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In The Supreme Court of the United States

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NEOLOGY, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, et al.,

Respondents.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTION PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

A patent claim is presumed to be valid. However, the patent claim's validity can be challenged on the grounds that it lacks adequate written description in the patent application from which the claim issued ("the relevant patent application"). Separately, the same patent claim's effective filing date can be challenged (without challenging the claim's validity) for lack of adequate written description in an earlier filed "parent" patent application. The parent and the relevant patent applications have different written descriptions because their respective initially filed claims, which conclude the specification, are different. In the proceedings below, only the effective filing date was challenged, not validity. Yet, the Federal Circuit held that because both the filing date and the validity challenges relate to written description, Petitioner was put on notice and waived the argument that the initially filed claims of the relevant patent application provide verbatim written description support for the asserted claims.

In view of this, the Question Presented is:

Whether, as a matter of law and procedural due process, a patent can be invalidated without notifying the patent owner about the specific invalidity challenge posed by the validity challenger and giving the patent owner an opportunity to be heard.

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PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND RULE 29.6 STATEMENT

Petitioner in this Court (appellant below) is Neology, Inc.

Respondents in this Court (appellee and intervenors below) are the United States International Trade Commission, Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc., Kapsch TrafficCom Holding Corp., Kapsch TrafficCom Canada Inc., Star Systems International Ltd., and Star RFID Co., Ltd.

Pursuant to Rule 29.6, One Equity Partners VI L.P. owns 10% or more of the stock of Neology, Inc. There is no parent corporation of Neology, Inc.

STATEMENT OF RELATED PROCEEDINGS

This case is directly related to:

Neology, Inc. v. Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS Inc., et al, case no. 1:13-cv-2052 (LPS), pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware; no judgment has issued; the case is currently stayed pending the outcome of International Trade Commission proceedings.

This case is not directly related to the following case under the definition in Rule 14(b)(iii), but the same patents were at issue, in:

- Neology, Inc. v. Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS Inc., et al, case no. 2017-1228, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, judgment entered June 6, 2018; and
 - Neology, Inc. v. Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS Inc., et al, case no. 2017-1229, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; judgment entered June 6, 2018.

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