

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20436

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATION CIRCUITS USING
TUNGSTEN METALLIZATION AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME**

Investigation No. 337-TA-648

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE FOR
COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to March 22, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clint Gerdine, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2310. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 21, 2008 based on a complaint filed on April 18, 2008, by LSI Corporation of Milpitas, California and Agere Systems Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The complaint, as amended, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain semiconductor integrated circuits using tungsten metallization and products containing same by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 3, and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,227,335. The amended complaint named numerous respondents. Several respondents have been terminated from the investigation due to settlement. The following seven respondents remain in the investigation: Tower Semiconductor, Ltd. of Israel; Jazz Semiconductor of Newport Beach, California; Powership Semiconductor Corporation of Taiwan;

Grace Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation of China; Integrated Device Technology, Inc. of San Jose, California; Spansion, Inc. of Sunnyvale, California; and Nanya Technology Corporation of Taiwan. The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

On September 21, 2009, the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) issued his final initial determination (“ID”) finding no violation of section 337 by the remaining respondents. On November 23, 2009, the Commission issued notice of its determination to review-in-part the ID and its order remanding the investigation to the ALJ for further proceedings relating to whether claim 4 is rendered obvious by IBM Process A in light of the other prior art asserted by respondents and the Commission investigative attorney (“IA”).

On January 15, 2010, the ALJ issued his remand ID finding that claim 4 is not rendered obvious by IBM Process A and other prior art asserted by respondents and the IA. Responsive briefing to the remand ID is due within fourteen days after service of the ALJ’s determination, and replies to such briefing are due seven days after service of the responsive briefing.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation to March 22, 2010.

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 section 210.51 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.51.

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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