



Local division Mannheim

UPC_CFI_210/2023

Order

**of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court issued on
9 July 2024**

here: Applications for extension of deadlines App_39329/2024 and 39331/2024

Patent in suit

| <i>Patent no.</i> | <i>Holder</i> |
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| EP2568724 | Panasonic Holdings Corporation |

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The defendant's deadlines, which currently run until 17 July 2024, for

- its Reply to the Reply to the Statement of Defence (FRAND),
- its Reply to the defence to the FRAND counterclaim

now that a final decision has been made on the confidentiality regime extended **until 14 August 2024**.

The extension is necessary but also sufficient to take a final position on the FRAND aspect of the dispute. When assessing the scope of the extension of the deadline, it had to be taken into account that the natural persons on the defendant's side are also part of the confidentiality regime in the parallel national proceedings and, according to the defendant's own submission, already know the contract documents from this context. This means that they do not have to familiarise themselves with the materials for the first time.

When calculating the time limit, the fact that the plaintiff has a short period of three days to object to the use of the documents in the proceedings, if necessary, in view of the partial rejection of her applications for secrecy protection, has already been taken into account.

For the further organisation of the parties' work, it should be noted that, as things stand at present - subject to the documents still outstanding - no interim hearing is intended to be held after extensive preparation of the subject matter of the proceedings to date has already taken place in the written procedure. Rather, a written decision on any issues to be clarified in the interim proceedings should be sufficient.

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