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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ARIOSA DIAGNOSTICS,

Petitioner

V.

ISIS INNOVATION LIMITED,

Patent Owner

Cases IPR2012-00022 and IPR2013-00250

Patent 6,258,540

Oral Hearing Held January 24, 2014

WITNESSES

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PROCEEDINGS
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               JUDGE GREEN: Good morning and welcome. This is
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    the final oral hearing for the following cases, IPR2012-00022
    and 2013-00250. At this time, I would like counsel to
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    introduce themselves and your colleagues, and I'll start with
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    the Petitioner.
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               MR. GARDELLA: This is Greg Gardella, from Oblon
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    Spivak, on behalf of Petitioner, Ariosa Diagnostics. I'm
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    joined by Dianna DeVore also of Ariosa Diagnostics.
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               JUDGE GREEN: Thank you. And Patent Owner?
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               MS. ELLISON: Good morning. I'm Eldora Ellison,
    on behalf of Isis Innovation, and I'm here with Mr. Michael
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    Malecek. We have several people in the audience. I'm not
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    sure if you want me to introduce them, as well.
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               JUDGE GREEN: If they aren't going to be
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    speaking, I'm not going to worry about it.
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               MS. ELLISON: Okay. Thank you.
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               JUDGE GREEN: Thank you. And welcome to the
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    Board. Consistent with our order, each party has one hour to
    present their arguments. Petitioner will proceed first in
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    the action charged claimed. Petitioner may reserve rebuttal
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    time for its case and time to respond to objections with
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    regard to the motion to amend. Thereafter, Patent Owner will
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- 1 with regards to the motion to amend claims. Patent Owner may
- 2 reserve rebuttal time for its case after the motion to amend
- 3 patent claims.
- 4 After that, the Petitioner will make use of the
- 5 rest of its time responding to Patent Owner's presentation of
- 6 all matters. And then if Patent Owner reserves rebuttal
- 7 time, Patent Owner will only address the issues raised by the
- 8 Petitioner regarding the motion to amend claims.
- 9 At this time I would like to ask counsel if they
- 10 have the demonstrative -- if they have copies of the
- 11 demonstratives for the panel, the other side and the court
- 12 reporter. And you can approach the bench.
- 13 (Whereupon, the demonstrative was distributed to
- 14 all parties.)
- 15 JUDGE GREEN: Counsel for Petitioner, you may
- 16 proceed when you're ready. And how much rebuttal time would
- 17 you like to reserve (indiscernible)?
- MR. GARDELLA: A half hour, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE GREEN: 30 minutes? Okay, thank you.
- MR. GARDELLA: Good morning, Judge Green, Judge
- 21 Prats, Judge Robertson. Thanks for having us here today. I
- 22 would like to start with the broadest reasonable
- 23 interpretation. The Board correctly noted that the Patent
- 24 Owner's own expert, Dr. Evans, in connection with litigation



- 1 analysis, clearly indicated and reflected in the analysis in
- 2 which it was not necessary to distinguish maternal from fetal
- 3 DNA, and that's the principal debate between the parties at
- 4 this point.
- One thing I'd like to bring to your attention is
- 6 that in the Article 3 proceedings, to my knowledge, the
- 7 Patent Owner, through its exclusive licensee Sequenom, has
- 8 never once argued for the limitation, the narrower
- 9 construction that it is seeking here. Never once.
- 10 Ariosa believed, and still believes, that the
- 11 proper Phillips construction is narrower, but that's not the
- 12 issue here. The issue here is broadest reasonable
- 13 interpretation, which we submit should, at the absolute
- 14 minimum, encompass that which has been advocated successfully
- 15 by the Patent Owner in Article 3 Core.
- JUDGE GREEN: Can you tell us what the status is
- 17 of the co-pay litigation, then?
- 18 MR. GARDELLA: In the beginning in the district
- 19 court, the summary judgment was granted of unpatentable
- 20 subject matter under 101. The Court found that the claimed
- 21 subject matter was merely discovery, a natural phenomenon.
- 22 That is on appeal to the Federal Circuit currently.
- JUDGE GREEN: And do you have any idea as to when
- 24 that may be heard or you're just looking for the case to be



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