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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

17 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION

18 APPLE INC., a California corporation,

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., a
Korean business entity; SAMSUNG
22 ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., a New
York corporation; SAMSUNG
23 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMERICA,
LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

24 Defendants.
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CASE NO. 11-cv-01846-LHK (PSG)

**SAMSUNG’S NOTICE OF MOTION AND
MOTION FOR SPOILIATION ADVERSE
INFERENCE INSTRUCTION AGAINST
APPLE;**

DECLARATION OF ALEX BINDER;

PROPOSED ORDER

[Motion to Shorten Time Filed Concurrently]

1 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

2 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung
4 Electronics America, Inc., and Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC (collectively
5 “Samsung”) shall and hereby do move the Court, pursuant to this Court’s inherent powers, and
6 Magistrate Judge Grewal’s July 24, 2012 Order Granting-in-Part Apple’s Motion for an Adverse
7 Inference Jury Instruction, to give an adverse inference instruction to the jury regarding Apple’s
8 spoliation of evidence, and specifically, its failure to issue litigation hold notices until after filing
9 its complaint in this matter on April 15, 2011. This motion is based on this notice of motion and
10 supporting memorandum; the supporting Declaration of Alex Binder, and such other written or
11 oral argument as may be presented at or before the time this motion is taken under submission by
12 the Court.

13 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

14 Samsung seeks an Order that the jury will be given the same adverse inference instruction
15 with respect to Apple’s spoliation as may be given with respect to Samsung based on the relevant
16 preservation date of August 23, 2010.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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3 Holding one party to a legal standard as to which its adversary is excused is manifestly
4 reversible error. Yet that is precisely what is contemplated in Magistrate Judge Grewal's July 24,
5 2012 Order.

6 Magistrate Judge Grewal concluded that the relevant date triggering Samsung's duty to
7 preserve in this case was August 23, 2010. Noting the evidence that Apple did not issue a
8 litigation hold notice until April 2011 (and in many cases, long after), Judge Grewal stated
9 "Samsung has always been free to argue, at the appropriate time, that Apple too is guilty of
10 spoliation." (Order at 16, n.82.) Now is the appropriate time. Until this time, Samsung had
11 no occasion to file a motion inconsistent with its position, accepted by the ITC, that neither side
12 had an obligation to preserve evidence based on the discussions between the parties in August
13 2010. Indeed, if any party was on notice that litigation was likely to result, it was the putative
14 plaintiff, Apple, not Samsung.

15 If Samsung is to be held to a duty to preserve evidence effective August 23, 2010 by virtue
16 of Apple making a so-called "infringement presentation" to Samsung on August 4, 2010, Apple
17 must be held to the same standard. Because it is undisputed that Apple did not issue *any*
18 litigation hold notices before April 2011, and because of the same evidence of prejudice—a
19 striking lack of emails from key Apple inventors and other custodians that suggest significant
20 deletion of relevant information—the same spoliation adverse inference instructions issued against
21 Samsung must also be issued against Apple.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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23 Magistrate Judge Grewal's Order Granting Adverse Inference Instructions Against
24 Samsung. On July 24, 2012, Magistrate Judge Grewal issued an order granting Apple's motion
25 for an adverse inference jury instruction against Samsung based on spoliation of evidence. (*See*
26 Dkt. No. 1321, hereinafter, "Order".) In his order, Judge Grewal found that an August 4, 2010
27 meeting between Apple and Samsung in which Apple accused Samsung of infringement triggered
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1 Samsung’s duty to preserve evidence potentially relevant to this litigation. (Order at 15-17.)

2 Judge Grewal found that the duty to preserve was triggered by the following:

3 Apple delivered, in person, a comprehensive summary of its specific patent
4 infringement claims against specific Samsung products. Whatever hopes Samsung
5 might have subjectively held for a license or other non-suit resolution, this would
6 certainly put a reasonably prudent actor on notice that litigation was at least
7 foreseeable, if not “on the horizon.”

