

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

APPLE, INC.,)	Case No.: C 11-1846 LHK (PSG)
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER GRANTING SAMSUNG’S
v.)	MOTION TO COMPEL
)	DEPOSITIONS AND SAMSUNG’S
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD, a)	MOTION TO COMPEL HTC
Korean corporation; SAMSUNG)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., a New York)	
corporation; and SAMSUNG)	(Re: Docket No. 2141, 2144)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC,)	
a Delaware limited liability company,)	
Defendants.)	

In this patent infringement suit, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., and Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC (collectively “Samsung”) moves this court to compel from Apple, Inc. (“Apple”) production of Apple’s recent settlement agreement with HTC.¹ Samsung also moves to compel further depositions of three of Apple’s experts whose declarations accompany Apple’s reply brief in its motion for a permanent injunction against Samsung.² In its opposition, Apple requests two additional depositions if the court grants Samsung’s request. The parties agreed to an expedited briefing schedule, Samsung waived its right

¹ See Docket No. 2144.
² See Docket No. 2141.

1 to a reply brief, and the court held a hearing on the two motions earlier today. Based on the papers
 2 and the parties' arguments at the hearing, the court GRANTS Samsung's motion to compel
 3 depositions, GRANTS Apple's request for two additional depositions, and GRANTS Samsung's
 4 motion to compel production of the HTC settlement agreement.

5 To seek discovery after the deadlines set in the scheduling order, Samsung must show good
 6 cause pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b). The focus of the good cause inquiry in the Rule 16(b)
 7 context is the "diligence of the party seeking the modification," in particular whether the party was
 8 "diligent in assisting the [c]ourt to create a workable schedule at the outset of litigation," whether
 9 "the scheduling order imposes deadlines that have become unworkable notwithstanding its diligent
 10 efforts to comply" and whether the party was "diligent in seeking the amendment once it became
 11 apparent that extensions were necessary."³ The party seeking a motion to compel pursuant to Fed.
 12 R. Civ. P. 37(a) also must show that its request satisfies the relevancy standard under Fed. R. Civ.
 13 P. 26(b).⁴ Relevancy under Rule 26(b) is broadly defined, "although it is not without ultimate and
 14 necessary boundaries."⁵

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 17 The court first addresses Samsung's motion to compel production of the settlement
 18 agreement and then turns to the motion to compel depositions from Apple's experts.

19 **A. HTC Settlement Agreement**

20 On November 11, 2012, Apple announced that it had reached a settlement agreement in its
 21 various patent disputes with HTC, and as part of the agreement, Apple and HTC had entered a
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 25 ³ *Adobe Systems Inc. v. Coffee Cup Partners, Inc.*, No. C 11-2243 CW, 2012 WL 3877783, at *6
 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 6, 2012) (citing *Johnson*, 975 F.2d at 609).

26 ⁴ *See Soto v. City of Concord*, 162 F.R.D. 603, 610 (N.D. Cal. 1995).

27 ⁵ *See Gonzales v. Google Inc.*, 234 F.R.D. 674, 680 (N.D. Cal. 2006) (internal citations and
 28 quotations omitted).

1 “broad ten-year licensing agreement.”⁶ Samsung seeks discovery of the settlement agreement to
2 support its opposition to Apple’s permanent injunction motion. According to Samsung, the
3 settlement agreement undermines Apple’s assertion that an injunction is a more appropriate remedy
4 than money damages.⁷ Apple responds that it is willing to provide the settlement agreement but
5 notes that HTC objects to the production of the agreement’s financial terms because of their
6 competitive value.⁸

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8 At the hearing, Samsung explained that it needs an unredacted version of the settlement
9 agreement because the financial terms are probative of arguments Samsung raises in its opposition
10 to Apple’s permanent injunction motion. Despite Samsung’s assertions that consumers’
11 willingness to pay a premium for patented features of a product is not relevant to a consumer
12 demand inquiry, it argues that to the degree Apple prevails on the contrary argument,⁹ the licensing
13 fees with HTC are relevant to the degree of consumer demand for Apple’s patented features.
14 Samsung also asserts that the financial terms support its argument that a royalty is a more suitable
15 alternative to a permanent injunction.

