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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCE TELECOM S.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
MARVELL SEMICONDUCTOR INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. 12-cv-04967-WHO

**FINAL RULING ON PARTIES’
MOTIONS *IN LIMINE* AND
DEFENDANT’S *DAUBERT* MOTION**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 184, 187, 190

On August 26, 2014, I issued tentative views concerning the parties’ motions *in limine* and Marvell’s *Daubert* motion in advance of the pretrial conference. Dkt. No. 206. I heard additional argument at the pretrial conference on August 26, 2014. Based on the briefing and arguments at the pretrial conference, I issue the following final rulings.

I. PLAINTIFF FRANCE TELECOM’S MOTIONS IN LIMINE

1. Preclude Marvell from referring to claim construction proceedings, order and any other interlocutory orders

GRANTED IN PART. Claim construction is a question of law and exclusively within the province of the Court. *Markman v. Westview Instruments, Inc.*, 517 U.S. 370, 372 (1996). Reference to the claim construction order, including the Court’s reasoning, is precluded, except for references to the actual constructions. To the extent that France Telecom now advances infringement contentions inconsistent with admissions made during the claim construction arguments, the admissions may be used by Marvell.

Marvell argues that the Court’s reasoning informs the willfulness inquiry. Introduction of the Court’s reasoning to support the reasonableness of Marvell’s actions and its subjective belief that it did not infringe would be more prejudicial than probative and will be excluded.

1 Marvell states that it does not intend to refer to the Court’s damages summary judgment
2 order “unless France Telecom’s positions at trial contradict the terms of that order.”

3 **2. Preclude Marvell’s damages expert from arguing or offering evidence that**
4 **“running royalty” damages may be “capped” or that the lump sum royalty is**
5 **€819,515**

6 DENIED. *Georgia-Pacific* factor #11 is “[t]he extent to which the infringer used the
7 invention and any evidence probative of the value of that use.” Accordingly, Marvell is free to
8 argue, based on actual use of the patented method (i.e., the “book of wisdom”), that a running
9 royalty would not exceed a certain amount. *See, e.g., Lucent Technologies, Inc. v. Gateway, Inc.*,
10 580 F.3d 1301, 1333-34 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (“Consideration of evidence of usage after infringement
11 started can, under appropriate circumstances, be helpful to the jury and the court in assessing
12 whether a royalty is reasonable. . . . This quantitative information, assuming it meets admissibility
13 requirements, ought to be given its proper weight, as determined by the circumstances of each
14 case.”). But this is only one of several relevant factors in the reasonable royalty inquiry; France
15 Telecom will have the opportunity to attack this opinion at trial and to emphasize other factors

16 **3. Limit Marvell’s argument or evidence that the royalty amount is €63,111 or**
17 **€349,750**

18 DENIED. These “alternative” damages opinions consider only those Marvell sales
19 realized after the filing of the Complaint in this case and are related to Marvell’s request that its
20 laches defense be presented to the jury for a factual finding and an advisory verdict. Laches is a
21 question for the Court, but I have discretion to present the issue to the jury for an advisory verdict.
22 Fed. R. Civ. P. 39(c). In this case, there appear to be overlapping issues of Marvell’s willfulness
23 and the laches defense, including when France Telecom first learned of Marvell’s alleged
24 infringement and France Telecom’s alleged delay in filing suit. Presenting the issue to the jury for
25 an advisory verdict, rather than conducting two separate trials, will conserve judicial resources.
26 Accordingly, Marvell will be allowed to present evidence and argument regarding its laches
27 defense to the jury. I do not believe presentation of Ms. Davis’s alternative “laches damages”
28 theories will unduly prejudice the jury. I will consider an appropriate limiting instruction to
address any possible prejudice resulting from evidence on this issue.

