NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION IN PART AS TO CERTAIN CLAIMS OF THE ASSERTED PATENTS


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 13) of the presiding Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") terminating the investigation in part as to certain claims of the asserted patents.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 8, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based on a complaint filed by VideoLabs, Inc. of Palo Alto, California ("VideoLabs"). 87 FR 48198-99 (Aug. 8, 2022). The complaint alleged a violation of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain video processing devices and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,769,238; 8,139,878; 8,208,542; and 7,372,452 ("the ’452 patent"). Id. at 48198. The complaint also alleged the existence of a domestic industry.

The notice of investigation named as respondents the following entities: Acer Inc. BF of New Taipei City, Taiwan; Acer America Corporation of San Jose, California; ASUSTeK
Computer Inc. of Taipai, Taiwan; ASUS Computer International of Fremont, California; Lenovo Group Limited of Quarry Bay, Hong Kong S.A.R. of China; Lenovo (United States) Inc. of Morrisville, North Carolina; Micro-Star International Co., Ltd. of New Taipei City, Taiwan; Motorola Mobility LLC of Chicago, Illinois; and MSI Computer Corp. of City of Industry, California (collectively, “Respondents”). Id. The Commission’s Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) is also named as a party in this investigation. Id.

On September 2, 2022, VideoLabs filed a motion to withdraw the ’452 patent from the investigation in its entirety (“Mot.”). Mot. at 1. The motion represents that Respondents and OUII do not oppose the Motion. Id.

On September 7, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 13) granting the motion. The ID noted that, in accordance with Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210(a)(1), VideoLabs represents that “there are no agreements, written or oral, express or implied between VideoLabs and the Respondents parties concerning the subject matter of the Investigation.” ID at 2 (citing Mot. at 2). The ID found that no extraordinary circumstances prevent terminating the ’452 patent from this investigation, and that the termination of this patent from this investigation is in the public interest, as public and private resources will be conserved. Id. at 2-3 (citing Certain Power Supplies, Inv. No. 337-TA-646, Order No. 18 (Jan. 5, 2009), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Jan. 29, 2009)). No party petitioned for review of the ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Accordingly, the ’452 patent has been terminated in its entirety from this investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on September 26, 2022.


By order of the Commission.

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Acting Secretary to the Commission

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