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17 HTC’s only response is that the potential probative value of the terms is outweighed by the
18 risk to HTC from disclosure of the terms.

19 The court is not persuaded by HTC’s argument. Although the court is more than a little
20 skeptical of Samsung’s arguments regarding the financial terms, Rule 26 supplies a broad standard
21 of relevance.¹⁰ Many third parties to this case have had their licensing agreements disclosed –
22 without any redaction of financial terms – subject to an Attorneys-Eyes-Only designation because
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24 ⁶ See Docket No. 2144-3.

25 ⁷ See Docket No. 2144 (citing Docket No. 2054 at 7).

26 ⁸ See Docket No. 2151.

27 ⁹ See, e.g., Docket No. 2130 (Hauser Declaration).

28 ¹⁰ See *Gonzales*, 234 F.R.D. at 680.

1 the confidential financial terms were clearly relevant to the dispute between Apple and Samsung.¹¹
2 HTC is not entitled to special treatment, especially when it has recognized the general sufficiency
3 of the protective order and the integrity of Samsung's outside counsel.

4 Accordingly, Samsung's motion to compel production of an unredacted version of the
5 settlement agreement is GRANTED. Apple shall produce the unredacted document without delay
6 subject to an Attorneys-Eyes-Only designation under the protective order already in place in this
7 case.

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9 **B. Expert Depositions**

10 Samsung moves to compel further depositions of Dr. Karan Singh ("Singh"), Dr. John R.
11 Hauser ("Hauser"), and Marylee Robinson ("Robinson") on the grounds that the "these experts
12 offer new, previously undisclosed opinions that Samsung has not had an opportunity to test through
13 deposition."¹² According to Samsung, Singh "offers an entirely new theory of infringement of the
14 '915 Patent"; Hauser provides "new opinions to support Apple's claim of irreparable harm"; and
15 Robinson "offers new opinions and calculations in support of Apple's requests for" monetary
16 damages.¹³ Samsung argues that it has shown good cause to modify the discovery deadlines set in
17 the scheduling order because it "immediately requested the discovery," and the information that it
18 seeks is "central to Samsung's response to Apple's request for an injunction and damages."¹⁴
19 Samsung further argues that "[a]llowing these depositions will ensure that a full record is
20 developed."¹⁵
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24 ¹¹ See, e.g., Docket No. 1414 (listing trial exhibits with unredacted third-party financial terms).

25 ¹² See Docket No. 2151.

26 ¹³ See *id.*

27 ¹⁴ See *id.*

28 ¹⁵ See *id.*

1 Apple responds that Samsung's request was not immediate and that, in fact, a week passed
 2 between the date Apple filed its reply and the date Samsung moved to compel the depositions.¹⁶
 3 Apple further responds that even if the request had been timely, Samsung has not justified a new
 4 round of depositions.¹⁷

5 Apple contends that the three experts Samsung seeks to depose did not offer "new"
 6 evidence but merely responded to Samsung's new experts and evidence in its opposition to the
 7 permanent injunction.¹⁸ According to Apple, Hauser's declaration was offered only to rebut a new
 8 argument from Samsung regarding consumer demand for patented features; Robinson's declaration
 9 was offered only as a supplemental calculation of damages based on information Samsung
 10 dilatorily disclosed; and Singh's declaration serves only to rebut Samsung's argument that it had
 11 "implemented non-infringing design-arounds."¹⁹ Apple asserts that Samsung has had ample
 12 opportunity to depose or cross-examine each of the three experts at earlier stages of the trial.
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14 Apple's assertion conflates two different standards. Although the declarations of its experts
 15 may not be "new" such that they are not improperly raised in the reply,²⁰ the experts' assertions are
 16 "new" to Samsung because Apple had not raised them earlier in the proceedings. As this court
 17 explained during the parties' last round of deposition requests, at the heart of these discovery
 18 disputes is Apple's motion for a permanent injunction, which is an "'extraordinary remedy' that
 19 should be evaluated 'in light of the full available record.'"²¹ Permitting Samsung to explore in
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 23 ¹⁶ See Docket No. 2149-1.