1 **4. Preclude Marvell from offering any argument or evidence regarding the impact of**
2 **purported non-infringing alternatives on the quantification of damages**

3 DENIED. France Telecom contends that Marvell’s damages expert, Ms. Davis, did not
4 adequately disclose her opinions or conclusions regarding the impact of purported non-infringing
5 alternatives on the quantification of damages in her expert report. Ms. Davis did not disclose the
6 specific monetary impact of purported non-infringing alternative on the damages quantification,
7 but she opined that purported alternatives “could have been implemented at little cost and
8 engineering time for MSI.” Dkt. No. 199-4 at 40. She cites a discussion with technical expert Dr.
9 Min in support for this contention. She may offer testimony consistent with that opinion. France
10 Telecom can cross-examine her regarding her basis for this opinion and her lack of specificity.
11 The alleged deficiencies in Ms. Davis’s opinion are a matter of weight, not admissibility.

12 France Telecom also contends that Marvell’s technical expert, Professor Min, is
13 unqualified to testify regarding the relative values of various purported alternatives to the patented
14 technology. France Telecom contends that “Prof. Min has made no efforts to *test* and *measure* the
15 relative values of these technologies; rather, his assertions of value appear to be based solely on
16 unsubstantiated personal opinions.” France Telecom motions *in limine* at 14 (emphasis in
17 original). But Federal Rule of Evidence does not require that Professor Min personally “test and
18 measure” the value of the purported alternatives to the patented technology in order to offer his
19 expert opinion. France Telecom will have the opportunity to question Professor Min regarding the
20 bases for his opinions. As with Ms. Davis, the alleged deficiencies in Professor Min’s opinion are
21 a matter of weight, not admissibility.

22 **5. Preclude Marvell from arguing or offering evidence that it did not ship accused**
23 **products to the United States**

24 DENIED IN PART; ORDERING FURTHER BRIEFING. France Telecom asserts that
25 “Marvell appears to contend that none of the accused products sold by it were shipped to the
26 United States because, according to Marvell, the accused products allegedly were stored in so-
27 called “foreign trade zones” in Texas before allegedly then being shipped to Monterrey, Mexico,
28 for assembly into RIM handsets.” Dkt. No. 184 at 15. Marvell states that it intends to present
evidence that the accused products are imported into the foreign trade zones by Marvell’s

1 customers, not Marvell itself. Marvell also intends to present evidence that its accused chips are
2 imported into foreign trade zones for the express purpose of exporting them for assembly into
3 finished devices, meaning that the accused chips cannot be *used* in the United States (or,
4 presumably, the foreign trade zone) to perform the steps of the claimed method, and therefore do
5 not infringe. Marvell is free to introduce such evidence and the motion *in limine* is denied to the
6 extent it seeks to preclude that evidence.

7 At the pretrial conference, France Telecom argued that Marvell’s importation into the
8 foreign trade zones provides the requisite “import[ation] into the United States” to hold Marvell
9 liable for contributory infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c). Marvell countered that this
10 contributory infringement contention had not been raised previously and, in any event, Marvell is
11 not the entity which imports the chips at issue into the foreign trade zones. If this theory of
12 contributory infringement was properly disclosed, it is presumably a question for the jury whether
13 Marvell is in fact the importer and whether there is the requisite direct infringement by a third
14 party. In that case, the Court would need to determine whether the foreign trade zones are part of
15 the United States for purposes of Section 271(c).

16 Because the Section 271(c) issue was not squarely presented in the motions *in limine*,
17 additional briefing would be helpful. **Accordingly, by September 5, 2014, the parties shall file**
18 **briefs, not to exceed five pages, stating (i) why this theory of liability should or should not be**
19 **precluded from trial¹ and (ii) whether, for purposes of Section 271(c), the foreign trade zones**
20 **are part of the United States.**

21 **6. Preclude Marvell from making any reference to purported co-inventors of the**
22 **‘747 patent**

23 DENIED. Marvell contends that it has admissible evidence bearing on the inventorship of the
24 ‘747 patent. The evidence that Marvell references is sufficient to present to the jury. France
25 Telecom will have the opportunity to attack this evidence at trial.

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28 ¹ If Marvell determines that this theory was previously disclosed and is properly presented to the
jury, Marvell shall advise France Telecom promptly and the parties can focus on the second issue
in their briefs.

