. Thank you,  
25 Your Honor. And this is Craig Deutsch again.

1           And that's right. If we go back to the  
2 original stage, you know, doing diligence in the  
3 petition stage, we looked at control, and that is why  
4 UATP Management, LLC, and UATP IP were identified.  
5 Those are the entities that had control in this  
6 proceeding. That was the case at the petition stage and  
7 also remains the case today.

8           And just briefly on that point in terms of the  
9 in-house counsel at issue here, he is the chief legal  
10 officer of petitioner UATP IP and UATP Management. He  
11 is the individual that signs the power of attorney with  
12 the petition. And, again, the Exhibits 1070 and 1071  
13 further establish his role as petitioner and UATP  
14 Management.

15           So we still think those are correct, but we did  
16 indeed list additional entities that includes Unleashed  
17 Brands, which was the entity that patent owner had  
18 identified a concern over. So they're included as well  
19 as some other entities in the corporate structure,  
20 again, just as a matter of being cautious and  
21 overinclusive, and so we do think that really moots the  
22 issue here.

23           In terms of including those additional parties,  
24 the other entities, there seems to be a suggestion that  
25 the board can't or shouldn't allow that addition, and

1 that's something the federal circuit has weighed in on  
2 indicating that the Office can and does allow a  
3 petitioner to add a real party in interest. There's a  
4 number of cases speaking to that point. Wi-Fi One  
5 versus Broadcom is an example. There's also  
6 precedential decisions like Vidal board decision where  
7 the board exercised its discretion to allow addition of  
8 an RPI.

9 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Proppant Express versus Oren  
10 Technologies IPR2017-01917 is another such case that's  
11 precedential as board. I think it's somewhat  
12 instructive for this particular situation. There's a  
13 fairly degree of large overlap.

14 I am a little curious -- and I apologize for  
15 the interruption, but I'm curious from patent owner  
16 whether -- so in your original email request you listed  
17 four different items of discovery that you were seeking.  
18 And I've asked whether petitioner's updating of its  
19 mandatory notice mooted those requests, and you said no  
20 it hasn't.

21 Are any of the individual requests mooted? And  
22 I realize that's making for a difficult transcript  
23 because those specifics request -- I'm not going to read  
24 them into the record. Eventually they'll be made of  
25 record probably. You know the four items I'm referring

1 to, patent owner?

2 ATTORNEY SITLER: Yes, Your Honor. I'm  
3 reviewing those now. It seems that, to revisit the  
4 conversation earlier, it's unclear whether Unleashed  
5 Brands, by and through what petitioner has done in their  
6 reply, is just being added out of precaution or is  
7 actually a real party in interest that should have been  
8 named. And because that's unclear right now, I think  
9 that patent --

10 JUDGE WEATHERLY: They are being named as a  
11 real party in interest. That's the effect of this  
12 mandatory notice that's been filed.

13 ATTORNEY SITLER: Okay. Understood. And I  
14 think, just reviewing these discovery requests, I think  
15 the name of corporate counsel who is intending to be  
16 present, that would be mooted. It sounds like it was  
17 Mr. Polozola. I think some of the other -- you know,  
18 these can be refined certainly, but to understand kind  
19 of the amount of control and whether there was actual  
20 control and funding and some of the factors that are  
21 present in the Corning case that was made precedential  
22 in the October 28 Squires memo, we would need that  
23 discovery to confirm, you know, whether Unleashed  
24 Brands --

25 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Right. I'm going to need to

1 consult with my co-panelists. I will tell you, however,  
2 that my initial reaction is that the discovery requests  
3 that were all on the table at the beginning of the  
4 teleconference at a minimum need to be revisited, and  
5 there may be other requests that you have separate and  
6 apart from discovery. You maybe want to -- I understand  
7 you to have expressly asked for authorization to file a  
8 motion to dismiss, and I understand that motivation, why  
9 you're motivated to do that, the impetus I suppose  
10 behind that request.

11 I mentioned the Proppant Express versus Oren  
12 Technologies case for both parties' benefit, and it  
13 strikes me that both parties should review that  
14 decision, also precedential decision of the board. And  
15 I don't think the director's recent memo has disturbed  
16 in any way as maybe bearing on whether discovery is  
17 still necessary and, if so, what the nature of the  
18 discovery might be.

19 So I think the parties have more work to do is  
20 the bottom line if they want -- if this is an issue,  
21 ultimately an issue of a motion to terminate. I'm not  
22 foreclosing additional discovery at all. I just want  
23 the parties to do some more work on whether any  
24 additional discovery is needed and, if so, what  
25 additional discovery is needed.

1 Does that make sense?

2 ATTORNEY SITLER: Yes, Your Honor, that makes  
3 sense.

4 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Petitioner, do you follow  
5 what I'm saying?

6 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Thanks, Your Honor. I  
7 believe so. I mean, I think our -- we've -- with our  
8 filing and what we submitted, I think the requests are  
9 moot but certainly --

10 JUDGE WEATHERLY: That may be what you each  
11 discover when you work together to try to figure out  
12 whether additional discovery is needed after reviewing  
13 that other precedential decision also. That's  
14 completely -- I would be happy for you to come back,  
15 report back to us that discovery isn't needed. I don't  
16 suspect, however, that that will be the end of the  
17 ultimate issue.

18 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Sure. Thank you,  
19 Your Honor. That makes sense.

20 JUDGE WEATHERLY: So you understand the task at  
21 hand, I take it?

22 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: This is petitioner, and yes,  
23 I believe.

24 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay. Okay.

25 Given that we've got to this point now during

1 the teleconference, is there anything else that either  
2 party wants to bring to our attention before we adjourn?

3 ATTORNEY SCHATZ: Your Honor, this is Brett  
4 Schatz on behalf of patent owner, if I may, just for a  
5 brief moment.

6 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Sure.

7 ATTORNEY SCHATZ: Thank you.

8 I understand that the recent filings from  
9 petitioner included a redacted version of a declaration  
10 from the corporate counsel that's being discussed today,  
11 and I understand that we as the patent owner do not have  
12 access to that document. And I just wanted to raise  
13 that issue with Your Honors as that will likely be one  
14 of the things that we need access to as we further work  
15 through this.

16 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay. Mr. Schatz, it sounds  
17 as if you're already starting to do the work that I've  
18 contemplated so good for you. Continue the conversation  
19 with your own team and then, when appropriate, with the  
20 opposing counsel and get back to us as -- in a timely  
21 way. I'll leave it up to the parties to decide how much  
22 of a rush there needs to be. But please get back to the  
23 board by email with the status of their effort on  
24 whether additional discovery is still required and  
25 whether any other form or request for authorization to

1 seek relief is needed by either party.

2 ATTORNEY SCHATZ: Thank you.

3 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay. Good.

4 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Thank you, Your Honor. That  
5 sounds good. We'll meet and confer in good faith  
6 including on this last issue that was raised.

7 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Great. Thank you everyone  
8 for being available and for your willingness to think on  
9 the fly. I appreciate that very much. Thank you.

10 We're adjourned.

11 ATTORNEY DEUTSCH: Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY SITLER: Thank you.

13 (Whereupon the proceedings concluded at  
14 8:20 a.m.)

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