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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANVIK CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

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NIKON PRECISION, INC., et al., : Civ. No. 05-7891 (AKH)

LG.PHILIPS LCD CO., LTD., et al., : Civ. No. 07-0816 (AKH)

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., et al., : Civ. No. 07-0818 (AKH)

CHI MEI OPTOELECTRONICS, et al., : Civ. No. 07-0821 (AKH)

AU OPTRONICS CORP., et al., : Civ. No. 07-0822 (AKH)

SHARP CORP., et al., : Civ. No. 07-0825 (AKH)

INNOLUX DISPLAY CORP., : Civ. No. 07-0826 (AKH)

HANNSTAR DISPLAY CORP., : Civ. No. 07-0827 (AKH)

AFPD PTE LTD., and : Civ. No. 07-0828 (AKH)

IPS ALPHA TECHNOLOGY, LTD, et al. : Civ. No. 08-4036 (AKH)

Defendants.

ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS WITH PREJUDICE

On March 30, 2012, the Court heard argument in Anvik Corp. v. Nikon Precision, Inc., et al. concerning Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patents Nos. 4,924,257, 5,285,236, and 5,291,240 for Failure to Disclose Best Mode Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (the "Motion"). The Court issued an oral ruling granting the Motion for reasons stated orally and transcribed as part of the record of that hearing. (A copy of the transcript is attached hereto as

Appendix A.) The parties stipulated on the record that the Court's ruling on the Motion would apply to all of the above-captioned actions. On April 3, 2012, the Court issued a Summary Order memorializing the oral ruling. (A copy of the Summary Order is attached hereto as Appendix B.)

The Court directed Defendants to confer with Plaintiff and submit an agreed order and form of judgment dismissing all of the above-captioned actions in accordance with the Court's ruling, without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to appeal, as stated on the record of March 30, 2012.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Claims 17 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 4,924,257 are declared invalid for failure to comply with the requirement that "[t]he specification . . . shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention." 35 U.S.C. § 112.
- 2. Claims 23 and 25 of U.S. Patent 5,285,236 are declared invalid for failure to comply with the requirement that "[t]he specification . . . shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention." 35 U.S.C. § 112.
- 3. Claim 25 of U.S. Patent 5,291,240 is declared invalid for failure to comply with the requirement that "[t]he specification . . . shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention." 35 U.S.C. § 112.
- 4. Plaintiff's Complaint or Amended Complaint, as the case may be, in each of the above-captioned actions is dismissed with prejudice.
- 5. Defendants' Counterclaims, other than those asserting invalidity of U.S. Patents Nos. 4,924,257, 5,285,236, and 5,291,240 in each of the above-captioned actions, are dismissed without prejudice as moot.

- 6. All other summary judgment motions by Defendants are denied without prejudice as moot.
 - 7. All Daubert motions by Defendants are withdrawn, without prejudice, on consent.
- Defendants have leave to withdraw exhibits of pending motions for which sealing was requested.
- The Clerk shall enter Judgment in the form attached pursuant to Rules 54 and 58
 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

SO ORDERED:

April 4, 2012 New York New York

> ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN United States District Judge

 $\overline{\text{APPENDIX A}}$

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NIKON PRECISION, INC., NIKON RESEARCH CORPORATION OF AMERICA, and NIKON CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Oral Argument

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NIKON PRECISION, INC., NIKON RESEARCH CORPORATION OF AMERICA, AND NIKON CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Plaintiffs,

v.

ANVIK CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Defendants.

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Before:

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- 1 (In open court)
- 2 (Case called)
- 3 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, your Honor. Chad Johnson
- 4 of Bernstein Litowitz on behalf of Anvik. With me are my
- 5 colleagues, Jaí Chandrasekhar, Joshua Raskin, and Max Berger.
- 6 And we also have Dr. Kantilal Jain, who's the head of Anvik and
- 7 the inventor of the technology at issue.
- 8 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 9 MR. McELHINNY: Good afternoon, your Honor, Harold
- 10 McElhinny for Nikon and the other defendants on this motion.
- 11 With me today are Mr. Jack Londen, Mr. Eric Acker, and
- 12 Ms. Karen Hagberg, who are my partners.
- 13 THE COURT: Thank you.
- So you made the motion, Mr. McElhinny. You may speak
- 15 first.
- MR. McELHINNY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 17 First, your Honor, I would like to thank you for
- 18 accommodating my schedule. I know you have a very busy
- 19 schedule and hearing us today, I appreciate that you would do
- 20 that for me.
- 21 (Discussion off the record)
- MR. McELHINNY: As we all know, going back to common
- 23 law time, in fact the United States Constitution, the patent
- 24 system is a bargain. Inventors, who actually invent something,
- 25 get a valuable property right in exchange for disclosing their

- 1 invention immediately and not keeping it a secret and
- 2 disclosing it to other people in the world so that the
- 3 invention and progress can continue. The terms of that bargain
- 4 are also not particularly complicated, and in one of them the
- 5 best mode requirement, as has been set out in statutes almost
- 6 since the beginning of the patent statute itself, in a patent
- 7 application you have to describe the invention --
- 8 THE COURT: Let's cut to the real issue here.
- 9 MR. McELHINNY: Yes, your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: If this source of illumination is a part
- of the claim, then the best mode, as the inventor conceived it,
- 12 if he did conceive it, is critical. If it's not a part of the
- 13 claim, then, although it still could be a requirement of it, it
- 14 becomes less important.
- So there is an expert, Dr. Smith, Professor Smith,
- 16 Bruce Smith, who said there's a lot of different light sources
- 17 and any one of them could work just fine. The light source is
- 18 not part of the claim, part of the invention. Yet at the
- 19 Markman hearing it was one of the three components of the
- 20 claim, one being the source of illumination, the second being
- 21 the mask, and the third being the substrate where the
- 22 semiconductor image is imprinted. So that suggests that the
- 23 source of illumination is part of the claim.
- 24 Then when we got to trying to define it, it was
- 25 defined in functions, that which will work as part of the

- 1 claim. It's hard to understand the adequacy of the
- 2 description. Your motion is not based on an inadequacy of
- 3 description; it's based on not coming forward with the best
- 4 source. And I'm confused as to the interplay of all these
- 5 different criteria.
- 6 MR. McELHINNY: Fair enough, your Honor. Let me start
- 7 with the question you didn't ask, but -- the question of
- 8 whether or not the best mode, the illumination system, is part
- 9 of the claim is a question of law. It's a question of claim
- 10 construction and a question --
- 11 THE COURT: Right, I agree with that. It's right in
- 12 the claim. It's right in the claim.
- MR. McELHINNY: That's where I'm going. And as he
- 14 always is --
- 15 THE COURT: But if they disclaim it, I quess they can
- 16 always do that, and we then become focused on the other two
- 17 parts of the claimed invention.
- 18 MR. McELHINNY: Not exactly, your Honor, because --
- 19 this is an important point. As he always is, Dr. Smith was
- 20 very careful in what he said in his declaration and I think
- 21 actually created the ambiguity that your Honor is addressing.
- 22 It is not the requirement that the specific best mode be part
- 23 of the claim.
- 24 THE COURT: I understand.
- MR. McELHINNY: What is required is that the generic