1 **II. DEFENDANT MARVELL’S MOTIONS IN LIMINE**

2 **1. Preclude France Telecom from presenting testimony, argument, or evidence on**
3 **certain subjects not contained in Dr. Mitzenmacher’s expert reports**

4 a. Doctrine of equivalents

5 GRANTED. To support a finding of infringement under the doctrine of equivalents, the
6 plaintiff must present “particularized testimony and linking argument as to the ‘insubstantiality of
7 the differences’ between the claimed invention and the accused device or process, or with respect
8 to the function, way, result test.” *Texas Instruments Inc. v. Cypress Semiconductor Corp.*, 90 F.3d
9 1558, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1996). “Such evidence must be presented on a limitation-by-limitation
10 basis. Generalized testimony as to the overall similarity between the claims and the accused
11 infringer’s product or process will not suffice.” *Id.*; *see also AquaTex Indus., Inc. v. Techniche*
12 *Solutions*, 479 F.3d 1320, 1329 (Fed. Cir. 2007) (“the difficulties and complexities of the doctrine
13 [of equivalents] require that evidence be presented to the jury or other fact-finder through the
14 particularized testimony of a person of ordinary skill in the art, typically a qualified expert, who
15 (on a limitation-by-limitation basis) describes the claim limitations and establishes that those
16 skilled in the art would recognize the equivalents”); *Network Commerce, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp.*,
17 422 F.3d 1353, 1363 (Fed. Cir. 2005). Although I was tentatively inclined to allow Dr.
18 Mitzenmacher to testify on this topic only with respect to the two paragraphs France Telecom
19 identified as relevant to this topic, and see if that testimony, along with other evidence, could be
20 sufficiently linked to the claims at issue to support a finding of infringement under the doctrine of
21 equivalents, I am convinced by the argument of Marvell at the pretrial conference and the
22 authorities it provided that it would be error to do so.

23 Dr. Mitzenmacher has not provided “particularized testimony” or “linking argument” in
24 support of an opinion of infringement under the doctrine of equivalents. France Telecom
25 concedes that “Dr. Mitzenmacher did not purport to apply a legal standard of equivalents to the
26 technical facts he observed.” France Telecom opposition at 2-3. It nonetheless contends that “the
27 facts and opinions he did express in his reports are more than sufficient to support a finding of
28 infringement under the doctrine of equivalents.” *Id.* It argues that Dr. Mitzenmacher can testify
 consistent with those facts and opinions and the jury can determine whether the doctrine of

1 equivalents has been satisfied. But the facts and opinions that France Telecom refers to
2 (paragraphs 92 and 95 of Dr. Mitzenmacher’s report) are not linked to the claims or limitations at
3 issue; they are precisely the type of unparticularized testimony that the Federal Circuit has held
4 insufficient to support a finding of infringement under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, the
5 facts and opinions that France Telecom points to are not based on the Court’s construction of the
6 disputed claim terms.

7 For example, in paragraph 95 Dr. Mitzenmacher compares the accused method to Figure 1
8 of the ’747 patent, but he does not refer to the claims of the patent. That is insufficient to support
9 a finding of infringement. *See, e.g., Catalina Lighting, Inc. v. Lamps Plus, Inc.*, 295 F.3d 1277,
10 1286 (Fed. Cir. 2002) (“But infringement is to be determined by comparing the asserted claim to
11 the accused device, not by comparing the accused device to the figures of the asserted patent.”)
12 In addition, Dr. Mitzenmacher’s comparison of the accused method to Figure 1 of the ’747 patent
13 is based on France Telecom’s rejected construction of the claim term “systematic convolutional
14 coding,” not the construction adopted by the Court.

15 A key issue at claim construction was whether the term “systematic convolutional coding”
16 requires each encoder to output both the coded data element and the uncoded data element,
17 resulting (where there are two encoders) in an output of two coded data elements and two uncoded
18 data elements and a 1/4 efficiency rate² (as Marvell argued) or whether it is sufficient that one
19 uncoded data element is transmitted jointly with, and shared by, the two coded data elements,
20 resulting in an output of two coded data elements and one uncoded data element and a 1/3
21 efficiency rate (as France Telecom argued). The Court adopted Marvell’s proposed construction
22 of systematic convolutional coding. However, in paragraph 95 of his report, Dr. Mitzenmacher
23 opines that the accused method is “nearly identical” to Figure 1 of the ’747 patent where “with
24 each source data element X that is output two coded data elements (in this case labeled Y1 and
25 Y2) are output, to give a code of rate 1/3.” This description of Figure 1 of the ’747 patent is based

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28 ² 1/4 efficiency rate because each data element results in a total output of four data elements: two
 coded data elements and two uncoded data elements.

