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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

TRIANTAFYLLOS TAFAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

JON W. DUDAS, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:07cv846 (JCC)

CONSOLIDATED WITH

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 1:07cv1008 (JCC)

v.

JON W. DUDAS, et al.,

Defendants.

INTEL CORPORATION'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A BRIEF AS AMICUS CURIAE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTIES' CROSS-MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Intel Corporation ("Intel"), by counsel, pursuant to Local Rule 7(F) states as follows as its Memorandum in Support of its Motion for Leave to File a Brief as Amicus Curiae in Connection with the Parties' Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment:

Intel has reviewed the summary judgment briefs filed by the parties on December 20, 2007, and found that they adequately address most of the pertinent issues. As to one issue, however, Intel believes that an additional *amicus* brief would assist the Court.

In particular, Intel submits that the plaintiffs' challenge to the PTO's "2+1 Rules" regarding continued examination filings is premature. As explained in the accompanying brief, the 2+1 Rules are plainly valid on their face because they merely require applicants to provide information confirming that they have not unduly delayed in prosecuting their claims. Plaintiffs fear that the regulations will be applied unduly harshly and in practice will be tantamount to strict limits on the number of continuing applications. That is conjecture, however. Rather than speculate, Intel urges the Court to exercise restraint: to wait to see how the rules are actually applied before determining whether to strike them down or order the PTO to make an exception in a particular case. Because this point has been lost in the parties' briefing, Intel urges the Court to grant this motion and accept Intel's short (under 10-page) *amicus* brief.

WHEREFORE, Intel respectfully requests that the Court grant its Motion and allow the filing of its *Amicus Curiae* Brief and for such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

INTEL CORPORATION

Dated: December 28, 2007

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