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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re Ex Parte Application of

APPLE INC.; APPLE GMBH; APPLE
RETAIL GERMANY GMBH; APPLE,
JAPAN INC.; APPLE SALES
INTERNATIONAL; APPLE HOLDING
B.V.; APPLE BENELUX B.V.; APPLE
NETHERLANDS B.V.; APPLE RETAIL
NETHERLANDS B.V.; APPLE KOREA
LTD.; APPLE FRANCE; APPLE RETAIL
FRANCE; APPLE ITALIA S.R.L.; APPLE
RETAIL UK LIMITED; and APPLE PTY
LIMITED.

Applicants,

Case No. 11mc1268

**ORDER GRANTING APPLE’S EX
PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1782
GRANTING LEAVE TO OBTAIN
DISCOVERY FOR USE IN FOREIGN
PROCEEDINGS**

This matter comes before the Court on the Ex Parte Application of Apple Inc.; Apple GmbH; Apple Retail Germany GmbH; Apple, Japan, Inc.; Apple Sales International; Apple Holding B.V.; Apple Benelux B.V.; Apple Netherlands B.V.; Apple Retail Netherlands B.V.; Apple Korea Ltd.; Apple France; Apple Retail France; Apple Italia s.r.l.; Apple Retail UK Limited; and Apple Pty Limited (“Apple”) for an Order to Obtain Discovery for Use in Foreign Proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782(a) (the “Application”). The Application seeks

1 documents from Qualcomm Inc. (“Qualcomm”) in connection with patent litigation pending
2 between Apple and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and its affiliates in Germany, Japan, the
3 Netherlands, South Korea, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Samsung has filed
4 an opposition, and Apple has filed a reply.
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6 The Court has fully considered the papers on file. Apple’s application satisfies the three
7 statutory requirements under §1782. The application is filed in the “district in which [the] person
8 resides,” it seeks discovery “for use in a proceeding in a foreign ... tribunal,” and Apple is an
9 “interested person[] the foreign proceeding. Furthermore, Apple has satisfied the four factors
10 identified by the Supreme Court to guide courts’ discretion in analyzing applications under
11 §1782. Intel Corp. v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., 542 U.S. 241, 256 (2004). Qualcomm is
12 not a participant in the foreign proceedings, and §1782 provides an effective and streamlined
13 mechanism for obtaining the discovery for use across the various foreign cases. Case law
14 demonstrates the foreign jurisdictions at issue are receptive to the type of discovery sought by
15 Apple, and there is nothing to indicate the request is made to circumvent limitations on discovery
16 imposed by those foreign courts. Finally, the subpoena appears narrowly tailored such that the
17 documents sought would be relevant to the claims against Apple in the foreign courts and
18 compliance would not be unduly intrusive or burdensome.
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21 Samsung objects to the application, arguing the subpoena is unnecessary because Apple
22 can obtain the documents directly from Samsung in discovery in the foreign proceedings.
23 However, the Court has no assurance the evidence would be available in each of the foreign
24 venues in which Samsung is pursuing litigation. In addition, Apple’s application sufficiently
25 outlines the relevance of the evidence sought. There is nothing at this point that leads the Court
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1 to believe Apple's request is a "fishing expedition" or intended to be a vehicle for harassment.

2 Therefore, the Court GRANTS Apple's application.

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Apple is granted leave to issue a subpoena for
4 documents in substantially the form as attached to the Application, directing Qualcomm to
5 produce the documents requested in the subpoena at the offices of Merrill Corporation, 8899
6 University Center Lane, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92122, or another location mutually agreeable
7 to Apple and Qualcomm.
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9 It is further **ORDERED** that copies of the Application and Memorandum in Support
10 thereof and this Order shall be served upon Qualcomm Inc., 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego,
11 CA 92121.
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13 This order is made without prejudice to any motion to quash by Qualcomm, or any
14 further motion for protective order by Samsung. Any motion seeking such relief shall be filed
15 under this case number.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

17 Dated: October 13, 2011

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19 Irma E. Gonzalez, Chief Judge
20 United States District Court
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