1 on France Telecom’s rejected construction; it does not address the construction adopted by the
2 Court which requires one-to-one parity between the coded data elements output and the uncoded
3 data elements output.

4 Paragraph 92 of Dr. Mitzenmacher’s report is also insufficient to support a doctrine of
5 equivalents opinion. Even assuming, as France Telecom argues, that Dr. Mitzenmacher explains,
6 consistent with the Court’s construction, that the “steps performed by the Marvell turbo coder and
7 constituent encoders within it are both ‘systematic’ because they *all* output both coded and the
8 current input data,” Dr. Mitzenmacher says nothing about the “insubstantiality of the differences”
9 between Claim 1 of the ’747 patent and Marvell’s accused method, or with respect to the
10 “function, way, result test,”³ as required to apply the doctrine of equivalents. *Texas Instruments*,
11 90 F.3d at 1567.

12 In opposition to this motion *in limine* and at the pretrial conference, France Telecom
13 argued that the inventor of the ’747 patent, Claude Berrou, can provide testimony relevant to the
14 doctrine of equivalents, “including his understanding of the disclosures of his patent and the extent
15 to which there is any difference between the methods prescribed by the 3GPP standard or the
16 accused Marvell turbo encoders and the subject matter described by Claim 1 of the Berrou patent.”
17 But the testimony required to support infringement under the doctrine of equivalents—the
18 particularized testimony on a limitation-by-limitation basis—is generally expert testimony. *See*,
19 *e.g.*, *AquaTex Indus.*, 479 F.3d at 1320. Berrou has not been qualified as an expert nor submitted
20 an expert report. He therefore cannot testify regarding the doctrine of equivalents. *See, e.g.*
21 *Verizon Servs. Corp. v. Cox Fibernet Virginia, Inc.*, 602 F.3d 1325, 1340 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (district
22 court did not err in precluding inventors from offering expert testimony on invalidity issues where
23 inventors had not provided a report or been qualified; limiting inventor testimony to factual
24 testimony that did not require expert opinion); *Eugene Baratto, Textures, LLC v. Brushstrokes*

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26 ³ The “function, way, result test” asks whether the accused device performs substantially the same
27 function in substantially the same way to obtain the same result” as the patented invention. *TIP*
28 *Sys., LLC v. Phillips & Brooks/Gladwin, Inc.*, 529 F.3d 1364, 1376 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (citations
omitted).

1 *Fine Art, Inc.*, 701 F. Supp. 2d 1068, 1074 (W.D. Wis. 2010) (“[inventor’s] averments relating to
2 how the invention is supposed to function and how those functions relate to any of the accused
3 products in this case clearly constitute expert testimony”).

4 b. Indirect infringement

5 DENIED. Marvel argues that “Dr. Mitzenmacher put forth no opinion in his expert reports
6 of any actions of Marvell that induced others to infringe (*e.g.*, providing operating instructions,
7 user manuals, product guides, or even advertising 3GPP data functionality).” France Telecom
8 counters that there is “adequate circumstantial and direct evidence exists to show that Marvell not
9 only designed the accused products to practice the claimed invention, but also instructed its
10 customers to use the accused products in an infringing way,” and has induced infringement.
11 Specifically, France Telecom refers to “product guides, advertising, source code, and test
12 reports—as well as testimony by Marvell witnesses—showing that Marvell designed its 3GPP
13 standards-compliant turbo encoder and decoder and aimed them for use with 3GPP-compliant
14 networks in the United States.”