7 (Order at 16:3-7.) Immediately following the above passage, Judge Grewal wrote a footnote
8 stating that *Apple’s* “fail[ure] to issue litigation hold notices in August 2010 is irrelevant to the
9 court’s determination here. Samsung has always been free to argue, at the appropriate time, that
10 Apple too is guilty of spoliation.”

11 Apple Failed to Issue Litigation Hold Notices. Although in August 2010 Samsung had no
12 way of knowing the intended scope or likelihood of Apple filing this lawsuit in April 2011,
13 Samsung issued a limited litigation hold notice based on Apple’s August 4, 2010 discussions with
14 Apple—good-faith efforts to preserve that Apple has now successfully used *against* Samsung.
15 (See Order at 13 n.34; 16-17.) That notice did not say that Samsung knew that litigation was
16 likely: it stated that “[i]n light of the recent discussions between Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.
17 (“Samsung”) and Apple Inc. (“Apple”), there is a reasonable likelihood of future patent litigation
18 between Samsung and Apple *unless a business resolution can be reached.*” (emphasis added).
19 Judge Grewal simply ignored the italicized words, not to mention the long history of the two
20 companies reaching just such “business resolutions,” effectively punishing Samsung for being
21 *more* vigilant than Apple regarding protecting potential evidence.

22 In contrast, Apple—the plaintiff in the initial lawsuit who certainly knew the likelihood of
23 filing its own lawsuit—issued *no litigation hold notice at all until after filing its lawsuit in April*
24 *2011.*¹ Even worse, Apple did not issue litigation hold notices to critical designers and inventors
25 of the very patents it asserted were infringed *until January 2012 and later.* (Binder Decl., ¶¶ 8-

27 ¹ See Declaration of Alex Binder, filed concurrently (“Binder Decl.”), Exs. 1-2.

1 12.) For example, four Apple design witnesses did not receive litigation hold notices until
 2 January 11, 2012. (Binder Decl., ¶ 8; Exs. 1-2.) One Apple inventor, Brian Huppi, did not
 3 receive a hold notice until January 11, 2012. (*Id.* at ¶ 9.) In fact, Apple did not complete
 4 delivery of over 25 percent of its litigation hold notices until after January 30, 2012. (*Id.* at ¶ 27.)
 5 Steve Jobs, a named inventor on 8 patents, never received a hold notice. (*Id.* at ¶ 10.) And
 6 many of the individuals listed on Apple’s own Initial Disclosures in this case did not receive hold
 7 notices until September and December 2011, and in some cases January 2012. (*Id.* at ¶ 12.)

8 Relevant Evidence Was Lost as a Result of Apple’s Failure to Issue Litigation Hold
 9 Notices. In finding that Apple had been prejudiced by Samsung’s failure to issue litigation hold
 10 notices, Magistrate Judge Grewal pointed to evidence of “statistical contrast” presented by certain
 11 Samsung witnesses who did not appear to have produced sufficient numbers of emails. (*See*
 12 Order at 20-21.) As discussed below in Section III, even more serious statistical contrasts are
 13 evidenced by Apple’s own production.

14 ARGUMENT

15 Samsung is separately appealing Judge Grewal’s decision as beyond his authority and
 16 contrary to law and fact. If that decision is not reversed after the required *de novo* review, then
 17 Samsung is entitled to have the very same adverse inference instruction given as against Apple as
 18 any to be given against Samsung.

19 **I. APPLE’S DUTY TO PRESERVE WAS TRIGGERED—AT THE LATEST—AT** 20 **THE SAME TIME AS SAMSUNG’S**

21 As the plaintiff-patentee in this litigation, Apple’s duty to preserve triggered *at least* as
 22 early as Samsung’s. *See Micron Tech., Inc. v. Rambus Inc.*, 645 F.3d 1311, 1325 (Fed. Cir.
 23 2011). In *Micron*, the Federal Circuit held:

24 [Rambus] was the plaintiff-patentee . . . and its decision whether to litigate or not
 25 was the determining factor in whether or not litigation would in fact ensue. In
 26 other words, whether litigation was reasonably foreseeable was largely dependent
 27 on whether Rambus chose to litigate. ***It is thus more reasonable for a party in***
Rambus’s position as a patentee to foresee litigation that does in fact commence,
than it is for a party in the manufacturers’ position as the accused.

