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OSRAM SYLVANIA INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

JAM STRAIT, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2014-00703
Patent 6,786,625 B2

Held: June 18, 2015

BEFORE: MIRIAM L. QUINN, BART A. GERSTENBLITH,
and JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, Administrative Patent Judges.

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3 JUDGE QUINN: We are here for the oral hearing in
4 IPR2014-00703, Osram Sylvania, Petitioner, versus Jam Strait,
5 Inc., Patent Owner.

6 All demonstratives that will be used at this hearing
7 should have been provided to the court reporter. If not, you may
8 do so at this time.

9 MR. MORAN: We've already done so, Your Honor.

10 JUDGE QUINN: Just a few instructions before we
11 begin. There will be no objections to demonstratives or,
12 otherwise, presentation evidence submitted today. Any
13 observations as to the demonstratives or any other argument must
14 be made during the time that the party has for an argument today.

15 For example, if Petitioner has some objection as to the
16 Patent Owner's argument today, that objection must be made
17 during Petitioner's time.

18 MR. MORAN: We understand.

19 JUDGE QUINN: At this point we would like Petitioner
20 to state his appearance for the record.

21 MR. MORAN: Your Honor, my name is Eric Moran.
22 I'm with the firm, McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, and
23 we represent the Petitioner Osram Sylvania.

24 JUDGE QUINN: And for Patent Owner.

1 MR. MORAN: I could introduce backup counsel, Jay
2 Schafer, also with McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, and
3 in-house counsel for Osram Sylvania, Ed Podszus, is here as well.

4 JUDGE QUINN: Welcome to the hearing.

5 For Patent Owner who do we have on the phone line
6 attending the conference?

7 MR. NEHRBASS: We have Seth Nehrbass, Your
8 Honor.

9 JUDGE QUINN: Okay. Presiding at this hearing we
10 have Judges Bart Gerstenblith and Judge Jeffrey Abraham, both
11 present in the courtroom. I am Judge Miriam Quinn. I'm
12 presiding over the Dallas Satellite Office.

13 At this point I'd like to ask Petitioner -- both parties
14 actually have 45 minutes for their total argument time. Petitioner
15 may reserve some of that time for rebuttal.

16 MR. MORAN: We'd like to reserve 10 minutes for
17 rebuttal, Your Honor.

18 JUDGE QUINN: Okay. You may begin.

19 MR. MORAN: Good afternoon, Your Honors. The
20 '625 patent and each asserted prior art bulb is directed to LED
21 bulbs designed as replacements for existing standard incandescent
22 bulbs. As replacements, each is designed to fit into an existing
23 standard bulb socket.

24 We have a number of slides that we're going to present
25 for you today. As we -- so everyone can follow along. As we

1 move from slide to slide, I will try to identify the slide number to
2 which I'm referring so that we're all looking at the same thing
3 since obviously Your Honor is not in the room.

4 The preamble of Claim 30 recites, an LED light bulb
5 adapted for use in standard automotive mini-wedge type bulb
6 sockets. So the preamble of Claim 30 specifically identifies
7 standard automotive mini-wedge sockets.

8 Slide 2. Standard automotive mini-wedge incandescent
9 sockets were well-known in the art as of December 2001. It was
10 also known in the art as of December 2001 to modify the base of
11 automotive incandescent bulbs to fit a particular socket.

12 Slide 3. According to prior art reference Young, the
13 particular choice of the base design is felt to be a matter of design
14 choice. Young depicts three embodiments that differ in base
15 type. Figure 1 shows a wedge, Figure 2 shows a bayonet and
16 Figure 3 shows a mini-wedge.

17 JUDGE QUINN: I have a question for you. There has
18 been a lot of argument by Patent Owner that the base of the prior
19 art presented in this case is not a mini-wedge, even though there
20 have been assertions by Petitioner that they are three-digit
21 incandescent light bulbs.

22 Are these synonymous terms, and if they're not, what is
23 the overlap between these terms?

24 MR. MORAN: Mini-wedge bulbs are a subset of
25 three-digit bulbs, so three-digit bulbs is a little bit of a broader

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