15 Marvell argues that France Telecom should be barred from offering evidence regarding
16 contributory infringement because “Dr. Mitzenmacher has not advanced any evidence regarding
17 either substantial non-infringing uses or [Marvell’s] knowledge of the infringement.” France
18 Telecom counters that Dr. Mitzenmacher stated that use of the accused products necessarily
19 infringes, meaning that there are no non-infringing uses. France Telecom also states that
20 Marvell’s knowledge will be evidenced in “Marvell documents and testimony” and that “Dr.
21 Mitzenmacher can also testify as to the tautology that the Marvell design documents and
22 testimony he has reviewed were known to Marvell.”

23 Indirect infringement can be proven by circumstantial evidence. *See, e.g., nCube Corp. v.*
24 *Seachange Int’l, Inc.*, 436 F.3d 1317, 1324-25 (Fed. Cir. 2006) (“The record contains sufficient
25 circumstantial evidence to support the jury’s verdict of induced infringement. This evidence
26 included SeaChange’s documents, as well as the testimony of SeaChange’s vice-president of
27 engineering, which showed that the SeaChange system operated with a customer’s own DNCS
28 component. The record shows that SeaChange sold ITV systems for use with Scientific–Atlanta

1 equipment with the intent that customers would use them to perform the patented method, thus
2 supporting the jury's incorporation of these systems in its verdict of literal infringement.").
3 France Telecom will be afforded the opportunity to present Dr. Mitzenmacher's testimony,
4 consistent with his report, and any other admissible evidence regarding indirect infringement.

5 c. Third party use

6 DENIED. Dr. Mitzenmacher may offer his opinions, consistent with his report, regarding
7 third-party use. Marvell can cross-examine him on the bases for his opinions.

8 d. Coverage of 3GPP standard

9 GRANTED. As was the case with respect to the doctrine of equivalents, Dr.
10 Mitzenmacher did not address how claim 1 of the '747 patent covers the 3GPP standard under the
11 Court's construction of "systematic convolutional coding." Paragraph 99 of the Mitzenmacher
12 report, which France Telecom cites, states that "the original input bits are provided as output bits."
13 But under the Court's construction, *each* encoder must output both the coded data element and the
14 uncoded data element. Nowhere does Dr. Mitzenmacher opine that in the 3GPP standard the
15 second encoder also outputs the uncoded element. Indeed, Figure 4 (below paragraph 99), to
16 which Dr. Mitzenmacher refers, shows only an uncoded data element (represented as X_k) output
17 with the first encoder, it does not show an uncoded data element output with the second encoder.⁴
18 Accordingly, Dr. Mitzenmacher's opinion is based on France Telecom's rejected construction of
19 "systematic convolutional coding." The other paragraphs cited by France Telecom, paragraphs 83
20 and 108, also do not apply the Court's construction of "systematic convolutional coding."

21 **2. Preclude France Telecom from presenting testimony and arguing that the mere**
22 **importation of Marvell 3G chips by Marvell into the United States can be an act**
23 **of direct infringement without showing that those chips were in fact used to**
24 **perform the claimed method steps**

25 GRANTED. France Telecom argues that *Quanta Computer, Inc. v. LG Electronics, Inc.*,

26 ⁴ Paragraph 99 discusses that an uncoded data element, X'_k , is output from the interleaver and
27 input into the second encoder, but it does not discuss that this uncoded data element is output from
28 the second encoder. On the contrary, Figure 4 appears to show that X'_k is only output from the
second encoder during "trellis termination," which is not part of the regular encoding process. *See*
Mitzenmacher Rept. ¶ 97.