- 1 element of the claim has to be claimed, and then once that is
- 2 claimed --
- 3 THE COURT: And described.
- 4 MR. McELHINNY: Well, and described, but once it is
- 5 claimed, then the inventor has the duty to come forward in the
- 6 specification and say, and in this general system this is what
- 7 I believe to have been -- to be the best, and in some cases the
- 8 only way, but in this case the best way to do it.
- 9 THE COURT: Yes. That's what the law says.
- 10 MR. McELHINNY: So the concept -- the argument,
- 11 frankly, the argument that the illumination system wasn't
- 12 claimed, I think is, as your Honor says, is not accurate. It
- is spelled out specifically in the claim.
- 14 THE COURT: It's right in the claim.
- 15 MR. McELHINNY: And it's in the claim and it's in the
- 16 claim construction.
- 17 THE COURT: Right. And I construed it.
- MR. McELHINNY: And it's not even so general as an
- 19 illumination system but it's a specific type because it was a
- 20 specific illumination system that generated a polygonal shape.
- 21 THE COURT: Providing an illumination subsystem
- 22 capable of uniformly illuminating a polygon-shaped region on
- 23 the mask, which I defined it that the phrase means that the
- 24 illumination subsystem has a capacity to illuminate the mask in
- 25 such a way that radiation, or light, that falls on the mask

- forms the shape of a polygon, and the polygon here is the
- 2 hexagon. And radiation, or light, is uniformly distributed
- 3 throughout the shape of the polygon. That's what's claimed.
- 4 MR. McELHINNY: And that's in the '257 patent, your
- 5 Honor. There are similar claims in the '236 and the '240.
- 6 THE COURT: Correct.
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: So to try to argue that this
- 8 illumination system is not part of the claim I think is --
- 9 THE COURT: You've got me there. I accept that.
- MR. McELHINNY: Okay. So once it's part of the
- 11 claims, or material to it -- but here in this case it is part
- 12 of the claims -- it's a simple two-part test. The first part,
- 13 the court tells us, is -- the Federal Circuit tells us, is
- 14 subjective: Did the inventor have a best mode of practicing
- 15 this part of the claim.
- 16 THE COURT: And your claim is that Dr. Jain admitted
- 17 it. He said --
- MR. McELHINNY: Yes. That's the punchline.
- In addition to that, and if you look at these
- 20 indicia -- if you look, as I'm sure you have, at the U.S.
- 21 Gypsum case, which is the one that's most directly on point
- 22 here --
- THE COURT: Let's read out his testimony. We'll get
- 24 to the law. Let's focus on his testimony.
- MR. McELHINNY: Okay. But if I can put it into

- 1 context for you, because I think the chronology is important.
- 2 He drew his invention in a notebook. He drew this specific
- 3 hexagonal tunnel and said, "We will show you how it works," and
- 4 then he drew this hexagonal tunnel. He then -- and the very
- 5 first patent application he filed was for that illumination
- 6 system.
- 7 He then, when he went to the SPIE conference in 1991,
- 8 testified that although he described his system, he did not
- 9 describe that illumination system because it was proprietary
- 10 and because he had a patent pending for it. He also testified
- 11 that it's the only illumination system that he ever built in
- 12 any of the 11 machines he built.
- 13 So that's the background facts here.
- And then we have his actual testimony in his
- 15 deposition, and your Honor has read it, and what was
- 16 particularly important to me was, it was an unforced statement.
- 17 The question was, you know, "Why were you at the SPIE
- 18 conference?" which is years after he actually filed the
- 19 application. "Why was this important to you?" And he said,
- 20 "Because this was the best way of doing it that I had thought
- 21 of as of that date." 1991. Application filed in 1988. As of
- 22 1991, he volunteers, "That is the best way I had thought of
- 23 doing it up until 1991." It's as though he had said, "This was
- 24 my best mode." It is what he said.
- So again, that's my -- well, there are a number of

- 1 cases, but we really can't have a more clear admission, and
- 2 it's not tricked, it's not taken out of context, because these
- 3 other facts tell us, it's just true.
- 4 THE COURT: Do you mind if we switch off to now
- 5 Mr. Johnson, see how he describes it? That's really your whole
- 6 motion, Mr. McElhinny.
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: Well, the second part of it, which is
- 8 another admission, which is, it's not described any place in
- 9 the patent, it's a box labeled I, and then --
- 10 THE COURT: We'll get to that.
- 11 MR. McELHINNY: Yes, your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Johnson.
- MR. JOHNSON: Do you prefer, your Honor, if I'm over
- 14 at the podium?
- THE COURT: Yes. Otherwise you block Mr. McElhinny.
- MR. JOHNSON: First, your Honor, I want to be clear
- 17 about the fact that there's no argument on our side of this
- 18 case that an illumination subsystem is not claimed in the
- 19 asserted patent. That's not an argument being made by anyone
- 20 in this case. There are other critical arguments that impact
- 21 this very issue, and one that you were heading towards I
- 22 believe, your Honor, was the actual testimony, and I would like
- 23 to refer to that, if you wouldn't mind.
- 24 THE COURT: Let's read it together.
- 25 MR. JOHNSON: Very good. I don't know which exhibit

- 1 is easier for you to look at, but Exhibit 1 to my declaration
- 2 attached to our opposition papers includes the testimony, and
- 3 if you start at page 300 of the transcript -- we could talk
- 4 about all of it, but if we start at 300, it gets to some of the
- 5 most crucial points here.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 MR, JOHNSON: All right. So on 300, the bottom half
- 8 of that page, you have a question about the invention described
- 9 in the '257 patent, "your idea of producing the hexagonal
- 10 shape" and so on. The answer is, referring to this light
- 11 tunnel, "That's certainly one method." Okay. I'm not ending
- 12 the point there, but Dr. Jain points out that is one method.
- And then up on the top of the next page, he again
- 14 says, "yes, this method is one of the methods I had in mind."
- 15 Then if you go -- that was on page 301. Further down
- on page 301, towards the very bottom, there's a question about
- 17 the '013 patent, which is the light tunnel, and the answer is,
- 18 "No, that is also limiting. My idea was that one of the
- 19 methods of doing that would be in the '013 patent."
- 20 THE COURT: Could I ask you this: If the '013 patent
- 21 is not referenced in the -- what do you call it, the '237?
- 22 MR. JOHNSON: '257.
- 23 THE COURT: -- the '257 patent, does that help the
- 24 '257 patent at all if it's not referenced?
- MR. JOHNSON: Does it help the '257 patent?

- THE COURT: "Help" is a bad word. If the '013 patent
- 2 description is supposed to provide a description for the '257
- 3 patent and the '257 patent does not reference the '013 patent,
- 4 and the '013 patent is secret at the time because it's a patent
- 5 pending, why does it help understand the '257 patent?
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: The issue here is, if and only if the
- 7 light tunnel, which is in the '013, is the best, not just one
- 8 of, but the superior, the best, the optimum method, then it
- 9 would have to be disclosed, but still there are even more
- 10 points that go to that, which I will come to quite quickly.
- 11 THE COURT: I would think that you don't satisfy the
- 12 best embodiment rule, Section 112, in the '257 patent unless
- 13 there's a reference to the '013 patent, and there is none.
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, that would assume a conclusion,
- 15 your Honor, that the '013 light tunnel was the subjective best
- 16 mode that Dr. Jain had in mind.
- 17 THE COURT: Correct. But you just said to me that it
- 18 was.
- MR. JOHNSON: No, your Honor.
- THE COURT: "Q. You did not disclose in the '257
- 21 patent how the illumination system provided the nominal
- 22 hexagonal illumination at the effective source plane; right?"
- 23 I'm reading from page 301, starting at line 17.
- 24 "A. That's correct.
- "Q. Your idea was that that would be in the '013