24 ¹⁷ See *id.*

25 ¹⁸ See *id.*

26 ¹⁹ See *id.*

27 ²⁰ See *Edwards v. Toys "R" Us*, 527 F. Supp. 2d 1197, 1205 n.31 (C.D. Cal. 2007); *cf. Terrell v. Contra Costa Cnty.*, 232 Fed. Appx. 626, 629 n.2 (9th Cir. 2007).

28 ²¹ See Docket No. 2105 (quoting Docket No. 2093).

1 depositions new assertions by Apple’s experts allows full development of the record in advance of
2 the parties’ hearing before Judge Koh.

3 Apple also suggests Samsung was not diligent in moving for the depositions. Samsung
4 brought this motion within one week of the date Apple filed its reply with the declarations at
5 issue.²² Although Apple suggests that one week shows a lack of diligence, a careful review of the
6 meet-and-confer emails shows that Samsung raised the issue with Apple only three days after
7 Apple filed its reply, and that the parties engaged in negotiations regarding the depositions and
8 expedited briefing.²³ The emails show that Samsung was diligent in pursuing recourse after
9 Apple’s reply was filed. The emails also reflect that Apple participated in determining the dates
10 for the motion, so it can hardly claim now to be prejudiced by a late filing date.

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12 Because Samsung was diligent in seeking the amendment to the scheduling order and
13 because the court believes a full record is important to this case, Samsung’s motion to compel
14 depositions of the three experts is GRANTED.

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16 As an alternative to its primary position, Apple asks that if Samsung’s motion for
17 depositions is granted, it should be permitted to take depositions of Dr. R. Sukumar and Corey
18 Kerstetter because they are the Samsung declarants to whom Hauser and Robinson responded.
19 Again, in light of the need for a full record and the well-recognized legal doctrine of “what is sauce
20 for the goose is sauce for the gander,” the court will permit Apple its additional deposition requests
21 as well.

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23 Samsung also seeks to file a supplemental brief addressing the depositions it plans to take.
24 Apple opposes, but likewise seeks a supplemental brief if Samsung’s motion is granted. As the
25 court stated in its October 29, 2012 order – and as it repeats here – because they relate to matters

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28 ²² See Docket No. 2141.

²³ See Docket No. 2141 Ex. 1.

1 before Judge Koh, page limits, supplemental briefing, and deadlines are not issues for the
2 undersigned to determine. Judge Koh has set a briefing schedule and the court advises the parties
3 to heed her directions regarding briefing for the preliminary injunction motion.

4 Samsung finally proposes that the court order the depositions at issue be taken by
5 November 27, 2012, so that it may have time to file its requested supplemental brief. Because
6 Samsung does not yet have leave to file a supplemental brief and because the court finds November
7 27 to be a rather ambitious deadline to meet in light of the Thanksgiving holiday and the
8 geographic spread of the witnesses, the court sets the deadline for the depositions for November
9 29, 2012. At a minimum, the parties will have a week to assimilate the new information before
10 their hearing with Judge Koh. Accordingly,

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12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no later than November 29, 2012, Apple shall produce Dr.
13 John Hauser, Marylee Robinson, and Dr. Karan Singh for depositions of no longer than three
14 hours.

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16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than November 29, 2012, Samsung shall produce
17 Corey Kerstetter and Dr. R. Sukumar for depositions of no longer than three hours.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: November 21, 2012

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22 PAUL S. GREWAL
23 United States Magistrate Judge
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