

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337") on October 9, 2019, based on a complaint filed by SK Innovation Co., Ltd. of Seoul, Republic of Korea and SK Battery America, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia (collectively, "SK"). 84 FR 54173-74 (Oct. 9, 2019). The complaint alleges a violation of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain pouch-type battery cells, battery modules, and battery packs, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of claims 1-36 of the '994 patent. The complaint named as respondents LG Chem, Ltd. of Seoul, Republic of Korea, and LG Chem Michigan, Inc. of Holland, Michigan (collectively, "LG"). The Commission's Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") also was named as a party. Subsequently, the investigation was terminated in part based on withdrawal of the complaint as to claims 8, 9, 17, 26, 27, and 35 of the '994 patent. Order No. 23 (March 25, 2020), *unreviewed by* Notice (Apr. 22, 2020). Further, the Commission determined that the economic prong of the domestic industry is satisfied. Order No. 51 (Dec. 14, 2020), *reviewed*, and on review, *affirmed with modified reasoning by* Notice (Jan. 14, 2021).

On January 4, 2021, SK filed a corrected motion for leave to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to reflect a reorganization of respondent LG Chem, Ltd. ("LGC") in which (i) certain business functions were transferred to a newly created subsidiary named LG Energy Solution, Ltd., and (ii) respondent LG Chem Michigan Inc. was renamed LG Energy

Solution Michigan, Inc. SK also moved to terminate the investigation in part with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10-14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 28, 29-32, 34, and 36 of the '994 patent based on withdrawal of the allegations in the complaint as to those claims. Respondents did not oppose the motion. Mot. at 3. On January 6, 2021, OUII advised the presiding CALJ that it does not object to the motion and will not be filing a response.

On January 11, 2021, the CALJ issued the subject ID granting SK's motion pursuant to Commission Rules 210.14(b) and 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.14(b), 210.21(a)(1). The ID finds that good cause exists for amending the complaint and notice of investigation due to the recent change in corporate structure. ID at 2. The ID finds that amending the complaint and notice of investigation to reflect LGC's recent corporate reorganization will aid in the development of this investigation and serve the public interest by apprising the public of the correct entities involved. The ID finds that the proposed amendments do not unnecessarily prejudice the public interest or the rights of the parties to the investigation. The ID further finds that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would prevent the requested partial termination of this investigation. *Id.* at 4. No party petitioned for review of the ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10-14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 28, 29-32, 34, and 36 of the '994 patent are terminated from this investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on February 8, 2021.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 8, 2021.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1246]

Certain Integrated Circuits and Products Containing the Same; Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint and motion for temporary relief were filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 18, 2020, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Tela Innovations, Inc. of Los Gatos, California. Supplements were filed on December 30, 2020, and February 3, 2021. The motion for temporary relief was withdrawn on February 3, 2021. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain integrated circuits and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,186,523 ("the '523 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists and/or is in the process of being established as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2020).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on February 8, 2021, *ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) 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 products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1–11, 14–20, 25, and 26 of the '523 patent; and whether an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to Rule 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "Intel's microprocessors fabricated using Tri-Gate technology at a 14nm process node or smaller and products that contain such Intel microprocessors, specifically servers, workstations, desktops, all-in-one PCs, laptops, notebooks, computer tablets, and board-level computers";

(3) Pursuant to Rule 210.10(b)(3) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(3), the presiding Administrative Law Judge shall hold an early evidentiary hearing and find facts, as needed, and shall issue an early initial determination ("ID"), within 100 days of institution, except for good cause shown, as to whether the complainant's allegations in this investigation are precluded or otherwise barred—*e.g.*, under claim preclusion, issue preclusion, or the *Kessler* doctrine—by either the decision of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, *Intel Corp. v. Tela Innovations, Inc.*, No. 3:18-cv-02848-WHO, ECF No. 316 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 22, 2020), or the Commission's final determination in *Certain Integrated Circuits and Prods. Containing Same*, Investigation No. 337-TA-1148. *See Smith v. Bayer Corp.*, 564 U.S. 299, 307 (2011) ("Deciding whether and how prior litigation has preclusive effect is usually the bailiwick of the *second* court . . ."); *see also* Charles Alan

Wright et al., *Federal Practice & Procedure* § 4405 (2d ed.) ("The first court does not get to dictate to other courts the preclusion consequences of its own judgment. . . ."). Any review will be conducted in accordance with Commission Rules 210.42–45. 19 CFR 210.42–45. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the issuance of an early ID finding that the complainant is precluded or barred from pursuing its complaint shall stay the investigation and any other decision shall not stay the investigation or delay the issuance of a final ID covering the other issues of the investigation;

(4) Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(b)(l), 19 CFR 210.50(b)(1), the presiding administrative law judge shall take evidence or other information and hear arguments from the parties or other interested persons with respect to the public interest in this investigation, as appropriate, and provide the Commission with findings of fact and a recommended determination on this issue, which shall be limited to the statutory public interest factors set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(l), (f)(1), (g)(1);

(5) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is:
Tela Innovations, Inc., 1484 Pollard Road #483, Los Gatos, CA 95032

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:
Acer, Inc., 1F, 88, Sec. 1, Xintai 5th Rd., Xizhi, New Taipei City 221, Taiwan
Acer America Corporation, 333 West San Carlos Street, Suite 1500, San Jose, CA 95110
ASUSTek Computer Inc., No. 15, Li-Te Road, Beitou District, Taipai 112, Taiwan

ASUS Computer International, 800 Corporate Way, Fremont, CA 94539
Intel Corporation, 2200 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95052
Lenovo Group Ltd., No. 6 Chuang Ye Road, Shangdi Information Industry Base, Beijing 100085, China
Lenovo (United States) Inc., 1009 Think Pl., Morrisville, NC 27560
Micro-Star International Co., Ltd., No. 69, Lide St., Zhonghe District, New Taipei City 235, Taiwan
MSI Computer Corp., 901 Canada Court, City of Industry, CA 91748

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(7) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge,

U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainant of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 8, 2021.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1247]

Certain Wireless Communications Equipment and Components Thereof; Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on January 7, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Korea and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. A supplement to the complaint was filed on January 25, 2021. The