- patent; right?
- 2 "A. No, that is also limiting. My idea was that one
- 3 of the methods of doing that would be in the '013 patent."
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: Every time these answers talk about one
- 5 of the methods, meaning it's not the only method, it's not the
- 6 best method, it is pointing out that there was not a best
- 7 method, and so -- but that's not the end of the testimony, as
- 8 it relates to this. It goes on, to page 302. Again, on line 7
- 9 there's another answer by Dr. Jain. "That method is one of the
- 10 methods."
- 11 THE COURT: Read 303.
- MR. JOHNSON: Absolutely, your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: "Q. When you filed your '013 patent
- 14 application," that's the light illumination, "and your '257
- 15 patent application, you considered the '013 hexagonal beam
- 16 shaper and uniformizer tunnel to have advantages over other
- 17 methods of providing uniform light to a mask in an illumination
- 18 system; right?
- "A. Over some other methods, correct.
- 20 "Q. Did you have in mind any method other than the
- 21 hexagonal beam shaper and uniformizer tunnel that you
- 22 considered to be better for providing uniform light to the
- 23 mask?
- 24 "A. I do not recall. I certainly may have had.
- 25 Because this method is providing uniform hexagonal illumination

- on the substrate certainly is not the only optimum method. And
- 2 I was quite aware of that.
- 3 "There may be many variations that I or others may
- 4 think of. One of the methods was what is described in the
- 5 '013."
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: And that answer, your Honor,
- 7 encapsulates in many ways the issue here in the --
- 8 THE COURT: You know what it seems to me, he says that
- 9 the '013 is better than some other methods but maybe there's
- 10 others, and he starts to fence with the questioner. It's hard
- 11 for me to accept that there is any credibility whatever to the
- 12 portion that begins with line 16.
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, your Honor --
- 14 THE COURT: He's fencing with the questioner.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, what Dr. Jain is saying
- 16 here, his words, that's not the only optimum method, meaning
- 17 that -- and it doesn't say any kind of --
- 18 THE COURT: But he refuses to answer what may be other
- 19 optimum methods, so that suggests to me that when he says that
- 20 this is better than other methods and he can't name another
- 21 method that's equal or better than the '013 method, then he's
- 22 saying that the '013 method is the best. He knows that.
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, your Honor, there are a couple
- 24 issues here. They should not necessarily be conflated; that's
- 25 for sure.

- One of the issues is, was the light tunnel Dr. Jain's
- 2 subjective best mode, and the answers here point out
- 3 repeatedly, no, it was one of several methods that were
- 4 available. There are other optimum methods. That's one issue.
- 5 Another issue is that he was separately seeking a
- 6 patent on the light tunnel. These are separate inventions.
- 7 The light tunnel is not limited in its application to the
- 8 methods in the '257 patent, and the '257 patent is in no way
- 9 dependent on the use of the light tunnel. So Dr. Jain did what
- 10 Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit, Judge Rader emphasizes in
- 11 the Bayer decision patent applicants should do. He filed a
- 12 separate application for these two inventions, he pointed out
- in the '257 patent what is needed, and -- here is a third
- issue, which is critical, and it may be one of the rare areas
- 15 where we and Nikon agree, your Honor, relates to whether this
- 16 is even an issue that falls into the area of best mode, because
- 17 although we and Nikon disagree on so many things, one thing we
- 18 have to agree on and they concede is that in regard to the
- 19 question of whether a mode is even subject to the best mode
- 20 analysis and whether instead it is properly considered a
- 21 routine detail or a production detail, that is clearly an area
- 22 for expert testimony. And the caselaw is crystal clear on
- 23 that.
- 24 THE COURT: What is the subject of expert testimony?
- MR. JOHNSON: Whether a mode is a routine detail that

- 1 someone skilled in the art would be able to look at the '257
- 2 patent, for instance, and say that's plenty to know how to
- 3 practice it, we don't need more than what's there. That issue
- 4 is decided by reference to expert testimony, and even Nikon
- 5 agrees with that.
- 6 THE COURT: I think it depends on the definitions and
- 7 descriptions in the patent. I defined the patent in the
- 8 Markman hearing, and the definitions of the illumination
- 9 source, as I observed then and as I observed again today, are
- 10 ambiguous. You cannot create a specificity where none is in
- 11 the patent itself. And expert testimony won't help you.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, this is not about changing
- 13 anything regarding the claim construction or the claim itself.
- 14 THE COURT: The law requires an enablement that is
- 15 subjective. What was in the inventor's mind? Did he envision
- 16 a best embodiment? As Section 112 states -- and it's always
- 17 good to go back to the text -- "The specification shall contain
- 18 a written description of the invention, and of the manner and
- 19 process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise,
- 20 and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to
- 21 which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected,
- 22 to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode
- 23 contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention."
- 24 "Shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of
- 25 carrying out his invention."

- So Mr. McElhinny points out to me that when Dr. Jain
- 2 says that he believed that that which he had set out in the
- 3 '013 patent was better than something else and he's not able to
- 4 answer another method that is as good as that set out in the
- 5 '013, that's a pretty good admission that what he set out in
- 6 the '013 was the best use he contemplated.
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Well, we need to be precise here, your
- 8 Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: I'm trying to be precise, as best as my
- 10 words can do, and I want to put it to you, Mr. Johnson, because
- If what he sets
- out in the '013 is the best mode he contemplated and there's no
- 13 reference from the '257 to the '013, has Dr. Jain failed to set
- 14 forth in the '257 patent the best mode he contemplated?
- MR. JOHNSON: No, because, your Honor, these are
- 16 different issues that do not get pushed together. Here's what
- 17 he said. I want to be precise about what he said. He said, in
- 18 connection with the '013, was that -- he was asked, "Was that
- 19 the best you had thought of?" Which, in the context of a
- 20 separate patent application, was understood by Dr. Jain to be
- 21 focused on, "Was that the best you had invented," as opposed
- 22 to, "Was that the best way you had thought of to practice the
- 23 Anvik '257 patent?"
- 24 THE COURT: Let me rephrase the question. Let's
- 25 suppose that what Dr. Jain put out in the '013 patent was the

- 1 best method he contemplated and he failed to reference that in
- 2 the '257 patent. Is there a failure of the enablement clause
- 3 in the '257 patent because of the absence of a cross-reference?
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: If the facts were different, the
- 5 conclusion should be different, your Honor. I accept that.
- THE COURT: I don't think you've answered my question.
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, your Honor, yes. I mean to say
- 8 yes. But that's not the facts.
- 9 THE COURT: In other words, the failure of the
- 10 cross-reference means there has not been a description of the
- 11 enablement.
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, your Honor, there is another
- 13 wrinkle which I did mention and I want to also --
- 14 THE COURT: I'd like you to answer my question,
- 15 Mr. Johnson.
- MR. JOHNSON: Absolutely. And that's why I --
- 17 THE COURT: What does absolutely mean? The answer is
- 18 yes or no. Is the absence of a cross-reference critical?
- MR. JOHNSON: No. And here's why. Can I go through
- 20 the explanation, your Honor? Is that all right?
- 21 THE COURT: Yeah. You said no.
- MR. JOHNSON: Because, your Honor, the caselaw still
- 23 focuses on whether one skilled in the art would understand from
- 24 the disclosure that is in the '257 how to practice this
- 25 invention, and in connection with that very issue, the court

- l has before it on summary judgment only the evidence of Anvik's
- 2 expert witness. Nikon made a decision not to put forward --
- 3 THE COURT: I'm not looking at the experts. I'm
- 4 looking at what Dr. Jain said.
- 5 Mr. McElhinny, is the failure to state the
- 6 cross-reference in the '257 patent to the '013 patent critical?
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: Absolutely, your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Johnson, is it critical?
- 9 MR. JOHNSON: It is not determinative, your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Is it critical?
- 11 MR. JOHNSON: It's relevant, but it does not determine
- 12 this question.
- 13 THE COURT: "Shall set forth the best mode
- 14 contemplated." Let's suppose he contemplated that the best
- 15 mode was that which he set out in the '013 patent. Has he set
- 16 forth in the '257 patent the best mode he contemplated? The
- 17 answer is yes or no.
- MR. JOHNSON: The answer is yes to that question, your
- 19 Honor. And, your Honor, I think you stopped reading from the
- 20 statute, because the statute I believe goes on to talk about --
- 21 THE COURT: "Shall set forth the best mode
- 22 contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention,"
- 23 period, close quote.
- 24 MR. JOHNSON: And the law makes clear that if one
- 25 skilled in the art from the disclosure provided can perform the