1 553 U.S. 617 (2008) forecloses Marvell’s position that a method claim can only be infringed if
 2 each of the claimed steps is performed and that sales, offers to sell, or importation do not infringe
 3 method claims. But *Quanta* involved application of the patent exhaustion doctrine; it did not hold
 4 that method claims can be infringed by offering to sell, selling, or importing a product in which a
 5 claimed method is embodied. Indeed, following *Quanta*, the Federal Circuit and district courts
 6 have repeatedly held that a person must practice all steps of the claimed method to infringe a
 7 method claim. See, e.g., *Meyer Intellectual Properties Ltd. v. Bodum, Inc.*, 690 F.3d 1354, 1366
 8 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (“Where, as here, the asserted patent claims are method claims, the sale of a
 9 product, without more, does not infringe the patent. Instead, direct infringement of a method claim
 10 requires a showing that every step of the claimed method has been practiced.”); *Finjan, Inc. v.*
 11 *Secure Computing Corp.*, 626 F.3d 1197, 1206 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (“To infringe a method claim, a
 12 person must have practiced all steps of the claimed method.”); *Lucent Technologies, Inc. v.*
 13 *Gateway, Inc.*, 580 F.3d 1301, 1317 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (same); *Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Santaris*
 14 *Pharma A/S Corp.*, 2014 WL 2531973, at *4 (S.D. Cal. 2014) (noting “clear precedent that a
 15 method patent may only be infringed when each of its steps are performed within the United
 16 States”); *Mirror Worlds, LLC v. Apple, Inc.*, 784 F. Supp. 2d 703, 713 (E.D. Tex. 2011) (“the sale
 17 or offer for sale is insufficient to prove direct infringement of a method claim”) (“reliance on
 18 Apple’s sales of computers that contain the accused Mac OS X 10.4–6 software does not prove
 19 direct infringement”) *aff’d*, 692 F.3d 1351 (Fed. Cir. 2012).

20 **3. Preclude France Telecom from presenting testimony, argument, or evidence**
 21 **concerning sales by nonparty Marvell Asia Pte. LTD. (“MAPL”)**

22 GRANTED. I previously ruled that “Marvell is not liable for the actions of a third party,
 23 nor is it liable for infringement that occurred abroad.” *Id.* at 23. France Telecom claims that it
 24 does not want to present testimony regarding Marvell Asia’s sales, but that it is not clear whether
 25 sales belong to Marvell or MAPL. Marvell produced a spreadsheet showing sales by itself and
 26 MAPL. France Telecom contends that the “spreadsheet purports to characterize sales transactions
 27 and does so in a manner that is sharply disputed.” France Telecom opp. at 10. France Telecom
 28 asked for the documents underlying the spreadsheet on August 1, 2014, per Fed. R. Evid. 1006,

1 which provides that:

2 The proponent may use a summary, chart, or calculation to prove the
3 content of voluminous writings, recordings, or photographs that
4 cannot be conveniently examined in court. The proponent must
5 make the originals or duplicates available for examination or
6 copying, or both, by other parties at a reasonable time and place.
7 And the court may order the proponent to produce them in court.

8 Rule 1006 does not apply here because the spreadsheet was not prepared for trial; the spreadsheet
9 is the underlying business record. *See, e.g., U-Haul Intern., Inc. v. Lumbermens Mut. Cas. Co.*,
10 576 F.3d 1040, 1045-46 (9th Cir. 2009) (“the summaries *themselves* constituted the business
11 records. They were the writings at issue, not summaries of other evidence. Thus, Rule 1006 does
12 not apply.”) (emphasis in original); *United States v. Draiman*, 784 F.2d 248, 256 n.6 (7th Cir.
13 1986) (“Rule 1006 contemplates the admission of a summary, prepared for trial, as *secondary*
14 evidence of ‘voluminous writings, recordings or photographs’ that could not conveniently be
15 introduced at trial. The entries on a business record, however, are considered the original entries,
16 and therefore the business record is admissible without regard to the availability of the underlying
17 documents.”) (citations omitted).⁵

18 France Telecom had its opportunity in discovery to test the accuracy of the spreadsheet.
19 Fact discovery and expert disclosures are closed. It is too late to introduce new damage theories.

20 **4. Preclude France Telecom from presenting testimony, argument, and evidence of
21 conception, reduction to practice, and inventorship of the alleged inventions**

22 DENIED. France Telecom was arguably prohibited from requiring TDF to provide the
23 requested documents to Marvell, and nothing prevented Marvell from started the Hague process
24 sooner than it did. However, as noted above, Marvell will be allowed to present the evidence that
25 it has regarding inventorship of the ‘747 patent.