1 As Judge Grewal himself found, Apple was aware of the scope of its claims even before Samsung
 2 was. *See* Order at 16 (“Apple delivered, in person, a comprehensive summary of its specific
 3 patent infringement claims against specific Samsung products. Whatever hopes Samsung might
 4 have subjectively held for a license or other non-suit resolution, this would certainly put a
 5 reasonably prudent actor on notice that litigation was at least foreseeable, if not ‘on the
 6 horizon.’”).² It was Apple that prepared this presentation (prior to the initial meeting) and Apple
 7 that chose to litigate. Under *Micron*, it would be reversible error—which threatens to infect this
 8 entire trial—to impose a duty on the accused and no duty at all on the patentee.

9 **II. UNDER MAGISTRATE JUDGE GREWAL’S ORDER, APPLE DESTROYED**
 10 **EVIDENCE WITH A CULPABLE STATE OF MIND**

11 In his Order, Judge Grewal held that although the record did not establish any bad faith on
 12 Samsung’s part, an adverse inference instruction can be supported by a lesser showing of
 13 “conscious disregard.” *Id.* at 18:10. He did not base this finding on Samsung’s “prudence and
 14 responsibility in regards to its post-complaint preservation efforts” (Order at 16:15-18), but found
 15 conscious disregard based on Samsung’s failure “to send litigation hold notices in August 2010,
 16 beyond a select handful of employees, when its duty to preserve relevant evidence arose” and its
 17 failure to provide “follow-up” until April 2011, after Apple filed its complaint. *Id.* at 19:1-5.
 18 According to Judge Grewal, this “is more than sufficient to show willfulness.” *Id.* at 19:6.

19 These arguments apply with far greater force to Apple’s conduct. Apple issued *no*
 20 litigation hold notices until *after* it filed its complaint, and, as discussed in more detail above,
 21 Apple did not issue hold notices to many key inventors and other fact witnesses until months *after*
 22 filing its complaint, despite being in the better position to know that it intended to initiate litigation,
 23 and the likely scope of its claims. (*See* Binder Decl., ¶¶ 7-12.)

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 26 ² In fact, as detailed in Samsung’s appeal of Judge Grewal’s order, that presentation was
 27 limited to utility patents, most of which Apple did not ultimately include in its April 2011
 28 complaint.

1 **III. APPLE’S FAILURE TO ISSUE LITIGATION HOLD NOTICES CAUSED**
 2 **RELEVANT EVIDENCE TO BE DESTROYED**

3 In granting Apple’s motion for an adverse inference instruction, Judge Grewal found that
 4 relevant evidence must have been destroyed because of the limited number of emails produced by
 5 14 Samsung fact witnesses. (See Order at 19-21.) Applying this same analysis to Apple’s
 6 production, many of the most important Apple witnesses—including the named inventors of many
 7 of the patents at issue—suffer from this same infirmity to even greater degrees:

Custodian	Relevance	No. of Emails in Custodial Production	No. of Documents in Custodial Production
Bartley Andre	named inventor of D270, D899, D087, and D677 patents	14	135
Brian Huppi	named inventor of ‘607	0	104
Chris Harris	model builder	0	0
Chris Stringer	named inventor of D677, D270, and D889 patents	15	38
Curt Rothert	software engineer	30	30
Duncan Kerr	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	41	130
Eugene Whang	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	36	146
Evans Hankey	Designer	0	21
Jonathan Ive	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	45	173
Mark Buckley	finance analyst	0	100
Mark Lee	manager, model shop	8	10
Matthew Rohrbach	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D889 patents	32	385
Peter Russell-Clarke	named inventor of D270 patent	56	190