- invention, that is not a situation that triggers the best mode
- 2 defense, and let me offer a case that's particularly relevant.
- 3 THE COURT: That's the first part. The first part of
- 4 the definition of Section 112 is a description that is so
- 5 precise that someone skilled in the art can carry out the
- 6 invention. The second part is the embodiment clause, "shall
- 7 set forth the best mode contemplated." Look at the statute.
- 8 "The specification shall contain a written description in such
- 9 full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person
- 10 skilled in the art, to which it pertains or with which it is
- 11 the most nearly connected, to make and use the same." That's
- 12 the first clause. The second clause, "and shall set forth the
- 13 best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his
- 14 invention." So you can satisfy the first part and fail on the
- 15 second part and have your patent invalidated; right?
- MR. JOHNSON: No, your Honor, because the caselaw from
- 17 the Federal Circuit makes clear that if you have disclosed
- 18 sufficient information to perform the invention and that is
- 19 from the perspective of one skilled in the art -- and expert
- 20 testimony is well recognized by the caselaw to be on point in
- 21 connection with that issue -- then there is not a best mode
- 22 violation.
- THE COURT: So Mr. McElhinny, can you satisfy the
- 24 enablement clause or part of the clause, not satisfy the best
- 25 mode part of the clause, and have a valid patent?

- 1 MR. McELHINNY: You cannot -- you have to -- I'm
- 2 sorry. You have to satisfy both the enablement and the best
- 3 mode.
- 4 THE COURT: So even if a person skilled in the art can
- 5 know how to make and use the same from the description, if the
- 6 inventor has failed to set forth the best mode he
- 7 contemplated --
- 8 MR. McELHINNY: That's --
- 9 THE COURT: Invalid patent.
- 10 MR. McELHINNY: That's exactly this case.
- 11 THE COURT: The answer is yes.
- MR. McELHINNY: The answer is yes.
- MR. JOHNSON: The answer --
- 14 THE COURT: Mr. Johnson, the answer is no.
- MR. JOHNSON: And again, let me give you a case that's
- 16 on point.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Give me your case.
- MR. JOHNSON: All right, your Honor. The Mentor case
- 19 from the Federal Circuit. I want to give you the actual
- 20 citation too. 244 F.3d 1365. Most relevant is 1371 through
- 21 1375. Here's what was at issue in the Mentor case, your Honor.
- 22 The inventor in that case testified that a particular mode
- 23 actually was important to performing the invention at issue
- 24 there and it was not disclosed. The --
- THE COURT: What date was that case?

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1 MR. JOHNSON: I can tell you.
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- MR. McELHINNY: 2001, your Honor.
- 3 MR. JOHNSON: That's right.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 MR. JOHNSON: The inventor readily acknowledged -- the
- 6 record was clear -- that this mode was not disclosed in the
- 7 patent, and the Federal Circuit overturned the lower court's
- 8 granting of judgment as a matter of law and emphasized that
- 9 what that record showed was that although the inventor believed
- 10 that a particular mode was desirable and even important --
- 11 sound familiar? -- that that wasn't enough because the question
- 12 is whether the mode was truly, A, necessary as part of the
- 13 invention, which here the record is clear it's not, and it's
- 14 only necessary to disclose that if it's necessary, but beyond
- 15 that, the Federal Circuit pointed out that one skilled in the
- 16 art could look at what was in the invention -- even though it
- 17 didn't say do this thing which is best, do this thing which is
- 18 important, do this thing which is superior, one skilled in the
- 19 art could look at that and perform what was contemplated by the
- 20 patent in suit there. That case, your Honor, is strikingly
- 21 close to the case that we're dealing with here.
- 22 And so there can be arguments about this, but there's
- 23 another point, your Honor. Along the way you did make a
- 24 reference to the thought that you can't give much credibility
- 25 to a particular answer by Dr. Jain, but of course that is a

- 1 classic question not on summary judgment but for the jury
- 2 ultimately.
- 3 THE COURT: I'll get to that in a moment, but that's a
- 4 point that troubles me. And I want to get Mr. McElhinny's take
- 5 on it, but I want to clarify the law first. In Bayer AG v.
- 6 Schein Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 301 F.3d 1306, the Federal
- 7 Circuit found that because the existence of the best mode of
- 8 carrying out the invention is by definition known only to the
- 9 inventor, Section 112 demands actual disclosure regardless of
- 10 whether, as an abstract matter, practicing that mode would be
- 11 within the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art. In
- 12 other words, both clauses need to be satisfied, both the
- 13 enablement clause and the best mode clause.
- MR. JOHNSON: Well, your Honor, Bayer also goes on to
- 15 specifically note, in the same -- again, the same case -- I'm
- 16 on page 1323 of Bayer -- to note that --
- 17 THE COURT: One minute.
- MR. JOHNSON: Sorry.
- 19 THE COURT: Let me catch up to you.
- Used to be an easy method, easy thing to look at the
- 21 pages. Now, the way things are printed out, it's almost
- 22 impossible to find the page. What's the page you have, 1323?
- 23 MR. JOHNSON: Right.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. JOHNSON: All right. So in the note there, 5, the

- 1 court here is approvingly talking about cases such as Sonar
- 2 Corporation, where it discusses a function that didn't violate
- 3 the best mode, the failure to disclose function that itself did
- 4 not violate the best mode requirements because -- it's about
- 5 software, but it's within the skill of one of the art, not
- 6 requiring undue experimentation, etc., and noting that it's
- 7 well established that what is within the skill of art need not
- 8 be disclosed to satisfy the best mode requirements so long as
- 9 that mode is described.
- 10 THE COURT: People write software with different ways,
- and as is true of writing an English sentence, it's very hard
- 12 to say that one expression is better or worse than another
- 13 expression. Although English teachers may be able to grade
- 14 that, it's not really applicable to objective measurement, and
- 15 that's different from what we have here.
- MR. JOHNSON: Then the same passage goes on not to
- 17 talk about software anymore but to also note, approvingly, in
- 18 connection with the Chemcast case, that the adequacy of
- 19 disclosure depends on whether the disclosure is adequate to
- 20 enable one skilled in the art to practice the best mode.
- 21 And then, your Honor, I would also note that lower
- 22 courts as well, beyond the Federal Circuit, have used expert
- 23 testimony to conclude that an issue is not subject to the best
- 24 mode defense because it's known by one skilled in the art, and
- 25 I'd refer your Honor to --

- THE COURT: What's known by one skilled in the art?
- 2 MR. JOHNSON: How to do what is claimed by the
- 3 invention at issue.
- 4 THE COURT: I disagree with you. And I'll take this
- 5 language in the Bayer opinion which appears at page 1314,
- 6 towards the end of the page. "The best mode requirement is
- 7 separate and distinct from enablement and requires an inventor
- 8 to disclose the best mode contemplated by him as of the time he
- 9 executes the application of carrying out the invention. Unlike
- 10 enablement, the existence of a best mode is a purely subjective
- 11 matter." And I would interrupt and say that if it's purely
- 12 subjective, it's not open to expert testimony. "Unlike
- 13 enablement, the existence of a best mode is a purely subjective
- 14 matter, depending upon what the inventor actually believed at
- 15 the time the application was filed. Because of the subjective
- 16 nature of the best mode inquiry, the best mode disclosure
- 17 requirements, unlike enablement, cannot be met by mute
- 18 reference to the knowledge of one of skill in the art," which
- 19 is the subject on which you want to present expert testimony.
- 20 "The reason is pragmatic. It is unreasonable, if not
- 21 impossible, to require the ordinary artisan to peer into the
- 22 inventor's mind to discover his or her idiosyncratic
- 23 preferences as of the filing date."
- 24 All right. That's enough for reading.
- That's my ruling, Mr. Johnson. And the question on

- 1 what I'll now put to Mr. McElhinny is the question that
- 2 Mr. Johnson just started to get to. Aren't we involved in a
- 3 factual issue which I cannot make on summary judgment,
- 4 Mr. McElhinny? I don't know if it's you who questioned
- 5 Dr. Jain or one of your colleagues.
- 6 MR. McELHINNY: It was Mr. Londen, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: But he pursued this fairly well and he
- 8 never got a really clear admission from Dr. Jain that now
- 9 appears in the portion that I read. How can I rule on summary
- 10 judgment?
- MR. McELHINNY: Your Honor clearly has read the
- 12 transcript, and if I can give a little bit of --
- THE COURT: Don't assume anything, Mr. McElhinny.
- MR. McELHINNY: All right. Let me give it a little
- 15 bit of context. Here is what was going on, and it's clear from
- 16 all of the pages -- you're focused on the right pages, 300 to
- 17 313. When Mr. Londen was asking Dr. Jain questions about his
- 18 patent, Dr. Jain thought the issue was whether or not
- 19 Mr. Londen was trying to limit his patent to the specific
- 20 embodiment that he drew in his notebook. So when you see the
- 21 questions, he keeps saying, oh, no, that's not the only one,
- 22 that's not that -- I knew, you know, I had -- my mind was a
- 23 furnace and things were churning and I certainly knew about
- 24 other things and all the rest of that, and every answer is
- 25 consistent with that, which is there were other possibilities,

- 1 there were lots of things that could have been done, and it
- 2 goes like that. And that's important, I mean, because --
- 3 THE COURT: That seems to be consistent with the claim
- 4 of the illumination source as part of the innovation.
- 5 MR. McELHINNY: Well, this is what's important is that
- 6 we're not claiming that there's only one way to do that.
- 7 That's not why we're here. What we're claiming is that after
- 8 saying there were other ways to do it, on page 313, when we
- 9 jumped ahead from 1988 to 2001 and Mr. Londen is asking
- 10 Dr. Jain about this conference -- 1991, sorry -- and Mr. Londen
- 11 is asking Dr. Jain about this conference, what he says was --
- 12 and Mr. Londen said, "Did you have any other pending patent
- 13 applications that dealt with uniformization of the light --"
- THE COURT: Page 313, line 10.
- MR. McELHINNY: I'm sorry. "-- in an illumination
- 16 system besides the application that led to the '013 patent?"
- "So as of 1991, were you pursuing any other patents? And in
- 18 light of --
- THE COURT: Wait. Khris, were you able to get that?
- 20 (Discussion off the record)
- THE COURT: "Q. Did you have any other pending patent
- 22 applications that dealt with the uniformization of the light in
- 23 an illumination system beside the application that led to the
- 24 '013 patent?
- 25 "A. I don't recall, but I think what I described in

- 1 the '013 patent, that configuration for an illumination system
- 2 to produce uniform polygonal exposure, most likely that was the
- 3 best I had thought of until then."
- 4 MR. McELHINNY: So there's no credibility issue.
- 5 MR. JOHNSON: We'll have something to say in response
- 6 to this, your Honor, but --
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: There's no credibility issue. This is
- 8 all consistent, which is, he may have been thinking of other
- 9 ways.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. So what he's saying, this is
- 11 1991?
- MR. McELHINNY: Yes, your Honor, as of 1991.
- 13 THE COURT: And he relates this back to the date of
- 14 filing, which is '88.
- MR. McELHINNY: True, that's '88.
- 16 THE COURT: And this is consistent with the other line
- 17 that I mentioned before, which was I think on page 305.
- 18 MR. McELHINNY: It is consistent. The whole --
- 19 THE COURT: Not 305.
- MR. McELHINNY: "Better than the others" is what he
- 21 said.
- 22 THE COURT: Yes. I just want to locate it.
- Page 302. "Q. But that method," in the '013 patent,
- 24 "is the method that you conceived when you wrote your
- 25 notebook?"

- "That method is one of the methods that I conceived,
- 2 and that one method is in the notebook.
- 3 "When you filed your '013 patent application, you
- 4 believed that the method it described had advantages over prior
- 5 art methods; right?"
- And that's the vein of it.
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: So at least as I read this, and I
- 8 believe it's consistent, and I don't think there's a
- 9 credibility issue.
- 10 THE COURT: I agree with you. I think he constantly
- ll says that there are others, but Mr. Londen does get an
- 12 admission that he knew of no others, he could not articulate
- 13 another one that was as good as the '013.
- I'll give you a chance, Mr. Johnson.
- 15 MR. McELHINNY: And to be clear, your Honor, in the
- 16 declaration --
- 17 THE COURT: This is an important point, and I'll give
- 18 you both a chance to be as specific as you can in terms of
- 19 this, but so far, as I see it, Dr. Jain has answered that the
- 20 best he can think of was the '013 and that although there are
- 21 many others, he can't think of another one, and he doesn't
- 22 mention another one that's as good as the '013.
- MR. McELHINNY: And in his notebook, he says this is
- 24 the way to do it.
- But also, even in opposing this motion, when he filed

- 1 his -- what I call "blood in the water" declaration saying, "I
- 2 didn't mean what I said in my deposition," he still doesn't set
- 3 out any other alternative. He had an opportunity in this
- 4 motion to say, you know, "this was the better one I thought
- 5 of."
- 6 THE COURT: He never corrected his testimony.
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: He never corrected it, your Honor.
- 8 There is no credibility issue here. This is an admission under
- 9 all the Second Circuit cases.
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Johnson?
- 11 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, there's no need to correct
- 12 the testimony, but let's talk about the totality of the
- 13 testimony, all right?
- First, you focused on page 313. The answer that your
- 15 Honor was just asking about, "I don't recall. That was most
- 16 likely the best I had thought of until then." That is talking
- 17 about the best that he had invented until then. That is a
- 18 separate point from the best mode of practicing the '257
- 19 patent. Those are not one and the same, your Honor. They were
- 20 filed as separate applications because they're separate
- 21 inventions. And that alone speaks volumes consistent with what
- 22 Judge Rader said in his concurrence in the Bayer opinion. But
- 23 that is what good patent applicants do. When they have a
- 24 situation like this, they file separate applications. What
- 25 he's answering a question about --

- 1 THE COURT: Patent applications answer the
- 2 requirements of Section 112, both as to specificity in terms of
- 3 description and the disclosure of the best mode they think of.
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: But your Honor, there is no better,
- 5 there's no superior way. There's no requirement in connection
- 6 with the '257 in any sense to use the light tunnel. In fact,
- 7 the testimony is that one could make perfectly valid decisions
- 8 to use other methods that are other optimum methods, and
- 9 Dr. Jain testified about that very fact.
- But let's talk about page 313 for a moment. If you go
- ll up to a little bit higher on the page, to put this in further
- 12 context, what Dr. Jain says on lines 4 through 6 is that
- 13 several other types of beam uniformization or illumination
- 14 systems were possible, further emphasizing the point that
- 15 there's nothing about his light tunnel that was superior, your
- 16 Honor, and when he was asked squarely, "Is the best way to use
- 17 the '257 patent your technology that's in the '013?" the answer
- 18 was, "Not right."
- 19 THE COURT: But then did he ever mention a single
- 20 other alternative?
- MR. JOHNSON: He wasn't required to.
- THE COURT: He was pushed very hard.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, there was no -- there's no
- 24 need. There's no requirement.
- THE COURT: He was pushed very hard. He didn't say,

- "I have another one but I'm not telling you."
- 2 MR. JOHNSON: That doesn't mean, your Honor, that he
- 3 had a best mode in mind. He's saying there are several optimum
- 4 methods.
- 5 THE COURT: I understand your point, Mr. Johnson.
- 6 MR. JOHNSON: I mean, your Honor --
- 7 THE COURT: What efficacy should I make for his
- 8 deposition? Is it what he was saying in his testimony or is it
- 9 something new?
- MR. JOHNSON: It's not contradictory and it's
- 11 absolutely --
- 12 THE COURT: Does it tell me anything new from what
- 13 your gloss of his testimony is?
- MR. JOHNSON: It does flesh out the point that further
- 15 questioning by Nikon is the real problem here, your Honor. The
- 16 testimony was, "That is not right. That is not the best mode.
- 17 There's no particular best mode. There are several optimum
- 18 methods available." And under the circumstances of a record
- 19 like this, there is and should be no realistic way for a
- 20 credibility determination to be made at the summary judgment
- 21 level. It's not even a preponderance of the evidence standard
- 22 we're dealing with, of course. It is a requirement that Nikon
- 23 show, by clear and convincing evidence, the lack of material
- 24 disputed facts.
- What about, your Honor -- I mean, Dr. Jain is here.

- 1 If there's any question, we could clarify this. The
- 2 questioning by Nikon did not go further, your Honor. And
- 3 frankly, the declaration didn't go further either because it's
- 4 not attempting to do that. But Dr. Jain is present, is
- 5 involved.
- I note, your Honor, this testimony was taken three
- 7 years ago. There's nothing about this issue that couldn't have
- 8 been raised by the other side at that point or at any point
- 9 until now. Six years into this litigation, we're hearing this.
- 10 If there's any need to further flesh this out because of the
- 11 lack of follow-up by Nikon in its deposition questioning,
- 12 Dr. Jain is here.
- 13 THE COURT: You mean there's something more he could
- 14 testify about that he hasn't already?
- MR. JOHNSON: Very well could be, your Honor, because
- 16 frankly, the questioning didn't go as far as it could have.
- 17 THE COURT: Anything else?
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, if there's any doubt, we
- 19 would strongly encourage the court the opportunity for Dr. Jain
- 20 to address this because he is here.
- 21 THE COURT: That's the purpose of deposition. It's to
- 22 save the time of a hearing. If a hearing is required, then I
- 23 should deny the motion for summary judgment. If I feel I can
- 24 grant the motion for summary judgment, there's no point in
- 25 testimony.

- What do you think, Mr. McElhinny?
- 2 MR. McELHINNY: I think three things, your Honor.
- 3 One: Well, the Second Circuit has a clear rule here. I mean,
- 4 this is exactly what happens, which is somebody gives honest
- 5 and open testimony under oath in a deposition and all of a
- 6 sudden the circumstances come home to them and they either
- 7 submit a declaration or now, I guess, we're going to get an
- 8 offer -- actually, it would scare me to put Dr. Jain on the
- 9 stand under these circumstances in terms of the pressures that
- 10 would be on him, frankly, for his testimony.
- 11 THE COURT: That's not your problem, is it?
- MR. McELHINNY: It is not, your Honor, but the idea
- 13 that you can defeat a summary judgment by --
- 14 THE COURT: By bringing your witness to the courtroom
- 15 at the time of argument, that's not a very good idea, is it?
- MR. McELHINNY: But the point, the final point I just
- 17 want to make, which is intent is not --
- 18 THE COURT: Usually at a deposition a witness is
- 19 presumed to mean what he said and say what he meant.
- MR. McELHINNY: Intent is not a part of best mode, but
- 21 we don't have to prove that, but what Dr. Jain conceded, what
- 22 is in the --
- 23 THE COURT: I don't need you to repeat that.
- MR. McELHINNY: Thank you, your Honor.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, the issue here is,

- inferences -- what Nikon wants are inferences drawn in their
- 2 favor as opposed to what the Federal Circuit and the Second
- 3 Circuit emphasized is required under the circumstances. The
- 4 inferences here -- if your Honor thinks the record somehow
- 5 favors Nikon, the inferences absolutely need to be drawn in
- 6 Anvik's favor. The testimony we pointed out by Dr. Jain about
- 7 how there are other optimum methods, about how it was not right
- 8 to suggest that this was his best mode, those inferences must
- 9 lead to the conclusion, especially under a clear and convincing
- 10 standard, that the record does not support summary judgment
- 11 here.
- 12 (Discussion off the record)
- 13 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, if I can offer one example
- 14 of something that was not asked. And there may be others. The
- 15 question was not asked: In connection with practicing the '257
- 16 patent, are there or were there other equally optimum, or
- 17 equally superior -- whatever the right word -- best methods of
- 18 providing an illumination source for that? That question was
- 19 not asked. Obviously no reason to answer a question not asked.
- 20 And so looking at the record and saying, oh, he didn't offer
- 21 that on his own does not itself provide a basis for concluding
- 22 an answer couldn't have been given to that that would flesh
- 23 this out. It also wouldn't be alone enough anyhow, because of
- 24 the testimony that's in there, but he wasn't asked that
- 25 question.

- THE COURT: All right. I'd like to proceed to rule on
- 2 the motion.
- 3 Defendant has moved for summary judgment of invalidity
- 4 for failure of the critical patents in dispute, the '257
- 5 patent, the '236 patent, and the '240 patent, to satisfy the
- 6 requirement of Section 112 that the application set forth the
- 7 best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his
- 8 invention. The motion is granted.
- 9 Let me go back and describe the parties, the
- 10 jurisdiction, and my reasoning.
- 11 And I understand that my rulings on these three
- 12 patents affect all the seven that are in dispute in the claim,
- 13 that the other four in effect are derivative of these three.
- 14 Am I correct on that?
- MR. JOHNSON: I don't know, honestly, your Honor.
- 16 We're not asserting the other four at the moment so I
- 17 haven't --
- 18 THE COURT: But if I grant the motion, I dismiss the
- 19 complaint and the complaint does allege seven --
- MR. JOHNSON: I agree, your Honor. I agree with that.
- 21 THE COURT: Plaintiff Anvik Corporation is a New York
- 22 corporation with a principal place of business in Hawthorne,
- 23 New York.
- There are three Nikon entities that are the
- 25 defendants. Nikon Corporation is a Japanese corporation with

- 1 its principal place of business in Tokyo. Nikon Precision,
- 2 Inc. is a California corporation with its principal place of
- 3 business in Belmont, California, and it is a wholly owned
- 4 subsidiary of Nikon Corporation. Nikon Research Corporation of
- 5 America is a California corporation with its principal place of
- 6 business in Belmont, California, and is also a wholly owned
- 7 subsidiary of Nikon Corporation.
- 8 I have jurisdiction under the federal question
- 9 jurisdiction section, Sections 1331 and 1338 of Title 28, and
- 10 venue is proper in this district and is not challenged. Am I
- 11 correct on that, that there's no dispute about venue?
- MR. McELHINNY: That's correct, your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Plaintiff filed this action for
- 14 infringement of patent relating to the scanning
- 15 microlithography system. Microlithography systems are used in
- 16 the production of a variety of microelectronic devices -- for
- 17 example, fabrication of semiconductors.
- 18 There are three elements to the patent in dispute -- a
- 19 source of light, a mask through which the source of light
- 20 passes and which causes a certain design to fall on the third
- 21 element, the substrate below, which is etched by the light and
- 22 is used for the fabrication of semiconductors. It is a very
- 23 oversimplified description of the patent and the purpose of the
- 24 patent, but I think it suffices for this case.
- I held a Markman hearing on September 26th, 2011,

