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

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN POWERED COVER PLATES** 

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1124** 

## NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF 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 extend until June 3, 2020, the target date for the completion of the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Liberman, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2392. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">https://edis.usitc.gov</a>. For help accessing EDIS, please email <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">EDIS3Help@usitc.gov</a>. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <a href="https://www.usitc.gov">https://www.usitc.gov</a>. 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 the investigation on July 23, 2018, based on a complaint filed by SnapRays, LLC d/b/a SnapPower of Vineyard, UT ("SnapPower," or Complainant). 83 FR 34871 (July 23, 2018). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges 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 powered cover plates by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,871,324; 9,882,361 ("the '361 patent"); 9,917,430; and U.S. Design Patent No. D819,426. *Id.* at 34872. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents: (1) Ontel Products Corporation of Fairfield, New Jersey; (2) Dazone, LLC of Ontario, Canada; (3) Shenzhen C-Myway of Shenzhen, Guangdong, China; (4) E-Zshop4u LLC of Howey in the Hills, Florida; (5) Desteny Store of Fort Meyers, Florida; (6) Zhongshan Led-Up Light Co., Ltd. of Zhongshan, Guangdong, China; (7) AllTrade Tools LLC of Cypress, California; (8) Guangzhou Sailu Info Tech. Co., Ltd. of Guangzhou, Gunagdong,

China; (9) Zhejiang New-Epoch Communication Industry Co., Ltd. of Yueging, Zhejiang, China; (10) KCC Industries of Eastvale, California; (11) Vistek Technology Co., Ltd. of Fuyong, Baoan, Shenzhen, China ("Vistek"); (12) Enstant Technology Co., Ltd. of Xixiang Baoan District, Shenzhen, China ("Enstant"); and (13) Manufacturers Components Incorporated of Pompano Beach, Florida. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in the investigation.

The Commission previously terminated the investigation as to, or found in default, all named respondents except Enstant and Vistek. Order No. 5 (Sept. 26, 2018), non-reviewed Notice (Oct. 29, 2018); Order No. 6 (Sept. 26, 2018), non-reviewed Notice (Oct. 29, 2018); Order No. 8 (Sept. 28, 2018), non-reviewed Notice (Oct. 23, 2018); Order No. 12 (Oct. 2, 2018), non-reviewed Notice (Nov. 27, 2018); Order No. 18 (Nov. 28, 2018), non-reviewed Notice (Dec. 21, 2018); Order, No. 36 (Apr. 11, 2019), non-reviewed Notice (May 8, 2019)

On August 12, 2019, the ALJ issued her "Initial Determination on Violation of Section 337 and Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bond," finding a violation of section 337. The final ID finds that a violation of section 337 occurred in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation, of certain powered cover plates that infringe the asserted claims of the '361 patent by Enstant and Vistek (collectively, "Enstant/Vistek," or "Enstant"). See id. at 125-26.

The final ID notes that "Respondents Enstant and Vistek filed a motion for summary determination of non-infringement ('Redesign SD Motion') of [the '361 patent] by Redesign Models P001 (Smart Wall Plate Charger, Decor Outlet, with USB charger) and P002 (Smart Wall Plate Charger, Duplex Outlet with USB charger)." Final ID at 14. In the Redesign SD Motion, Enstant sought summary determination that powered cover plate model numbers P001 and P002 ("Enstant's Redesigns") do not infringe claims 1, 3-4, 10, 14, 17, 21, and 23-24 of the '361 patent. Redesign SD Motion at 16. The final ID finds, however, that "Enstant's and Vistek's Redesign SD Motion was effectively rendered moot by rulings on Motions in Limine . . . ." *Id*.

On October 11, 2019, the Commission determined to review in part and to remand the investigation to the ALJ for a remand initial determination ("RID") to address the final ID's finding that Enstant/Vistek's Redesign SD Motion is moot. 84 FR 55985-86 (October 18, 2019). The Commission issued an "Order: Remand of a Final Initial Determination In Part" directing the ALJ to expeditiously issue an RID as to this finding and to "extend the target date for termination of the investigation by ID pursuant to 19 CFR 210.51(a)(1) to three months after the issuance of the RID." Commission Order at 5 (October 11, 2019).

On January 30, 2020, the ALJ issued the RID, granting Enstant's Redesign SD Motion. The RID finds that Enstant's Redesigns are properly at issue in this investigation because: (1) Enstant's Redesigns are within the scope of this investigation and within the Commission's jurisdiction, RID at 10-12; (2) Enstant's Redesigns are fixed in design and not "hypothetical," RID at 12-13; and (3) the parties exchanged discovery regarding the Redesigns, RID at 13-15. The RID also finds that there is no dispute that Enstant's Redesigns do not infringe claims 1, 3-

4, 10, 14, 17, 21, and 23-24 of the '361 patent – the only patent asserted against Enstant's Redesigns. RID at 15-20. No party petitioned for review of the RID. The Commission determined not to review the RID, and requested briefing on remedy, bonding, and the public interest. Notice (March 11, 2020).

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of this investigation to June 3, 2020.

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 Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR Part 210).

By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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