26 **5. Preclude France Telecom from presenting testimony, argument, or evidence using
27 the term “turbo codes” as a proxy for the claimed invention**

28 DENIED. At trial, Marvell will have the chance to present evidence that turbo codes are

⁵ In addition, it appears, based on Marvell’s presentation at the pretrial conference, that all of the individual entries which France Telecom contended were improperly characterized were in fact characterized as sales by Marvell, not MAPL, and are therefore presumably captured by France Telecom’s damage theories. France Telecom’s argument that the spreadsheet is inaccurate is, at best, speculative.

1 not covered by the '747 patent, but France Telecom should not be barred from presenting evidence
2 of the opposite or referring to the claimed invention as "turbo codes."

3 **6. Preclude France Telecom from raising or referring to how Marvell manages its**
4 **tax burden**

5 GRANTED. Marvell's treatment of its tax burden is irrelevant. However, should Marvell
6 somehow make it relevant, France Telecom will be free to address the issue.

7 **III. MARVELL'S DAUBERT MOTION**

8 Marvell has filed a *Daubert* motion to preclude France Telecom's damages expert,
9 Professor Cornell, from testifying regarding (i) his opinions on alternative damages scenarios that
10 are based on worldwide sales and sales of non-party MAPL, including his opinion on the lump
11 sum royalty, and his opinions on the two alternative running royalties that use "Marvell 3G Chips"
12 and "Marvell 3G Chips Sold to RIM" as the base; (ii) his opinions regarding the alleged level of
13 importation, use, and roaming use in the United States; and (iii) his opinions of the use of sales
14 data by BlackBerry as a proxy for alleged infringing use in the United States.

15 **1. Lump sum royalty opinion**

16 Professor Cornell opines that Marvell would have negotiated for a lump-sum royalty rather
17 than a running royalty because, at that time, Marvell projected sales of such a volume that the
18 lump sum would have been more economical than a running royalty. Marvell argues that
19 Professor Cornwell's opinion is "legally erroneous" because he did not distinguish between
20 Marvell and non-parties Marvell Technology Group Ltd. ("MTGL") and Marvell Asia Pte. Ltd
21 ("MAPL") in his hypothetical negotiation, i.e., his hypothetical negotiation was between France
22 Telecom on one side and, on the other side, an "integrated entity" of Marvell, MTGL, and MAPL,
23 even though MGTL and MAPL are not parties to this suit.⁶ I previously ruled that "Marvell is not
24 liable for the actions of a third party, nor is it liable for infringement that occurred abroad." *Id.* at
25 23.

26 Marvell's motion to exclude Professor Cornell's testimony regarding the lump-sum royalty

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28 ⁶ Marvell and MAPL are both subsidiaries of MTGL. Dkt. No. 160 at 2.

1 is DENIED. While his opinion is based on forecasts which did not differentiate between the
2 various Marvell entities, he explains why he believes that the portion of the forecasted sales which
3 would have been sold in the United States—sales which he opines would have been recognized by
4 defendant Marvell—exceed the number of sales which would make a lump-sum royalty more
5 economical than a running royalty, i.e., the “break-even” point.⁷ Marvell can attack the
6 reasonableness of those opinions at trial.

7 Professor Cornell’s opinion is based on forecasts which did not differentiate between the
8 various Marvell entities. He states that “[n]o documents have been produced indicating Marvell’s
9 forecasted sales to the United States.”⁸ Hansen Decl., Ex 1, Cornwell Rept. ¶ 192. But Professor
10 Cornell explains how he extrapolated forecasts attributable to Marvell from the undifferentiated
11 forecasts. According to Professor Cornell, the forecasted sales for the combined Marvell entities
12 are more than double the “break-even” point. Professor Cornell opines that the portion of those
13 forecasted sales attributable to sales in the United States, and recognized by Marvell, still exceeds
14 the “break-even” point because the Marvell entities expected that more than three quarters of their
15 sales would go to their largest customer, and a significant portion of that customer’s revenues
16 (65% in 2006) was from the United States.

17 Marvell contends that “Professor Cornell admitted that the *only* way to meet the . . .
18 “break-even” point to justify his lump sum royalty . . . was to include both MSI and MAPL sales.”
19 Mot. at 7 (emphasis in original). That is not accurate. With the benefit of hindsight, Professor
20 Cornell testified that Marvell’s actual sales were not enough to meet the “break-even” point, but
21 that has no bearing on Marvell’s forecasts at the time of the hypothetical negotiation.

