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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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8 IN RE: TFT-LCD (FLAT PANEL) ANTITRUST  
9 LITIGATION

No. M 07-1827 SI  
MDL No. 1827

10 This Order Relates To:

No. C 11-5781 SI

11 THE AASI CREDITOR LIQUIDATING  
12 TRUST, BY AND THROUGH KENNETH A.  
13 WELT, LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION, *et al.*,

17 Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF AASI  
CREDITOR LIQUIDATING TRUST'S  
MOTION FOR AN ORDER  
AUTHORIZING PLAINTIFF TO SERVE  
DEFENDANT CHUNGHWA PICTURE  
TUBES, LTD. THROUGH ITS U.S.  
COUNSEL**

18 Plaintiff has filed a motion to serve a foreign defendant, Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd., through  
19 its U.S. counsel pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3). The Court has previously heard  
20 and granted a number of similar motions in this MDL. *See, e.g.*, Order Re: Defendant Nexgen  
21 MediaTech Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss for Insufficient Service of Process; Quashing Service; and  
22 Granting Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion to Serve Nexgen Through its Counsel Under Fed. R. Civ.  
23 P. 4(f)(3), Master Docket No. 725 (Nov. 19, 2008); *see also* Master Docket Nos. 1309, 1657, 1779,  
24 2109, 2532, 2584, 2747, 2748, 2825, 3079, 3217, 3345, 3394, 3443, 3654, 3655, 4785. Chunghwa has  
25 opposed these motions to preserve its objections to this manner of service, but has recognized this  
26 Court's inclination to permit service through its U.S. counsel.  
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28 Given the number of these motions, the Court is well acquainted with the content of Chunghwa's

1 opposition.<sup>1</sup> In order to save Chunghwa the time and expense of filing another opposition brief, the  
2 Court rules as follows:

3 For the reasons set forth in its prior orders, the Court finds that service under Rule 4(f)(3) is both  
4 available to plaintiff and appropriate in this case. *See, e.g., Rio Properties, Inc. v. Rio Intern. Interlink,*  
5 284 F.3d 1007, 1014-15 (9th Cir. 2002) (holding that service of process under Rule 4(f)(3) is not a “last  
6 resort,” but “merely one means among several which enables service of process on an international  
7 defendant”). Further, due to Chunghwa’s active participation in this MDL for the past three years, the  
8 Court finds that service through its U.S. counsel will fully comport with due process. *See FMAC Loan*  
9 *Receivables v. Dagra*, 228 F.R.D. 531, 534 (E.D. Va. 2005) (finding service on defendant through his  
10 attorney complied with due process because the numerous motions filed by defendant’s attorney made  
11 it “abundantly clear” that the two had been in constant communication).


12 Absent further objection from Chunghwa, plaintiff may serve Chunghwa through its U.S.  
13 counsel **after March 2, 2012**. If Chunghwa has a specific objection not already addressed by the prior  
14 orders of this Court, it may file an opposition before that date.

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16 **CONCLUSION**

17 For the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown, the Court hereby GRANTS plaintiff’s  
18 motion to serve Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd. through its U.S. counsel pursuant to Federal Rule of  
19 Civil Procedure 4(f)(3). Docket No. 14 in 11-5781; Docket No. 4771 in 07-1827. Absent objection  
20 from Chunghwa, plaintiff may serve Chunghwa through counsel after March, 2012.

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

22 Dated: February 9, 2012

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24 SUSAN ILLSTON  
25 United States District Judge  
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27 <sup>1</sup>Specifically, Chunghwa’s opposition briefs have argued 1) that plaintiffs have not met the  
28 requirements for invoking alternative service under Rule 4(f)(3); and 2) that service through its U.S.  
counsel violates due process.