

Mannheim Local Division UPC_CFI_197/2025

Order of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court issued on 1 August 2025 concerning EP 2 481 141 concerning App_33539/2025 (Request pursuant to R. 295 RoP)

CLAIMANT:

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DEFENDANTS/APPLICANTS:

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PATENT AT ISSUE:

European patent 2 481 141

PANEL/DIVISION:

Panel of the Local Division in Mannheim

DECIDING JUDGES:

This order was issued by the legally qualified judge Böttcher acting as judge-rapporteur.

LANGUAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS: English

SUBJECT OF THE PROCEEDINGS: infringement action; request pursuant to R. 295 RoP

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FACT

Defendants filed a conditional request to stay the proceedings at hand in light of their FRAND counterclaim pending before the LD Munich.

Defendants argue, in particular, that a stay would avoid the incurrence of further, unnecessary costs on behalf of the parties and a waste of judicial resources if their FRAND counterclaim would be decided first, thereby clarifying whether Defendants are entitled to such a FRAND licence covering the patent-in-suit at hand.

For further details, reference is made to Defendants' brief of 30 July 2025.

Defendants request that the Court,

in the event that the Court finds that the Attacked Embodiments make use of any valid and asserted claim or claims of the Patent in Suit, stay the present infringement proceedings (ACT 10747/2025) pending a final decision of the Munich Local Division of this Court regarding Defendants' FRAND Counterclaim dated 11 July 2025 filed in the proceedings under docket no: UPC_CFI_399/2025, ACT_21153/2025, App_32758/2025.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

1. The request has to be construed as meaning that the panel shall decide upon it after the oral hearing. This follows from the condition that the court finds that the Attacked Embodiments make use of any valid and asserted claim or claims of the patent-in-suit. If the action should be to be dismissed because the patent-in-suit is not infringed or is not valid, the Defendants do not want a stay of the proceedings at hand, but rather dismissal of the infringement action (and, if applicable, revocation of the patent-in-suit) regardless of the outcome of their FRAND counterclaim before the LD Munich. In the absence of further circumstances, at this stage of the proceedings, such a dismissal is only possible on the basis of an oral hearing on the merits of the

case.

2. Even if Defendants' request were interpreted differently, for the reasons stated supra, no decision on this request can be made before the oral hearing in the proceedings at hand is concluded. Only then it can be determined whether the patent-in-suit is infringed and (if the counterclaim for revocation is also heard by the panel) valid and whether Defendants' FRAND defence is therefore decisive for the outcome of the proceedings at hand.

3. Given that the decision on the request to stay proceedings is being postponed until after the oral hearing, there is no need to hear the Claimant separately. Claimant is free to comment on the request in its forthcoming reply to the statement of defence in the infringement proceedings.

ORDER:

1. The decision on Defendants' request is postponed until after the oral hearing.

2. Claimant may comment on Defendants' request in its forthcoming reply to the statement of defence in the infringement proceedings.

ORDER DETAILS

Order no. ORD_34185/2025 in ACTION NUMBER: ACT_10747/2025

UPC number: UPC_CFI_197/2025 Action type: Infringement Action

Related proceeding no. Application No.: 33539/2025 Application Type: Generic procedural Application

Issued in Mannheim on 1 August 2025

NAME AND SIGNATURE

Böttcher

Judge-rapporteur