

# **Procedural Order**

# of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court in the main proceedings related to European Patent 3 057 321 delivered on 09/05/2024

Date of receipt of Statement of claim: 22/12/2023

TCL Statement
Deutschland of claim
GmbH & Co. KG served on
(Defendant) - 23/02/2024

Am Seestern 4 -

40547 -

Düsseldorf - DE

TCL Industrial Statement
Holdings Co., of claim
Ltd. served on
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TCT Mobile Statement
Germany of claim
GmbH served on
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**TCT Mobile** Statement **Europe SAS** of claim (Defendant) - served on 55 Avenue des 23/03/2024

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# PATENT AT ISSUE

Patent no. Proprietor/s

**EP3057321** NEC Corporation

## **DECIDING JUDGE**

## **COMPOSITION OF PANEL — FULL PANEL**

Presiding judge and

Judge-rapporteur Matthias Zigann
Legally qualified judge Tobias Pichlmaier
Legally qualified judge Andras Kupecz

The order was made by Presiding Judge Matthias Zigann, acting as Judge-Rapporteur.

LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS: English

### SUBJECT-MATTER OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Patent infringement;

here: missing or wrong appendixes in the statement of claim

## STATEMENT OF THE FORMS OF ORDER SOUGHT BY THE PARTIES

Defendants 1, 3, 6 and 6 request:

The Plaintiff is ordered to submit to the Defendants the HEVC standard version which it refers to on page 51 of its Statement of Claim dated 22 December 2023.

#### **SUMMARY OF FACTS**

The statement of claim was lodged on 22/12/2023. Service was effected on defendant 1 on 23/02/2024, on defendant 3 on 24/03/2024 and on defendants 4 and 6 on 23/03/2024. Service on defendants 2, 5 and 7 is still to be effected.

By letter of 08/05/2024, the representative of defendants 1, 3, 4 and 6 informed the Court that the plaintiff had failed to provide substantial evidence of the alleged infringement in his statement of claim of 22/12/2023. The plaintiff did not provide any version of the HEVC standard. The allegedly relevant standard version submitted as Annex BP 6 does not show the HEVC standard, but its predecessor, the AVC standard.

Representative of plaintiff proactively informed the Court by email on 08/05/2024 that the irrelevant AVC standard had in fact been inadvertently submitted in all three proceedings instead of the HEVC standard. The correct standard will be uploaded to the CMS as soon as the Court grants the opportunity to amend the pleadings. Therefore, a final order could be issued without first inviting comments from the applicant.

## **GROUNDS FOR THE ORDER**

The plaintiff should be ordered to provide the correct standard version. This can be done by filing an amended version of the statement of claim. In doing so, the plaintiff may also amend any other information that will facilitate service on defendants 2, 5 and 7.

The parties are reminded that the time limit for lodging the statement of defence may be extended accordingly for defendants 1, 3, 4 and 6 upon request. This can be conveniently dealt with in workstream App\_24843/2024 in connection with a request by the plaintiff to shorten the time limit for defendants 3, 4 and 6 to 23/05/2024.

#### <u>Order</u>

Plaintiff is ordered to amend the statement of claim accordingly within 10 days.

Dr. Zigann Presiding Judge and Judge-rapporteur

## **ORDER DETAILS**

Order no. ORD\_26426/2024 in ACTION NUMBER: ACT\_596658/2023

UPC number: UPC\_CFI\_498/2023
Action type: Infringement Action

Related proceeding no. Application No.: 26104/2024 Application Type: Generic procedural Application