- and issued an order on September 28th, 2011, which
- 2 incorporated a schedule that defined the disputed parts of the
- 3 claim. I would rely on that for my rulings.
- The patents in issue are 4,924,257, a patent for scan
- 5 and repeat high-resolution projection lithography system;
- 6 number 5,285,236, large-area, high-throughput, high-resolution
- 7 projection imaging system; and 5,291,240,
- 8 nonlinearity-compensated large-area patterning system.
- 9 These, the '257 patent, the '236 patent, and the '240
- 10 patent, are those that were the subject of the Markman hearing
- 11 and are the subject of this motion and the ruling on them
- 12 controls the other four patents also identified in the
- 13 complaint.
- As a motion for summary judgment, the moving party
- 15 must show that there is no genuine dispute as to any material
- 16 fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a
- 17 matter of law. That's stated in Rule 656 of the Federal Rules
- 18 of Civil Procedure. Patents issued by the Patent Office are
- 19 entitled to a presumption of validity. That's provided by
- 20 `35 U.S.C. Section 282. "A party who seeks to invalidate a
- 21 patent must submit clear and convincing evidence of
- 22 invalidity."
- In deciding a motion for summary judgment, the
- 24 evidence of the nonmoving party is to be believed and all
- 25 justifiable inferences are to be drawn in favor of the

- 1 nonmoving party, and that's held by Boston Scientific Corp. v.
- 2 Johnson & Johnson, 647 F.3d 1353 (Fed. Cir. 2011). We're
- 3 construing 35 U.S.C. Section 112, and I'll quote it again for
- 4 convenience. "The specification shall contain a written
- 5 description of the invention and of the manner and process of
- 6 making and using it in such full, clear, concise, and exact
- 7 terms as to enable any person skilled in the art, to which it
- 8 pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make
- 9 and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated
- 10 by the inventor of carrying out his invention."
- 11 The burden of the motion, as I understand it, is that
- 12 the patent applicant, here the plaintiff Anvik Corporation, or
- 13 its predecessor, failed to set forth the best mode that was
- 14 contemplated by the inventor, Dr. Jain, in carrying out the
- 15 invention.
- Whether or not the inventor had done that is a matter
- of subjective intent, and generally speaking, it is a question
- 18 of fact, as was held by Bayer AG v. Schein Pharmaceuticals,
- 19 Inc., 301 F.3d 1306, 1312 (Fed. Cir. 2012), and we've quoted
- 20 extensively from that.
- 21 The '257 patent application was filed October 5, 1988,
- 22 and it was issued May 8th, 1990. The inventor is
- 23 Dr. Kantilal Jain. The patent discloses a scanning lithography
- 24 method that performs seamless, partially overlapping scans with
- 25 uniform exposure to produce a pattern on a mask which then

- 1 passes on to a substrate, such as a semiconductor. Radiation,
- 2 or light, from the illumination subsystem illuminates the mask,
- 3 passes through the subsystem of the mask, and projects the
- 4 image of the mask onto the substrate.
- 5 As I defined the patent at the Markman hearing and as
- 6 set out in my order of September 28, 2011, Section 17(c) of the
- 7 claim speaks of providing an illumination subsystem capable of
- 8 uniformly illuminating a polygon-shaped region on the mask so
- 9 that the subsystem then causes the imaging of the said
- 10 polygon-shaped illuminating region on the mask to pass on to
- 11 the substrate.
- 12 I defined "providing an illumination subsystem" as
- 13 follows: The phrase means that the illumination subsystem has
- 14 the capacity to illuminate the mask in such a way that
- 15 radiation, or light, that falls on the mask forms the shape of
- 16 a polygon, and radiation, or light, is uniformly distributed
- 17 throughout the shape of the polygon.
- The term "polygon" means a two-dimensional space
- 19 formed by straight lines that connect with each other to create
- 20 a closed space.
- 21 So there's more elaboration that went on at the
- 22 Markman hearing and the record that was created at the Markman
- 23 hearing which also provided an example the parties produced to
- 24 teach me the system and to create the record for the system.
- 25 So the issue is what Dr. Jain had in mind when he

- 1 claimed this invention. And to go into that was the subject of
- 2 the deposition that was carried out of Dr. Jain on
- 3 August 17th, 2009. The parties defined on this motion the
- 4 portion of that transcript that is relevant as that which is
- 5 transcribed starting with page 300 and going on to page 313.
- 6 Mr. Londen, questioning Dr. Jain, pressed him in terms of what
- 7 he had in mind as the best mode.
- 8 "Q. When you conceived of the invention that you were
- 9 describing in the '257 patent, your idea of the way to produce
- 10 the nominal hexagon shape and the effective source plane
- ll providing uniform light to the mask was to use the hexagonal
- 12 beam shaper and uniformizer tunnel that's depicted in the
- 13 notebook," Dr. Jain's notebook that was an exhibit at the
- 14 deposition, "at page 21; right?"
- Dr. Jain answered, page 300, line 21: "That's
- 16 certainly one method, and that's what I had in mind as one of
- 17 the many things. This is what I wrote down. Many things were
- 18 evolving between April and October and since. So yes, this
- 19 method is one of the methods I had in mind."
- 20 "Q. Well, it is the specific method that you
- 21 diagrammed in your notebook for providing uniform light in a
- 22 nonlinear hexagonal shape on the mask; right?"
- 23 And I digress for the moment. The importance of
- 24 uniform light was demonstrated to me by the movement of the
- 25 substrate and the mask across the light. If the light were

- 1 denser at a particular point because of the way the hexagonal
- 2 shapes moved from one place to another and the light was moved
- 3 from one place to another, that density would disturb the
- 4 uniform qualities, so it was critical to have something that
- 5 was uniform throughout. Continuing:
- A. Line 8, page 301. "That is in the notebook
- 7 describing the illumination system, and the illumination system
- 8 details are not described in the patent '257. They are
- 9 described in the patent '013. Patent '013 describes the
- 10 illumination system only. Patent '257 describes the
- 11 lithography system overall. And the notebook describes both.
- "Q. You did not disclose in the '257 patent how the
- illumination system provided the nominal hexagonal illumination
- 14 as the effective source plane; right?
- 15 "A. That's correct.
- "Your idea was that that would be in the '013 patent;
- 17 right?
- 18 "A. No. That is also limiting. My idea was that one
- 19 of the methods of doing that would be in the '013 patent."
- Now page 302. "Q. So that method is the method that
- 21 you conceived when you wrote your notebook."
- 22 "A. That method is one of the methods that I
- 23 conceived, and that one method is in the notebook.
- "Q. When you filed your '013 patent application, you
- 25 believed that the method as described had advantages over prior

- 1 art methods; right?
- 2 "A. Right."
- 3 And I understand that as saying that the method
- 4 described in the '013 patent was better than anything in the
- 5 prior art, and I also understand that there was no reference in
- 6 the '257 patent to the '013 patent. So to the extent that one
- 7 might argue that the application, which was a secret
- 8 application, not known to anyone else but the Patent Office, of
- 9 the illumination method and the '013 patent, that did not
- 10 satisfy any requirement of the description or best mode in the
- 11 '257 patent.
- 12 Continuing, page 302, line 15:
- "And in the preferred embodiment of an illumination --
- of a lithography system practicing the methods of the '257
- 15 patent, your design at the time you filed your patent
- 16 application used light provided by a hexagonal beam shaper and
- 17 uniformizer tunnel to provide nominal hexagon shape and uniform
- 18 light; right?
- "A. Not right."
- I'll leave out the objections. Now page 303:
- 21 "Q. When you filed your '013 patent application and
- 22 your '257 patent application, you considered the '013 hexagonal
- 23 beam shaper and uniformizer tunnel to have advantages over
- 24 other methods of providing uniform light to a mask in an
- 25 illumination system; right?

- 1 "A. Over some other methods, correct."
- 2 So again, this is another admission that the
- 3 description in the '013 patent was better than other methods
- 4 which Dr. Jain was familiar with.
- 5 It goes on, line 11, page 303:
- 6 "Q. Did you have in mind any method other than the
- 7 hexagonal beam shaper and uniformizer tunnel that you
- 8 considered to be better for providing uniform light to the
- 9 mask?
- 10 "A. I do not recall. I certainly may have had,
- 11 because this method of providing uniform hexagonal illumination
- on the substrate certainly is not the only optimum method and I
- 13 was quite aware of that. There may be many variations that I
- 14 or others may think of. One of the methods was what I
- 15 described in the '013."
- I understand from this that Dr. Jain admitted that the
- '013 was better than anything in the prior art and anything of
- 18 which he was aware and which he could remember at the time.
- 19 But he hedges and says there may be other things that are
- 20 equally good or better. But he does not articulate any. He's
- 21 called upon to do that.
- "Q. Again, did you have in mind any method other than
- 23 the hexagonal beam shaper and uniformizer tunnel," referring to
- 24 the '013 patent, "that you considered to be better for
- 25 providing uniform light to the mask?"

- He was invited to articulate any one that was equal or
- 2 better, and he declined to do so. And I think that's a telling
- 3 admission. The question goes on:
- 4 "Is it correct to say that you have no recollection
- 5 that you actually thought of a preferable method for providing
- 6 uniform hexagon-shaped light in the illumination system of your
- 7 '257 patent than the hexagonal beam shaper and uniformizer
- 8 tunnel described in your '013 patent?
- 9 "A. I think that would be a bit too rigid way to
- 10 describe that. I was thinking of many, many things those days.
- 11 My mind was a furnace. Just too many things were churning. I
- 12 wanted to get some things out in patents, whatever I was able
- 13 to do in a short time frame. Maybe sometime at a later point I
- 14 may think, oh, I may remember something in my mind which I may
- 15 have filed as a patent application later on. So I cannot
- 16 categorically say that there were no other ideas in my mind at
- 17 that time."
- Well, of course -- again, this is my interpolation --
- 19 anything is possible, anything is logically possible. If
- 20 Dr. Jain had identified something that he identified as better
- 21 and that was in the '013 patent, better than anything in the
- 22 prior art, better than anything of which he was aware, and
- 23 although there was logical possibility that there could be
- 24 something else, he could not identify anything else. That
- 25 answers the subjective requirement. He knew of something that

- 1 subjectively was the best. He did not declare it; he did not
- 2 disclose it. He therefore failed to satisfy the particular
- 3 clause in Section 112.
- I don't think I need to continue reading because I
- 5 don't think anything changes as we go along. Unless the
- 6 parties want me to read anything else from there on to
- 7 page 313, I'll stop here.
- 8 Hearing none, I'll stop.
- 9 I find that there is no issue of fact, that Dr. Jain
- 10 was clear in his admission, as I described it before, and he
- 11 therefore failed to satisfy what is clearly set out in
- 12 Section 112. That was the holding of the Bayer case, which I
- 13 described and cited before. It's my holding in this case. I
- 14 therefore grant the motion for summary judgment.
- And that applies to the '236 and '240 patents as well.
- With regard to Dr. Jain's declaration filed in
- 17 opposition to this motion, I've read this. It is a brief. At
- 18 various points throughout his declaration, he picks up
- 19 references to his deposition testimony, repeating it back and
- 20 forth over and over again and trying to discuss what he really
- 21 meant, but what he really meant was what he said. Witnesses
- 22 are sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
- 23 the truth when they give depositions. I take it they mean what
- 24 they say and they say what they mean, and I take Dr. Jain's
- 25 words for what they are. The declaration as a gloss of what he

- l may have wanted to mean or may have tried to mean or how he
- 2 wanted to argue is beside the point, and they don't contribute
- 3 anything at all.
- 4 So that's my ruling on the motion.
- 5 There's also a motion to seal. What is there to seal
- 6 and why should I seal? Who's the moving party on this motion?
- 7 MR. McELHINNY: Nikon was the moving party, your
- 8 Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: What's that?
- 10 MR. McELHINNY: There was a Daubert motion that was --
- 11 there are two Daubert motions, I guess, that have confidential
- 12 information.
- 13 THE COURT: I'm not even getting to that.
- MR. McELHINNY: If you let us withdraw them so that
- 15 they're -- we don't want them to be public record. They talk
- 16 about finances, they talk about profitability.
- 17 THE COURT: Is there any objection to withdrawing the
- 18 Daubert motion?
- MR. JOHNSON: No, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Then they'll be withdrawn.
- MR. McELHINNY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: And there are two pending or three pending
- 23 additional motions for summary judgment, which I believe are
- 24 redundant, and I'm not going to deal with them. We'll just
- 25 terminate that because the case is dismissed.

- MR. McELHINNY: Right. And just so it's clear, when I
- 2 say withdraw them, would you allow -- I think we'll need an
- 3 order actually to have the clerk return them.
- THE COURT: Work it out with the clerk. If you need
- 5 an order, I'll sign it. Without objection.
- 6 MR. McELHINNY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. These are my findings and
- 8 conclusions. I do not intend to write on this any further. So
- 9 we'll file a summary order today if we're ambitious, more
- 10 likely Monday, and Mr. Johnson can file his appeal if he so
- ll desires.
- MR. McELHINNY: May I raise one small point. The
- 13 Federal Circuit teaches us that best mode is done on a
- 14 claim-by-claim basis, and so can I note for the record that the
- 15 claims of the '257 patent that were asserted were claims 17 and
- 16 18; the claims of the '236 patent were claims 23 and 25; and
- 17 the claims of the '240 patent were 24 and 25. And I take it
- 18 your order applies to those claims.
- 19 THE COURT: You're right. And I should have done
- 20 that, but I didn't. And I can just check my Markman order.
- 21 (Discussion off the record)
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, what Mr. McElhinny said was
- 23 correct. If we're just talking about the claims, it's the ones
- 24 he identified on the record, so there's no issue.
- 25 THE COURT: Okay, Fine. Thank you.

- Is there anything else I need to do?
- MR. McELHINNY: Just to be very technical, is your
- 3 Honor vacating the hearing set for next Tuesday?
- 4 THE COURT: Yes. The case is dismissed.
- 5 MR. McELHINNY: And we will submit an order. Having
- 6 invalidated these claims, I assume it will apply to all the
- 7 customer cases on the same patent, and we'll work on a form of
- 8 order.
- 9 THE COURT: Is that okay, Mr. Johnson?
- MR. JOHNSON: I think that's right, your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. So I'll do a summary order and
- 12 provide in the summary order that the more formal and complete
- order will be submitted by the parties by when, Mr. Johnson?
- 14 (Discussion off the record)
- THE COURT: We will issue summary order today or
- 16 Monday morning. The parties will submit a more formal and
- 17 complete order by Wednesday noon. I would prefer that that
- 18 order be on consent as to form. And that will not prejudice
- 19 Mr. Johnson in any way. He reserves all objections. But to
- 20 the extent that both of you cooperate on proper form, I would
- 21 appreciate it. I think it would benefit you as well. So would
- 22 you work out when you should exchange your papers together so
- 23 that you have enough time to work out any disagreements.
- MR. LONDEN: We will, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Thanks very much.
- 25 ALL COUNSEL: Thank you, your Honor.
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