1	Quinn Hoellwarth	Apple in-house attorney, prosecutor of '949, and '757 patents	0	0
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3	Rico Zorkendorfer	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D889 patents	15	62
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5	Shin Nishibori	named inventor of D889, D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	18	94
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7	Stephen Lemay	named inventor of '163 patent	43	59
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9	Steve Jobs	named inventor of '949, '678, D087, D677, D270, D889, D757, and D678 patents; former CEO	51	54
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11	Wei Chen	technical director	12	37
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13 (See Binder Decl., ¶ 13.) Moreover, very few of the custodial documents fall within the period
14 between August 2010 and April 2011—of all the above-listed 19 key custodians, Apple produced
15 a combined total of approximately 66 emails dated between August 2010 and April 2011 (an
16 average of less than four emails per custodian during this critical time period). (Binder Decl., ¶
17 14.) And of these approximately 66 emails, more than 20 are simply various permutations of
18 email chains containing significant amounts of duplication. (*Id.*) If the limited production from
19 certain Samsung witnesses is sufficient to establish that relevant evidence was destroyed, the same
20 is true—to a greater degree—as to Apple's witnesses.

21 Similarly, Judge Grewal pointed to evidence that some emails involving Samsung
22 custodians were found not in those custodians' productions, but in the productions of *other*
23 Samsung witnesses. (Order at 21:6.) Once again, this same infirmity exists in Apple's
24 productions, but to an even greater degree:

25	Witness	Relevance	Non-Custodial Emails	Custodial Emails
26	Chris Stringer	named inventor of D677, D270, and D889 patents	475	15
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1	Douglas Satzger	Former industrial design creative lead and design manager	133	0
2	Eugene Whang	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	144	36
3	Jonathan Ive	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	759	45
4	Matthew Rohrbach	named inventor of D087, D677, D270, and D889 patents	112	31
5	Scott Forstall	Named inventor of '163 patent	1,676	172
6	Shin Nishibori	named inventor of D889, D087, D677, D270, and D899 patents	43	18
7	Stephen Lemay	named inventor of '163 patent	2,028	40
8	Steve Jobs	named inventor of '949, '678, D087, D677, D270, D889, D757, and D678 patents; former CEO	2,042	51
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18 (See Binder Decl., ¶ 14.) Likewise, Judge Grewal noted that “the majority of the accused
19 products at issue here [were] released prior to April 15, 2011,” when the suit was filed and the
20 notices sent. (See Order at 21.) The same is true for Apple, which as discussed above, did not
21 even send litigation hold notices to key custodians until months after filing suit.

22 **IV. IF ANY ADVERSE INFERENCE INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN AS TO SAMSUNG,**
23 **THE SAME INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE GIVEN AS TO APPLE**

24 Samsung had not previously requested an adverse inference instruction because it believed
25 (and continues to believe) that both parties’ duties to preserve evidence were triggered when
26 Apple filed this lawsuit in April 2011, not in August 2010. However, if Judge Grewal’s ruling
27 that the infringement discussions between Apple and Samsung in August 2010 triggered a duty to
28 preserve is upheld, Apple’s undisputed failure to issue *any* litigation hold notices until after it filed

1 this lawsuit in April 2011 (in contrast to Samsung’s limited litigation hold notices in August 2010),
2 requires that any adverse inference instruction given as against Samsung must be given as against
3 Apple as well. Samsung further requests that, because Apple was the plaintiff-patentee who
4 initiated this lawsuit, the adverse inference instruction as against Apple contain the following
5 additional language:

6 Apple initiated this lawsuit, and you should presume that it was more reasonable
7 for a party in Apple’s position to foresee litigation than it was for a party in
8 Samsung’s position.

8 *See Micron Tech., Inc. v. Rambus Inc.*, 645 F.3d 1311, 1325 (Fed. Cir. 2011).

9 **CONCLUSION**

10 For these reasons, Samsung respectfully requests that the Court grant adverse inference
11 jury instructions against Apple in the same manner and in the same language that it gives any such
12 instruction with respect to Samsung. Samsung further requests that the Court instruct the jury, as
13 above, that it should presume that it was more reasonable for Apple to foresee this litigation than it
14 was for Samsung to do so.

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