22 Professor Cornell lump sum opinion is sufficiently reliable to present to the jury. Any
23 perceived deficiencies in the opinion go to its weight, not its admissibility. Marvell can draw out
24 those purported deficiencies on cross-examination.

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26 ⁷ The various figures at issue, e.g., the number of units needed to make the lump-sum royalty
27 preferable to the running royalty and the specific royalty figures identified by Professor Cornell,
28 are confidential and I therefore do not identify the specific figures.

⁸ Marvell does not dispute that no forecasts specific to it were produced.

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2. Running royalty opinions

Professor Cornell also provided four running royalty scenarios in the event that the jury finds that France Telecom and Marvell would have negotiated a running royalty rather than a lump sum royalty. The four alternative scenarios are based on (i) Marvell 3G chips; (ii) Marvell 3G chips sold to RIM [Blackberry]; (iii) Marvell 3G chips shipped to the United States; and (iv) Marvell 3G chips sold to RIM, which RIM then sold into the United States as part of assembled handsets.

Marvell contends that the scenarios based on “Marvell 3G chips” and “Marvell 3G chips sold to RIM” are unreliable and should be excluded because they include worldwide sales and sales of non-party MAPL and are barred by my summary judgment ruling. *See* Dkt. No. 160. France Telecom does not address the scenario based on Marvell 3G chips in its opposition brief, apparently conceding that that scenario is barred by my summary judgment ruling. It is, because it is based on alleged sales of the accused invention by non-parties. With respect to the scenario based on “Marvell 3G chips sold to RIM”, France Telecom responds that “[n]othing in the Court’s summary judgment decision precludes France Telecom from proving at trial that the sales in question were Marvell (as opposed to MAPL) United States sales.” *Opp.* at 21. There does not seem to be any basis for that contention, and I would exclude it as well.

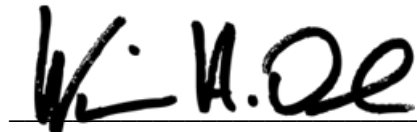
Marvell contends that the scenario based on “Marvell 3G chips sold to RIM, which RIM then sold into the United States as part of assembled handsets” should be precluded because it includes RIM handsets with chips supplied by non-party MAPL, rather than Marvell. I disagree. The document from RIM, upon which Professor Cornell based this scenario, does not differentiate between sales from Marvell and sales from MAPL. But given that the list is limited to handsets which RIM sold into the United States, it is a reasonable proxy for Marvell sales in the United States. Marvell can develop any deficiencies in this scenario at trial.

I also reject Marvell’s argument that Professor Cornell impermissibly used the document from RIM, which lists *sales* to the United States, as a proxy for *use* in the United States. The parties agree that Marvell has no means of tracking where its chips are actually used. But France Telecom may rely on circumstantial evidence, including sales figures, to establish use of the

1 patented methods. *See, e.g., Lucent Technologies, Inc. v. Gateway, Inc.*, 580 F.3d 1301, 1318
2 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (“the jury reviewed evidence relating to the extensive sales of Microsoft products
3 and the dissemination of instruction manuals for the Microsoft products. The jury also heard
4 corresponding testimony from Lucent’s infringement expert. The circumstantial documentary
5 evidence, supplementing the experts’ testimony, was just barely sufficient to permit the jury to
6 find direct infringement by a preponderance of the evidence.”); *Moleculon Research Corp. v. CBS,*
7 *Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1261, 1272 (Fed. Cir. 1986) (affirming finding of infringing use based on
8 “circumstantial evidence of extensive puzzle sales, dissemination of an instruction sheet teaching
9 the method of restoring the preselected pattern with each puzzle, and the availability of a solution
10 booklet on how to solve the puzzle”). Whether France Telecom has enough circumstantial
11 evidence of use to prove infringement remains to be seen, but Professor Cornell’s reliance on
12 Blackberry’s sales figures are not so unreliable that his opinion cannot be presented to the jury.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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15 Dated: August 28, 2014



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18 United States District Judge