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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

SANDISK CORPORATION,

No. C 11-5243 RS

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER RE DAUBERT MOTION**

ROUND ROCK RESEARCH LLC

Defendant.

On the assumption that the *Daubert* motions in this action might be extensive and/or complex, the parties were directed to set them for hearing further in advance of trial than is ordinarily required. A single motion was filed, by SanDisk, challenging aspects of the testimony of all of Round Rock’s four designated expert witnesses. In light of recent rulings on the parties’ summary judgment motions and Round Rock’s withdrawal of a claim, substantial portions of the motion are moot. In some instances, the issues need not be reached in light of the summary judgment rulings; in other instances the summary judgment rulings effectively have already rejected the arguments presented. Accordingly, the hearing set for June 26, 2014 will be vacated and the parties shall proceed as directed below.

Section III. A of SanDisk’s motion, challenging the opinions of Christopher Knittel and Michael Wagner regarding damages for alleged infringement of the ’791 patent is moot in light of

1 the ruling on exhaustion, and is denied on that basis. Section III B of the motion, challenging the so-  
2 called *Georgia-Pacific* analysis performed by Wagner as to all four patents in suit appears not to be  
3 moot with respect to at least the '839 patent. Summary judgment of exhaustion was denied as to the  
4 '345 patent because of the distinction between memory purchased from Toshiba and the controllers  
5 in the accused products. It is unclear what, if any, impact that decision has on the challenge to  
6 Wagner's testimony. In light of the summary judgment orders, the parties will be given the  
7 opportunity to submit supplemental briefs, not to exceed ten pages each, setting out their present  
8 positions as to the admissibility of Wagner's testimony with respect to the '839 and '245 patents.  
9 SanDisk shall file its supplemental brief no later than July 10, 2014, and Round Rock may respond  
10 no later than July 17, 2014. The matter will then either be submitted for decision without oral  
11 argument or addressed at the pre-trial conference, as may be warranted.

12 The portion of the motion (Section III C. 1) directed at the testimony of Martin Afromowitz  
13 regarding validity of the '839 patent is denied. Although the order denying summary judgment of  
14 invalidity did not consider or rely on that testimony *per se*, it explained why Round Rock is not  
15 foreclosed from arguing that the concept of "reconfiguration" remains relevant notwithstanding the  
16 stipulated claim constructions regarding the preamble and the term "preexisting design."

17 The challenge to the testimony of Robert Zeidman regarding claim 1 of the '345 patent  
18 (Section III C. 2) is moot in light of Round Rock's withdrawal of its infringement claims  
19 thereunder. The prong of the motion directed at Zeidman's testimony regarding the validity of  
20 claim 14 of the '791 patent (Section III C. 3) is denied. As explained in the order denying summary  
21 judgment on that topic, at least at this juncture, SanDisk has not established that the testimony  
22 stands in irreconcilable conflict with the specification of the Chen reference. Finally, the portion of  
23 the motion relating to Zeidman's testimony regarding Arakawa and the Invention Disclosure Form  
24 (Section III C. 4) will be submitted for decision with the other remaining issues.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 6/17/14



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RICHARD SEEBORG  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE