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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
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- 3 JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
- 4 Any housekeeping items this morning?
- 5 MR. PERRY: Yes, Your Honor.
- Before we begin with Mr. Lee, we have a few
- 7 exhibits to move into evidence. I believe both sides
- 8 do.
- 9 Mr. Oliver and I have been talking about the
- 10 exhibits that we used in the Jacob testimony and we're
- 11 now prepared to offer into evidence six exhibits if I
- 12 could.
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- MR. PERRY: The first is CX-415.
- MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 17 (CX Exhibit Number 415 was admitted into
- 18 evidence.)
- 19 MR. PERRY: RX-1479.
- 20 MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 22 (RX Exhibit Number 1479 was admitted into
- evidence.)
- 24 MR. PERRY: RX-1308?
- 25 MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 2 (RX Exhibit Number 1308 was admitted into
- 3 evidence.)
- 4 MR. PERRY: RX-1701.
- 5 MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 7 (RX Exhibit Number 1701 was admitted into
- 8 evidence.)
- 9 MR. PERRY: RX-1472.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 12 (RX Exhibit Number 1472 was admitted into
- 13 evidence.)
- 14 MR. PERRY: And RX-406.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, this document is
- something in Japanese and we haven't heard from any
- 17 witness who has ever seen this document before.
- 18 Pursuant to our understanding with the other side, we
- 19 will not object to its being admitted into evidence,
- 20 but I would like to note for the record we don't think
- it's entitled to any weight.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: So noted.
- MR. PERRY: There's also a translation
- 24 attached.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: That's good to know.

1 (RX Exhibit Number 406 was admitted into

- 2 evidence.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, anything you wanted
- 4 to add at this point?
- 5 MR. OLIVER: Yes, Your Honor.
- I wanted to move three exhibits into evidence
- 7 that were used in the proceedings yesterday.
- First is a July 28, 1997 e-mail from
- 9 Terry Walther to certain individuals at Micron,
- 10 including Terry Lee, attaching a presentation from
- 11 Texas Instruments. This would be CX-371.
- MR. PERRY: No objection.
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 14 (CX Exhibit Number 371 was admitted into
- 15 evidence.)
- 16 MR. OLIVER: Second is CX-2718. This is a
- document, Micron DRAM update, dated March 1998.
- 18 MR. PERRY: No objection.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 20 (CX Exhibit Number 2718 was admitted into
- 21 evidence.)
- MR. OLIVER: Third is CX-2769. This is a
- document entitled Consideration for DDR Clocking
- Scheme and Data Capture with the date September 13,
- 25 2000.

- 1 MR. PERRY: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 3 (CX Exhibit Number 2769 was admitted into
- 4 evidence.)
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Mr. Lee, would you
- 6 please again take the stand. I caution you, you're
- 7 still under oath from your testimony previously.
- At this time we'll begin the
- 9 cross-examination.
- 10 - -
- 11 Whereupon --
- 12 TERRY R. LEE
- a witness, called for examination, having been
- 14 previously duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 15 follows:
- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 Mr. Lee, good morning.
- A. Good morning.
- Q. I have had some folks arrange the exhibits that
- 22 we used yesterday in chronological order. We may be
- 23 referring to some of them from time to time, and so I
- just wanted to let you know those were there in front
- of you. If we get too much paper in front of you, just

- 1 try to work around them and rearrange them.
- I think you told us yesterday that your current
- 3 title is advanced technology strategic marketing, but
- 4 I'm not sure I wrote it down correctly.
- 5 Can you tell us what your current title is at
- 6 Micron?
- 7 A. Yes. It's executive director of advanced
- 8 technology and strategic marketing.
- 9 Q. Is that technology singular or plural?
- 10 A. Singular.
- 11 Q. And to whom do you currently report?
- 12 A. To Bob Donnelly.
- Q. Bob Donnelly?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And what's his current title?
- 16 A. He's the vice president of the consumer and
- 17 computing group.
- 18 Q. Is that in the marketing organization of
- 19 Micron?
- 20 A. The consumer and computing group?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. It's a large group. It encompasses more than
- 23 marketing.
- Q. And we heard some yesterday about a
- 25 Mr. Jeff Mailloux. What is his current title?

1 A. I'm not sure what his current title is at this

- 2 time.
- 3 Q. Have you ever reported directly to
- 4 Mr. Mailloux?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And you told us yesterday about your chronology
- 7 at Micron.
- 8 During what time period did you report directly
- 9 to Mr. Mailloux?
- 10 A. There was probably a break. When I was in the
- design group for a while, he was the business unit
- 12 manager, and I probably reported to him for about a
- 13 year. It might have been around the 1991 time frame.
- 14 And then there was a year or two where I did not report
- to him when I was in marketing, and then he came over
- 16 to marketing and I reported to him at that point in
- 17 time.
- So my estimate is I've reported to him from
- 19 1993 to maybe 2001.
- 20 Q. Okay. And you told us yesterday that today you
- 21 have some marketing-related responsibilities. I think
- you talked about outbound marketing and some other kind
- of marketing. What was the other kind?
- 24 A. Correct. The strategic marketing group has
- 25 segment marketing and outbound marketing in addition to

- 1 product definition, applications engineering.
- 2 Q. So are you currently in the marketing
- 3 organization at Micron?
- 4 A. You could call it that.
- 5 Q. I want to go back to the fall of 1995. Do you
- 6 have that time period in mind?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And you reported to Mr. Mailloux at the time?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. What was your title?
- 11 A. I'm unclear what the title was. It was
- 12 probably strategic applications engineer.
- Q. And that was in the marketing organization?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. What were your duties and responsibilities in
- 16 that position?
- 17 A. Sure. At that position I was responsible for
- 18 product definition for new products.
- 19 Q. Did you have any other responsibilities in that
- 20 time period?
- 21 A. It was primarily that.
- Q. One of the things you talked about yesterday
- 23 was a meeting between Rambus and Micron that occurred
- you said in late 1995. Do you remember that?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. You were at that meeting?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And in advance of that meeting you did some
- 4 research; correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. You looked at the Rambus Web site for technical
- 7 information; correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Did you look at the Rambus Web site for any
- 10 other kind of information?
- 11 A. For?
- 12 Q. In connection with that meeting?
- 13 A. What other kind of information are you
- 14 referring to?
- Q. Did you look at the Rambus Web site for any
- information about their history as a company or their
- business model or their corporate management or their
- investors, anything, other than technical?
- 19 A. I don't recall. My focus would have been
- 20 technical, though.
- Q. Was anyone else tasked, as far as you know, was
- 22 anyone else tasked in advance of that meeting with
- 23 Rambus to try to develop information with respect to
- 24 Rambus' corporate management, business model, history,
- anything like that?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- 2 Q. And you tried to understand the Rambus
- 3 technology in advance of that meeting; right?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And at Mr. Mailloux's request you read some
- Rambus abstracts, some abstracts of Rambus patents?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. What's an abstract, just briefly?
- 9 A. An abstract is a brief description of what the
- 10 patent is about.
- 11 Q. And was that available through a Web site of
- 12 some kind?
- 13 A. It was distributed to myself through a memo
- 14 from Jeff Mailloux.
- Q. And after looking at the abstracts, you asked
- 16 for one or more patents to be sent to you to read the
- 17 whole patent; is that right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you remember how many patents you asked
- 20 for?
- 21 A. Not exactly. I think it was just a couple.
- Q. And you know one of them was the '703 patent
- you talked about yesterday; right?
- 24 A. I recall that.
- 25 Q. And in anticipation of the meeting with Rambus,

1 you prepared a memorandum to Mr. Mailloux describing

- 2 your conclusions?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Was that your ordinary practice at the time, to
- 5 prepare a memorandum when you had a research project
- 6 like this?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did you have an oral presentation to
- 9 Mr. Mailloux about what you learned, in advance of the
- 10 meeting?
- 11 A. I believe we had a discussion.
- 12 Q. Did you have PowerPoints?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. So you had nothing in writing at any time that
- showed what your research had shown; is that right?
- 16 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Is it correct -- well, let me ask it
- 18 this way.
- 19 Did you ever at any point in time prepare
- 20 anything in writing to summarize your research
- 21 regarding Rambus technology in advance of that
- 22 meeting?
- A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Okay. Well, let's look at that memo from
- 25 Mr. Mailloux that you mentioned. It's RX-629, and it's

in front of you, dated November 7, 1995. It should be

- 2 early in the stack.
- 3 We looked at this yesterday; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. And this is a memo to a distribution list from
- 6 Jeff Mailloux dated November 7, 1995; correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And the re line says "Rambus, Inc. patents"; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And there are -- it appears that there are
- 12 eight names listed and one of them is blotted out by
- 13 some highlighting I believe.
- Do you believe your name to be the one that's
- 15 blotted out?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Have you ever seen a legible copy of this since
- 18 1995?
- 19 A. I think early in the deposition process I saw a
- 20 more legible copy.
- 21 Q. Now, the memo says: "Attached are abstracts
- for the patents that have been granted to Rambus, Inc.
- 23 so far. Please look them over and send me any feedback
- you might have."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And then it says, "We can get copies of the
- 3 full patent for any that are of particular interest";
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And after reading the abstract for the
- 7 '703 patent, you asked for a copy of the full patent;
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that was CX-1460 that's in front of you;
- 11 right, the '703 patent? I believe it's probably the
- 12 first document on the pile.
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And you read that patent; correct?
- 15 A. Yeah, I reviewed parts of that patent.
- Q. Can you tell us now which parts you didn't
- 17 review?
- 18 A. Not specifically.
- 19 Q. Okay. And Mr. Mailloux had requested, if
- 20 you'll look back at his memo, November 7, 1995, he had
- 21 said, "Please consider both the quality (is there prior
- 22 art?) and the breadth (apply to more than just Rambus?)
- of the patents."
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Well, let's take that in two parts. Let's talk

- 2 about the first part.
- 3 It says please consider the quality of the
- 4 patents and it says, "Is there prior art?" Do you see
- 5 that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And did you reach any conclusions in reviewing
- 8 any Rambus patent abstracts or patents with respect to
- 9 whether or not there might be prior art to some of what
- 10 you saw in those patents or patent abstracts?
- 11 A. I came to some conclusions as to whether this
- 12 stuff was familiar or seemed new to me.
- Q. And tell us what your conclusions were in that
- 14 regard.
- 15 A. There were a couple patents that seemed like
- 16 things -- the sort of things I've seen before. There
- 17 were a couple patents that didn't seem to be very
- 18 useful.
- Q. What were some of the things that you saw that
- you thought you had seen before?
- 21 A. There were a couple patents that looked
- familiar to things I've seen in industry before. One
- 23 that I remember specifically was they were using an
- 24 external refresh pin to control refresh in DRAMs.
- 25 Q. And you thought that was something that had

1 been known to the art, as it were, before Rambus came

- 2 along?
- A. I certainly thought the use of an external pin
- 4 for reset had been done before.
- Q. And when you say "done before," is that before
- 6 the priority date that you saw in the '703 patent?
- 7 A. It was before the date that I saw in the
- 8 patent. And we at Micron had done stuff with use of an
- 9 external pin and we'd seen other things with external
- 10 refresh pins, so in my opinion that one didn't sound
- 11 that novel.
- 12 Q. When you say before the date you saw in the
- patent, do you mean the date that the patent issued or
- 14 what you understood to be the priority date claimed in
- 15 the patent?
- 16 A. It was from the date that was listed on the
- 17 abstract.
- 18 Q. And was that what you understood to be a
- 19 priority date?
- 20 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. There's no
- 21 foundation as to whether this witness understands what
- 22 a priority date is.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. You hold many patents, don't you?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. You're a named inventor on them?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Do you understand that "priority date" means
- 5 the claimed date of invention in the patent
- 6 application?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. All right. Well, when you were looking at
- 9 these abstracts and you saw a date, did you understand
- 10 that to be the priority date or the issue date?
- 11 A. I understood that the date there was the -- I
- 12 believe it was the issue date, but I have to review the
- abstract to confirm that.
- Q. Did you think that when Mr. Mailloux was asking
- 15 you to consider the quality of the Rambus patents and
- whether there was prior art that he was wondering
- whether or not there had been people using the
- 18 technology described in the patent before the priority
- 19 date or the issue date?
- 20 A. My understanding of what Jeff wanted to know
- 21 was whether this seemed like new patents and things
- that would be useful, that would be useful for us in
- 23 other products.
- Q. Did you have an understanding from your own
- 25 experience at the time that "prior art" meant

- 1 inventions prior to the claimed priority date?
- A. Are you asking me what my understanding of the
- 3 legal term "prior art" was at that time?
- 4 Q. No.
- 5 When you saw this question in this memo, is
- 6 there prior art, did you understand Mr. Mailloux to be
- 7 asking for the uses or inventions that would invalidate
- 8 the patent because they would come before the claimed
- 9 priority date in the patent?
- 10 A. My interpretation of what Jeff was asking for
- 11 was whether there was -- these were new ideas or
- whether they're things we've seen before or whether
- 13 they were novel and helpful.
- 14 Q. So when you were doing this research in
- response to this memo, you weren't looking at the
- question of whether or not there was any use or
- 17 disclosure of the invention claimed in the patents
- 18 before the priority date set out in the patents; is
- 19 that right?
- 20 A. If I understood the question -- I quess maybe
- 21 you can repeat that for me.
- MR. PERRY: Could you read it back, please.
- (The record was read as follows:)
- "QUESTION: So when you were doing this
- 25 research in response to this memo, you weren't looking

1 at the question of whether or not there was any use or

- 2 disclosure of the invention claimed in the patents
- 3 before the priority date set out in the patents; is
- 4 that right?"
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I did no research to
- 6 compare those dates with specific patents of other
- 7 dates.
- 8 BY MR. PERRY:
- 9 Q. And did you report any conclusions to
- 10 Mr. Mailloux in response to his question about prior
- 11 art?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And you did that orally?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Have you ever seen any of those conclusions set
- 16 down in writing?
- 17 A. Not that I recall.
- 18 Q. Who was present when you did this orally?
- 19 A. Kevin Ryan and I discussed -- he had half of
- 20 the abstracts, I had the other half, and we discussed
- 21 what we saw and we shared those conclusions with Jeff.
- 22 At the time, our cubicles were right by each other, so
- verbal communication was kind of typical then.
- Q. Did you ever see anything written down that
- 25 reflected Mr. Ryan's conclusions about the abstracts or

- 1 patents he looked at?
- 2 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. And then the two of you, you and Mr. Ryan, you
- 4 met with Mr. Mailloux to discuss your conclusions;
- 5 right?
- 6 A. I don't recall if we both met with him
- 7 simultaneously or if we met with him individually, but
- 8 Kevin Ryan and I talked first.
- 9 Q. And you told Mr. Mailloux that some of what
- 10 you'd saw -- some of what you had seen looked like
- 11 stuff that had been used before?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. And you said that some of it looked like stuff
- 14 that wasn't very useful to Micron; right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. Did you say anything else to him in response to
- 17 his question, is there prior art?
- 18 A. No. I think that's pretty much the summary of
- 19 the prior art question.
- 20 Q. And then yesterday you talked about that
- 21 meeting with Rambus in 1995; right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And you said you could not recall whether there
- 24 was any discussion of Rambus patents. Was that your
- 25 testimony?

- 1 A. At the meeting in '95?
- 2 O. Yes.
- 3 A. I believe that they said that they had patents
- 4 to their technology, but I don't understand -- I don't
- 5 recall any discussion of patents beyond the
- 6 technology.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Is that clear?
- 9 Q. Have you remembered something since yesterday
- and today about what happened at that meeting?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Give me just a second. Thank you.
- 13 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- I'm going to show you what appears to be a copy
- of some slides dated December 14, 1995. It's
- 16 Exhibit CX-1314.
- 17 May I?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, I don't have very many questions at all on
- 21 this page -- on this document. It was produced to
- 22 Rambus by Micron from Micron's files. It appears to
- 23 have Rambus logos on it.
- So if you could flip through it and see if you
- 25 recognize this as slides that were presented by Rambus

1 at the December 1995 meeting with Micron that you

- 2 attended.
- 3 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- Do you have the question in mind? I'll just
- 5 restate it.
- Does this appear to be the slides that were
- 7 used by Rambus at the December 1995 meeting with Micron
- 8 that you attended?
- 9 A. I can't say for sure whether these were the
- 10 presentations that were used but -- other than the use
- of the date and Micron at the top.
- 12 Q. Do you recognize the handwriting?
- 13 A. I think I do.
- Q. Whose handwriting do you think that is?
- 15 A. I think that's either Jeff's or Kevin Ryan's,
- 16 Jeff Mailloux's or Kevin Ryan's.
- Q. And do you see on the second page of the
- exhibit, page 2 -- if you'll pull up the top PowerPoint
- 19 slide -- do you see it says "Rambus, Inc.
- 20 Mountain View, California"?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. There's
- 22 been no foundation this witness actually has seen this
- document before.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, he was at the meeting.
- 25 He's testified he was at the meeting.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: You can still lay that

- 2 foundation and ask if he's seen it.
- 3 MR. PERRY: Let me just ask if this page
- 4 refreshes his recollection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Looking at this particular page, page 2 of the
- 8 exhibit, do you see where it says "Mountain View,
- 9 80 people, broad IP coverage, financially sound"? Do
- 10 you see a reference to Bill Gates and Michael Dell
- 11 recently invested in the company?
- Does any of that refresh your recollection of
- anybody standing up and presenting this slide to you
- and the Micron people in December of 1995?
- 15 A. No.
- MR. PERRY: We'll pass this document,
- 17 Your Honor.
- 18 BY MR. PERRY:
- 19 Q. And you told us yesterday that as a result of
- 20 this December 1995 meeting a decision was made at
- 21 Micron not to take a license from Rambus; right?
- 22 A. Not to take a license for the RDRAM product.
- Q. Right. At least that was the decision at that
- 24 time; right?
- 25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And you said that later on Micron was forced to

- 2 sign a license with Rambus for direct RDRAM; right?
- 3 A. From a business sense, yes. For direct RDRAM.
- 4 Q. And you told us that Micron was forced to sign
- 5 that license for direct RDRAM because Intel had
- 6 announced that it was going to work with Rambus
- 7 technology in the future as the next-generation main
- 8 memory; right?
- 9 A. Specifically they were using it not only for
- 10 main memory but across all the platforms, which
- indicated a large market share for memory.
- 12 Q. And that's what forced Micron to sign that
- 13 license; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And you talked some about a memo from
- 16 Mr. Mailloux to Mr. Appleton on that subject. It's
- 17 RX-829. It's dated December 10, 1996. If you could
- 18 pull it out, it's probably the top part of your stack.
- 19 Do you have it?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Let's pull up the to/from up at the top just to
- 22 identify it.
- Is this an e-mail that you received from
- Jeff Mailloux in December of 1996 where you were copied
- 25 on the e-mail?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And Mr. Mailloux sent it to Mr. Appleton?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Mr. Appleton was then the CEO of Micron;
- 5 right?
- A. I believe that's correct. He was CEO or
- 7 president.
- Q. And I see this e-mail is also copied to
- 9 G. Cloud. Is that Gene Cloud?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What was his position at the time in Micron in
- 12 December of 1996?
- 13 A. He was the vice president of marketing.
- Q. Did Mr. Mailloux report to him at the time?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. And the memo starts with -- or the e-mail
- 17 starts with, if we look at the first line, "Steve, this
- is what Terry, Kevin and I came up with for Rambus
- 19 negotiating points"; right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And are you the "Terry" that's referred to?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. That the three of you met and talked about
- 24 possible Rambus negotiating points?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you understood that that was in advance of

- 2 the negotiation involving Mr. Appleton and Rambus
- 3 personnel over a direct RDRAM license?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Now, the first sentence says, "As a bigger
- 6 negotiating point, what if you made some suggestion
- 7 that we want to make part of the NRE (if it is still
- 8 high) something where we got a part of their company?"
- 9 Now, NRE refers to nonreoccurring engineering
- 10 fees; is that right?
- 11 A. Nonrecurring engineering fees.
- 12 Q. And the reference to getting a part of their
- 13 company, is that a reference to getting some equity in
- 14 Rambus?
- 15 A. I believe that's what he meant at that time.
- Q. And was that a suggestion that you and
- 17 Kevin Ryan and Jeff Mailloux had discussed prior to the
- 18 preparation of this memo?
- 19 A. I don't believe Kevin and I were involved with
- 20 that discussion.
- 21 Q. You think that's something that Mr. Mailloux
- 22 came up with either on his own or with somebody else
- but not with you?
- A. Yes. Jeff solicited some input from Kevin and
- I and then Jeff put together an e-mail.

Q. Well, let's look down, reasons for the lower

- 2 NRE, pull up that paragraph.
- 3 And number one that's listed here is: Micron
- 4 will not require as much support to develop direct
- 5 Rambus DRAM.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you'll go down to the -- not the
- 9 immediate next sentence but the one after that, it
- 10 says: "Micron has internal high-speed design
- 11 expertise. We should not require as much design
- 12 support as any other DRAM company that Rambus plans to
- 13 support."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Were those some suggestions that you had
- 17 provided to Mr. Mailloux as negotiating points with
- 18 Rambus?
- 19 A. Specifically, we felt that we wouldn't require
- 20 as much interaction with Rambus in terms of doing a
- 21 design as some of the other companies.
- Q. And so the argument you were suggesting was
- that Rambus wouldn't have to put as much engineering
- 24 manpower or time into working with Rambus to develop --
- 25 I'm sorry -- with Micron to develop Micron's direct

- 1 RDRAM device?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you believe that to be true at the time?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. Now, if you look down to the paragraph
- 6 numbered 4, that says, "Complete DRAM design
- 7 schematics can be contracted and/or purchased for
- 8 2-3M."
- 9 Did you understand that to be two to three
- 10 million dollars?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And then it says, "MOSAID was willing to do a
- 13 complete SyncLink DRAM design for this kind of money."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that information that you provided to
- 17 Mr. Mailloux as a way of suggesting a reason for Micron
- 18 to get a lower nonrecurring engineering fee?
- 19 A. Jeff was aware of the -- of that benchmark, if
- 20 you will, of what the design fee was quoted by MOSAID
- 21 for doing SyncLink. I don't recall if that was
- 22 something I specifically gave to him or Kevin gave to
- 23 him or was part of our discussion.
- Q. But was it true at the time that complete DRAM
- 25 design schematics can be contracted and/or purchased

- for two to three million?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. If you'll look on the next page, you say
- 4 "reasons for lower" -- I'm sorry. You don't say
- 5 anything. I will try not to do that again.
- Do you see in Mr. Mailloux's memo on the second
- 7 page where it says "reasons for lower royalty"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you see that?
- 10 And item number 1 says: "We have been
- investigating high-speed DRAMs and the intellectual
- 12 property associated with them for some time now.
- 13 Internally, we were working on something called the
- 14 Wasatch Project before we started our work with
- 15 SyncLink."
- Did I read that correctly?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Were you at all involved with the
- 19 Wasatch Project?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And did Micron file patents arising from work
- done in connection with the Wasatch Project?
- A. No. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Okay. Well, do you see the next line where
- 25 Mr. Mailloux says, "We have of course been filing

1 patents related to this work"? Do you see that?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that in
- 4 fact Micron had been filing patent applications
- 5 relating to the Wasatch Project work?
- A. I think we had been filing some patents related
- 7 to high-speed DRAMs. I don't know if it was
- 8 necessarily related to exactly what we were calling the
- 9 Wasatch Project.
- 10 Q. And those applications were related to the
- 11 high-speed synchronous DRAMs; right?
- 12 A. I don't recall. They were high-speed DRAM in
- general, just techniques for operating DRAMs or
- developing DRAMs that are high speeds.
- 15 Q. The Wasatch Project, was that a high-speed
- 16 DRAM?
- 17 A. The Wasatch Project was I would describe it as
- 18 brainstorming sessions on things that high-speed DRAMs
- 19 would need in the future.
- 20 Q. Was there a design schematic prepared?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Was there any consideration given to the need
- to use dual-edged clocking?
- 24 A. I don't recall.
- 25 Q. How about programmable burst? Was there any

1 consideration given to the need for programmable burst

- 2 in that device?
- A. I don't recall if that was one of the features
- 4 under consideration.
- 5 Q. Who was in charge of the Wasatch Project?
- A. I'm not sure that there was really an official
- 7 leader.
- 8 O. Was there an unofficial leader?
- 9 A. Not that I know of.
- 10 Q. Well, Mr. Mailloux goes on to say, that line I
- 11 read part of says, "We have of course been filing
- 12 patents related to this work and in anticipation of how
- 13 high-speed DRAMs would evolve."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. When you got this memo, did you have an
- 17 understanding of what Mr. Mailloux meant by we've been
- filing patents in anticipation of how high-speed DRAMs
- 19 would evolve?
- 20 A. I believe I had an understanding of what he
- 21 meant.
- Q. Did you understand him to mean that Micron was
- 23 attempting to anticipate what other companies might be
- using in high-speed DRAMs in the future?
- A. No, not exactly.

- 1 Q. What did you understand him to mean?
- A. What he meant was we were spending some time
- 3 with Wasatch trying to figure out how in the future
- 4 high-speed DRAMs might change or the kind of features
- 5 that might be helpful and the kind of things we might
- 6 need to do for future high-speed DRAM development.
- 7 And the Wasatch Project was really just a
- 8 series of a few meetings. There was other thoughts and
- 9 discussions in high-speed DRAMs in general in this time
- 10 which may or may not have been called the
- 11 Wasatch Project.
- 12 Q. So as you understood it, when he talks about
- filing patent applications in anticipation of how
- 14 high-speed DRAMs would evolve, did you understand him
- to be talking about the need to include that kind of
- patents in future cross-license negotiations?
- 17 A. Not necessarily.
- 18 Q. Did you understand him to be talking about the
- ability to assert those patents against other companies
- that might be making high-speed DRAMs?
- 21 A. Not necessarily.
- Q. What did you understand him to mean by "in
- anticipation of how high-speed DRAMs would evolve"?
- A. My understanding was that he was saying that
- 25 we've thought about the way these things are going in

1 the future and that we have filed some patents related

- 2 to that and my understanding is primarily for defensive
- 3 purposes.
- 4 Q. Now, since you've been at Micron, Micron has
- 5 encouraged you to file patent applications; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Is that one of the parameters on which your
- 8 performance is judged?
- 9 A. Not necessarily.
- 10 Q. Sometimes it is, isn't it?
- 11 A. I've never really received any feedback that I
- did well or not did well based on number of patents.
- Q. What was your understanding as to why Micron
- wanted you to file patent applications?
- 15 A. Micron wanted to develop a patent portfolio
- 16 over time.
- 17 Q. Why?
- 18 A. It goes back to the history of Micron. Early
- on in Micron's history, they were subject to some
- 20 licensing with some other companies, and we felt that
- 21 we were at a relative disadvantage compared to some of
- 22 the companies we were cross-licensing with, and so in
- 23 general they wanted us to try to develop our patent
- 24 portfolio over time.
- 25 Q. And you understood that it was desirable to

1 develop -- to file patent applications on technologies

- that would be useful in the future; correct?
- 3 A. Sure.
- Q. Now, this memo goes on to say, this memo from
- 5 Mr. Mailloux, RX-829, goes on to say, "We have also
- 6 been investigating the prior art related to the area of
- 7 high-speed DRAMs."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And then it says, "From our research, we think
- 11 many Rambus patents read on prior art or other
- 12 patents."
- Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Had you provided Mr. Mailloux with any
- information prior to his preparation of this memo with
- 17 respect to whether or not Rambus patents were
- 18 anticipated by prior art?
- 19 A. The only information he was provided is that
- 20 which we already discussed today.
- 21 Q. So did you have any conversation between
- December 1995, which was when you were looking at those
- patents in anticipation of that December 1995 meeting,
- 24 and December 1996, which is when this memo was
- 25 prepared, about the issue, the general issue of whether

or not Rambus intellectual property was -- strike that.

- 2 Let me ask it again.
- 3 Did you have any conversation with Mr. Mailloux
- 4 between December 1995 and December 1996 about the
- 5 general issue of prior art with respect to Rambus
- 6 patents?
- 7 A. No. No discussions that involved any new
- 8 information from what we've discussed before.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, I see references in this memo from
- 10 Mr. Mailloux, RX-829, to SyncLink.
- Do you see that in that paragraph we've been
- 12 looking at?
- 13 It says "Before we started our work with
- 14 SyncLink." Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And by this point in time, December 1996, you
- were involved with SyncLink; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Well, let's look at a document about seven days
- 20 later, RX-836.
- 21 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see the date on this of December 17,
- 25 1996?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You know, I'll let you read it, but I just want
- 3 to establish that you're a recipient.
- If you'll see about eight lines down over on
- 5 the right side, do you see you were at least listed as
- 6 a recipient of this e-mail?
- 7 A. Yes, I see my name.
- 8 Q. Now, before I ask you questions about it, it's
- 9 a couple of pages long, why don't you take a minute and
- 10 read it.
- 11 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 12 Have you had a chance to read it?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. When I ask you a question, if you need more
- 15 time, take it.
- Do you understand this to be a -- it's called a
- 17 script.
- 18 Do you understand this to be some position -- a
- 19 position statement that folks at Micron could use in
- 20 response to questions or discussions with customers in
- 21 this time period?
- 22 A. I think I understand this as serving two
- 23 purposes, one the purpose you mentioned, and the other
- 24 was to provide a general education to the variety of
- 25 people on this list as to what this was about and the

- differences between RDRAM and next-generation RDRAM.
- Q. Well, let's pull up the top part of the second
- 3 page.
- Do you see where it says, "Stacie, please
- 5 forward to all sales, marketing and apps"?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And this is at least signed or the last page
- 8 has the name Jeff Mailloux on it.
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you think this is something from
- Jeff Mailloux to somebody named Stacie, asking her to
- forward it to a large group of people; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Who was Stacie?
- 16 A. Marketing assistant.
- 17 Q. And then it says "for use as a quide for
- 18 discussions with customers only"; right? Do you see
- 19 that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And then just below that it says "Micron script
- for response to Intel plans to use nDRAM (Rambus
- 23 derived) in 1999."
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Was it -- is it your recollection that in and

- 2 around December 1996 Intel had announced its intentions
- 3 to incorporate Rambus technology across various
- 4 platforms?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And is it your understanding that this is, at
- 7 least in part, intended to be a position statement for
- 8 use by Micron folks to customers?
- 9 A. To answer questions from customers.
- 10 Q. Okay. And then it says "General Statement."
- 11 Let's pull that paragraph up.
- 12 It says, "Micron is in the business of
- providing high-performance, cost-effective memory
- 14 solutions to our customers."
- You agreed with that at the time; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And the next sentence says, "We will always be
- 18 interested in producing whatever type of memory meets
- 19 the needs of the market and can be produced in
- 20 sufficient volume to drive costs down."
- Did you agree with that at the time?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 O. What is it about the volume that drives
- 24 Rambus -- Micron's manufacturing costs down?
- 25 A. Well, there's -- there's aspects of a memory

1 product that have fixed costs and there's aspects that

- 2 have variable costs, and those variable costs --
- 3 components of the variable cost can be driven down by
- 4 volume through improvements in yield.
- 5 Q. And has it been the traditional pattern in
- 6 introduction of DRAM devices in your experience that
- 7 as the volume ramps up, the manufacturing costs come
- 8 down?
- 9 A. They come down to some point and they flatten
- 10 out similar to our discussion yesterday.
- 11 Q. Okay. Well, if you'll look down to the third
- 12 paragraph, there's a description or a statement about
- 13 Intel here.
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. It says, "Intel currently plans to use a 'new
- 17 and improved' version of Rambus technology for the main
- 18 memory in one of their future high-end computer
- 19 platforms, which would first appear in 1999."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, was it your understanding at the time that
- 23 Intel's use of the Rambus DRAM wouldn't happen for a
- 24 few years?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. It says, "This new DRAM has been called

- 2 'nDRAM' and it is still being defined."
- Was that your understanding at the time?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. If you can look on the next page, please,
- 6 page 3 of the document, do you see about a third of the
- 7 way down it says "Questions and Answers"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Let's look at this question by question.
- 10 Let's pull up question and answer number 1.
- 11 Question number 1: Does Micron have a Rambus
- 12 license?
- 13 Is that question number 1?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And it says: "No, we do not. We also are
- unaware of any barriers to Micron obtaining a Rambus
- 17 license, should we decide to do so."
- 18 And did you believe that to be a true statement
- 19 at the time?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, then it says, "Even though we have not
- been working directly on Rambus technology, we have
- 23 been doing R&D on similar solutions (SyncLink and other
- internal R&D projects) for some time now."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you agree that SyncLink was a similar
- 3 solution to Rambus?
- A. Only to the extent that it is a high-speed
- 5 DRAM.
- 6 Q. That's the only similarity that you can see?
- 7 A. I think that's what Jeff is referring to here.
- 8 Q. But you talked yesterday about some
- 9 similarities between SyncLink and Rambus, didn't you?
- 10 A. I'd compared a couple things that were similar.
- 11 Most things were different.
- 12 Q. Okay. One of the similarities between the two
- 13 that you didn't mention yesterday is both use
- 14 dual-edged clocking; right?
- 15 A. Not exactly.
- Q. Well, as of 1995, you understood both to use
- 17 dual-edged clocking, didn't you?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did you understand in 1995 that both
- 20 devices used both edges of the clock to transmit data?
- 21 Is that statement true?
- 22 A. My knowledge of SyncLink, I only had a
- 23 cursory-level knowledge in the 1995 time frame. I
- 24 wasn't involved much with SyncLink at that time.
- 25 In '96 is when I became more involved with SyncLink,

- 1 and my understanding of SyncLink is we use a
- 2 synchronous strobe that uses dual edge to capture
- 3 data.
- Q. And you think that's different from the way
- 5 Rambus does dual-edged clocking; right?
- 6 A. I believe that Rambus uses a dual-edged clock
- 7 to capture data, whereas SyncLink is a source
- 8 synchronous design.
- 9 Q. And you think that's a difference between the
- 10 two?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. It makes them not similar in your view?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Well, look at paragraph 2 or question 2. That
- 15 question is: How quickly will nDRAM replace SDRAM,
- 16 will SDRAM have a short life?
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And the second sentence in the answer says,
- 20 "How quickly nDRAM replaces existing DRAM solutions at
- 21 that time will be a question of cost versus performance
- 22 and supplier support of nDRAM, and nobody can predict
- 23 this with any accuracy out that far (1999, 2000, 2001,
- 24 et cetera)."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you agree with that at the time?
- 3 A. Definitely.
- 4 Q. And when you got this memo, did you have an
- 5 understanding of what Mr. Mailloux meant by "supplier
- 6 support of nDRAM?"
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What did you understand him to mean?
- 9 A. Supplier support, in our business we have to
- 10 have perfectly substitutable products from other
- 11 suppliers, so there needs to be multiple sources for
- 12 the same part.
- 13 O. And that would also mean that it would be
- likely there would be a higher volume of nDRAM
- 15 available; right?
- 16 A. I'm not sure I understand that question.
- 17 Q. Did you also understand "supplier support of
- 18 nDRAM" to mean volume production?
- 19 A. I understood "supplier support" to mean that
- 20 multiple suppliers were producing a part.
- 21 Q. In production volumes?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Look at the fourth question. I think
- 24 that it goes from 2 to 4 in the numbering, but let's
- 25 talk about number 4.

1 It says, "What would having to make nDRAM or

- 2 SyncLink mean to Micron?"
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. PERRY: Actually I've got this on a board
- 6 if I could, Your Honor.
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes, go ahead.
- 8 MR. PERRY: And we would propose to mark this
- 9 blowup from this Exhibit RX-836 as DX- --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I think it's 118.
- MR. PERRY: -- 118. Thank you.
- 12 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Lee, question 4 is: What would having to
- make nDRAM or SyncLink mean to Micron?
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And it says, "Keep in mind that all of these
- DRAM technologies use the same DRAM process, the same
- DRAM cell, and virtually the same DRAM array."
- Did you agree with that at the time?
- 21 A. I would agree with everything but "the same
- 22 DRAM array" statement.
- Q. And you disagreed with that at the time?
- 24 A. I think that the arrays of those different
- 25 architectures are somewhat different.

1 Q. Did you think it was a substantial enough error

- 2 that it needed to be corrected since this script was
- 3 going out to all sales and marketing folks to use as a
- 4 script with customers?
- 5 A. No. It's really just a matter of technical
- 6 detail. My understanding is more technically involved
- 7 than Jeff's is and that who he sent it out to in
- 8 general is less technically involved than he is, so for
- 9 the purposes of the audience he was sending it to it
- 10 wouldn't have mattered either way.
- 11 Q. The next sentence says, "The majority of
- 12 Micron's R&D budget goes into process and cell
- development or the core DRAM technology."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you agree that that was a true
- 17 statement at the time?
- 18 A. I believe what he meant was that the majority
- 19 of R&D he felt was going into process development, and
- 20 I can't state whether -- what percentage that was using
- of our R&D budget, so I'm not sure how to answer the
- 22 question.
- Q. And then the last paragraph that's captured up
- on this board says: "Switching from one product to
- another while still using the same core technology

1 involves only changing priorities in design and product

- 2 engineering and may mean some differences in our
- 3 assembly and test equipment purchases. SDRAM, SLDRAM,
- 4 nDRAM all use the same fab equipment and core DRAM
- 5 technology. In short, while the flavors might change,
- 6 it's still a DRAM."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now, that sentence, "SDRAM, SLDRAM, nDRAM all
- 10 use the same fab equipment and core DRAM technology,"
- 11 you agreed with that at the time; right?
- 12 A. I agree with what I believe his intent was.
- His intent I believe was that the same fab equipment
- 14 means in the semiconductor processing part and by the
- same core DRAM technology he means in the transistor
- 16 cell development. He's talking about a process
- 17 development issue.
- 18 Q. You didn't see any reason to change that
- 19 sentence before it was used in discussions with
- 20 customers by Micron; right?
- 21 A. Not based on our knowledge at that time.
- Q. Now, if you go back to page 2 of this document,
- 23 please, if you'll look on the last full paragraph, I
- 24 didn't ask you about this part before. Let me focus on
- 25 it.

1 It says, "Micron has been very involved in

- 2 research and development efforts on the SyncLink DRAMs
- 3 (SLDRAMs)."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And in 1996 you had been involved in those
- 7 efforts on behalf of Micron; correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And then it says that SyncLink is an open,
- 10 nonproprietary standard that is being promoted by a
- 11 consortium of nearly all of the major DRAM suppliers.
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Is that information you provided to
- 15 Mr. Mailloux?
- 16 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you believe those statements to be true at
- 18 the time?
- 19 A. From a legal sense, I'm not sure I understand
- the legal definition of those standards.
- Q. Okay. And then it says, "Our involvement in
- 22 SyncLink has required the same type of R&D that is
- 23 involved with the existing and future Rambus types of
- 24 technology."
- 25 Did you believe that to be true at the time?

1 A. I guess in this case I'm not sure exactly what

- 2 he means.
- 3 Q. Well, did you have an understanding of that
- 4 sentence at the time you got this memo?
- 5 A. I may have, but I don't recall. I don't recall
- 6 this memo very well.
- 7 Q. The next sentence says, "Both efforts involve
- 8 packetized, narrow channel, high-speed I/O DRAMs."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did you agree with that statement at the time?
- 12 A. I believe both parts have been characterized
- 13 that way at various times.
- Q. Did you believe it to be true at the time?
- 15 A. I guess it comes down to what personal
- definitions are of "narrow channel" and "packetized"
- 17 and all that. I believe that the command address bus
- 18 on SyncLink was packetized but not the data bus.
- So it kind of comes down to what you mean by
- 20 "packetized" there. Also, SyncLink had a wider channel
- 21 than Rambus, so it depends on what you -- what "narrow"
- means. And they're both high-speed I/O, although I
- think we pointed out that there are differences in
- 24 speeds as well.
- So these are all kind of relative, subjective

1 terms, so I agree that they were both characterized

- 2 that way at that time.
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 4 Mr. Mailloux didn't think that this statement was true
- 5 at the time this memo was prepared for use as a script
- 6 with Micron customers?
- 7 A. I don't have any reason to believe that he
- 8 didn't believe it was true; however, as I mentioned
- 9 before, his level of technical expertise was somewhat
- 10 less detailed.
- 11 Q. Does that suggest to you that he relied upon
- 12 you for this information?
- 13 A. He would have relied on the input of people
- like Terry Walther, Kevin Ryan and myself and also
- 15 things that he read.
- Q. And you told us yesterday Mr. Walther had gone
- 17 to some SyncLink meetings before you; correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And at some point did he ask you to take over
- 20 going to SyncLink for him?
- 21 A. Not exactly.
- Q. How did that work, that you started going and
- 23 that he -- did he stop going?
- A. He eventually stopped going. I think later on
- 25 he reattended some meetings.

1 Q. Okay. Well, did somebody ask you to start

- 2 going to SyncLink meetings?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. Who?
- 5 A. Terry Walther.
- Q. Okay. Did he tell you why he wanted you to go
- 7 to SyncLink meetings?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What did he tell you?
- 10 A. He wanted me there to provide some technical
- 11 support for the kind of issues that were being
- 12 discussed.
- Q. And during the time period when he had been
- 14 going to meetings and you weren't, was he sending you
- some minutes from the meetings?
- 16 A. I don't recall if he sent me minutes or not or
- 17 whether he was just giving me verbal updates. I
- 18 certainly remember the verbal updates.
- 19 Q. When you first started attending SyncLink
- 20 meetings, did Mr. Walther give you some information,
- 21 some kind of information package about what SyncLink
- 22 was?
- 23 A. I don't recall the specific event, so I'm not
- sure whether he did or he didn't.
- 25 Q. Okay. When you started showing up at SyncLink

1 meetings, did Mr. Tabrizi or Mr. Gustavson give you an

- 2 information package about SyncLink?
- 3 A. I don't recall at what time I received
- 4 specific information on SLDRAM beyond what I already
- 5 had or what I already knew. I started attending
- 6 meetings and receiving information from the meeting
- 7 flow and I don't recall an event of being given
- 8 particular information prior to my joining the
- 9 consortium.
- 10 Q. Okay. There's a line in here just after the
- one I was reading you in this RX-836 that says, "While
- 12 SyncLink was not chosen by Intel, it currently has
- broader supplier and customer interest than nDRAM, due
- in part to its nonproprietary nature."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And did you understand at the time the
- 18 reference to SyncLink not being chosen by Intel?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And is it correct that in the fall of '96 there
- 21 was an effort on behalf of the -- strike that.
- Is it correct that in the fall of '96 there was
- an effort on the part of the companies involved in
- 24 SyncLink to persuade Intel to choose SyncLink instead
- of Rambus?

1 A. There was an effort, there was a presentation

- 2 made to Intel to try to show the merits of SyncLink.
- It was hoped that Intel would use that for their
- 4 next-generation DRAM they were calling.
- 5 Q. Instead of Rambus; right?
- 6 A. That was the other part that they were
- 7 seriously considering. I think later on they
- 8 considered DDR as well.
- 9 Q. But at that time in the fall of '95 your
- 10 understanding -- fall of '96 your understanding was
- 11 that it came down to SyncLink and Rambus?
- 12 A. For Intel's decision?
- 13 O. Yes.
- 14 A. I believe those were the highest consideration.
- Q. Okay. And you participated in efforts in that
- fall of '96 time period to try to persuade Intel to
- 17 choose SyncLink; right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And after Intel had chosen Rambus, you
- 20 participated in efforts to persuade Intel to change its
- 21 mind; right?
- 22 A. After Intel had chosen Rambus?
- 23 Q. Yeah.
- A. I don't recall if there were any of those
- 25 discussions after the choice was made. I recall one

1 discussion with Intel prior to our signing the license

- of showing some technical problems we felt that Rambus
- 3 had.
- Q. Well, I'm not limiting my question just to
- 5 face-to-face or even on-the-phone discussions directly
- 6 with Intel.
- 7 Did you participate in any efforts after Intel
- 8 had chosen Rambus to persuade -- that were intended to
- 9 persuade Intel to change its mind?
- 10 A. I recall discussions with Intel showing
- 11 technical issues or manufacturing issues and problems
- that we felt we would have bringing Rambus up in
- production, and I also remember showing them details of
- 14 DDR and some other products that we felt we could bring
- 15 up easier.
- Q. And is that a yes, that you did participate in
- 17 some efforts to persuade Intel to change its mind after
- 18 Intel chose Rambus?
- 19 A. I guess I wouldn't characterize it that way as,
- 20 well, I'm trying to explaining it to you because the
- 21 way you're asking the question isn't exactly the way I
- 22 would refer to it as.
- Q. Okay. Well, we'll look at it.
- But you certainly knew as of December 1996 that
- 25 Micron did not want to be forced to sign a license

1 agreement with Rambus to produce nDRAM or direct RDRAM;

- 2 right?
- 3 A. That we did not want to be forced?
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. Is that the question?
- 6 Yeah, we prefer not to be forced.
- 7 Q. Well, you told us that ultimately Micron was
- 8 forced to sign that agreement; right?
- 9 A. We had no choice but to provide products in
- 10 support of the Intel platforms. That would have been
- 11 not good economically for us.
- 12 Q. And you understood in December of 1996 and
- 13 throughout 1997 Micron did not want to sign that
- 14 license; right?
- 15 A. I understood that we signed that license.
- Q. You understood that it signed the license
- 17 because it was forced to; right?
- 18 A. We had economic pressure, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, let's go back into the fall of
- 20 1996 time period and I'll show you something from
- 21 August 1996, which is Exhibit RX-757.
- 22 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. I don't have many questions for you about this

1 lengthy document. This is some SyncLink Consortium

- 2 meeting minutes produced to us by Hynix, dated
- 3 August 27, 1996.
- 4 Do you see that you're listed as attending?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that you did
- 7 not attend this August 1996 meeting of the
- 8 SyncLink Consortium?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Well, on the subject that we were just talking
- 11 about, let's look about halfway down the first page of
- 12 these minutes, where it says "Kevin Ryan."
- Do you see where it says "Kevin Ryan"? He was
- 14 a Micron person; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. "Kevin Ryan will sum up Intel meeting. Intel
- impressed, will increase its attention to this
- 18 consortium."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you present for that Intel meeting that's
- being described there?
- A. Yes, I was.
- Q. Who else besides you and Mr. Ryan -- well,
- 25 strike that.

- 1 Was Mr. Ryan also present?
- 2 A. Yes, he was.
- 3 Q. And who else besides you and Mr. Ryan were
- 4 present at that Intel meeting to discuss SyncLink?
- 5 A. There were members from a variety of
- 6 companies, so there was roughly two people from
- 7 several companies.
- 8 Q. How many companies were represented at that
- 9 meeting with Intel?
- 10 A. An estimate would be seven or eight.
- 11 Q. And if you'll look on page 3, please, of these
- minutes, and look at the first 12 or 13 lines. Just
- 13 read that to yourself and then I have a couple of
- 14 questions.
- 15 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Now, does it appear to you that Mr. Tabrizi is
- 18 roughly summarizing what Intel's performance goals
- were that they had stated at that meeting you had
- 20 attended?
- 21 A. Yes. I think these were rough requirements or
- 22 targets that they had.
- Q. And then there's a statement at least
- 24 attributed to you that says, "We were successful in
- 25 keeping the door open, but we have an emergency

- 1 situation."
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, assuming that these minutes are accurate,
- 5 why did you think that there was an emergency
- 6 situation?
- 7 A. When we talked with Intel, they felt that we
- 8 needed to have a lot more progress to be considered for
- 9 their decision, and so they said we really only had a
- 10 few months and they listed the variety of things that
- 11 we needed to do, so in my opinion, that was a lot of
- work in a very short time, so that's the reference to
- 13 the emergency situation.
- Q. Well, look back on page 2. And let's look
- 15 next to your name about halfway down. It says
- 16 "Terry Lee."
- 17 Pull up three or four lines.
- 18 It says: "Terry Lee, status of test chip. The
- 19 test chip was intended as an opportunity to prove we
- 20 could really do it, which seems less important now
- 21 because Intel is satisfied that simulations are good
- 22 enough."
- Is that a message that you had understood from
- 24 the meeting with Intel that they were going to be
- 25 satisfied with simulations of the SyncLink chip?

1 A. They -- yeah, they're pretty high priority.

- 2 We, going into the meeting, felt that chip test was
- 3 rather important, and as a result of the meeting, they
- 4 seemed to emphasize a higher focus on simulation data.
- 5 Q. And then it says, "Rambus has hardware now that
- 6 works, which provides an existence proof."
- 7 Why would the fact that Rambus had working
- 8 hardware provide an existence proof for SyncLink?
- 9 A. For SyncLink? It's not for SyncLink.
- 10 Q. Okay. So that reference to an existence proof
- doesn't have anything to do with SyncLink; is that
- 12 right?
- 13 A. That Rambus has hardware that works provides an
- 14 existence proof references the fact that they're able
- 15 to demonstrate hardware working at some data rate, so
- there's some kind of proof in that alone that it can
- 17 operate at this data rate. Simulations are a different
- 18 kind of proof.
- Q. Okay. Let me show you a document that's dated
- just a few weeks later in September 1996, RX-765.
- 21 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Lee, at some point in time were you
- 25 involved in public relations efforts on behalf of

- 1 SyncLink?
- 2 A. That really wasn't my responsibility. I was
- 3 involved in the technical work.
- Q. Were you ever chair of the PR task force for
- 5 SyncLink?
- 6 A. Not that I recall.
- 7 Q. Okay. But you did see this press release in
- 8 September 1996, didn't you?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Now, the press release begins by referring to,
- if you'll look in the third line, an open,
- 12 royalty-free industry standard for high-performance
- 13 DRAMs.
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you have an understanding at the time
- of what was meant by "an open, royalty-free standard"?
- 18 A. I think what they're referring to at that time
- 19 was that it didn't require a license fee and an NDA to
- 20 get access to the information.
- Q. Well, look on the second page. There's a
- 22 description of the SyncLink timeline.
- Do you see that?
- "The SyncLink Timeline," it says, "The
- 25 timeline announced by the consortium calls for the

1 first SLDRAMs to be available in the second half of

- 2 1997."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Had you been involved in working out the date
- 6 by which the world was going to be told the first
- 7 SLDRAMs were going to be available?
- 8 A. To establish the target of second half when
- 9 companies would first start having devices; is that the
- 10 question?
- 11 Q. Did you have an understanding of what this
- means, "be available"?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. What was your understanding?
- 15 A. We understood that some companies would have a
- device, you know, have silicon at that time.
- 17 Q. So that just means having silicon to you?
- 18 A. To sample.
- 19 Q. It doesn't mean production volume, does it?
- 20 A. Not necessarily.
- Q. And then it says "The SyncLink Consortium,"
- and do you see there's a statement that "The
- 23 SyncLink Consortium members include nine of the top
- 24 DRAM suppliers, bringing together companies with
- 25 commodities manufacturing expertise and a combined

1 DRAM market share of 75 percent worldwide"? Do you see

- 2 that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you have any reason to doubt the accuracy
- 5 of that statement at the time?
- 6 A. No, I don't think so.
- 7 Q. Now, did you learn shortly after this press
- 8 release was released that the statement "royalty-free"
- 9 that appeared in the press release was untrue?
- 10 A. I recall some discussion, I think some concerns
- 11 as to Micron whether that met -- whether that statement
- 12 met our I guess standard definition of what
- 13 royalty-free was all about.
- Q. And was that a concern you had?
- 15 A. I don't recall if it was my concern. I know
- internally after the press release went out we were
- 17 concerned whether that was clearly representing the
- 18 situation or not.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, let me show you the next month's
- 20 meeting minutes. You were also present for this one.
- 21 It's RX-780.
- 22 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- 25 Q. I just have one question on this document

1 after I demonstrate that you're listed as being

- 2 present.
- 3 Do you see that you're listed as an attendee at
- 4 the October 1996 SyncLink Consortium meeting?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you'll look at page 2, the line at the
- 7 very bottom of page 2 that starts "in our last press
- 8 release," do you see that?
- 9 It says: "In our last press release, we said
- 10 this is a royalty-free architecture. We didn't mean
- individual companies would not be able to collect
- 12 royalties for the use of their property. We just meant
- that users won't have to pay royalties to the
- 14 consortium."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And is that statement consistent with your
- 18 understanding of the way the SyncLink device would be
- 19 treated for intellectual property purposes?
- 20 A. My understanding is that there was no fee to
- 21 use the device or get access to the specification.
- There was some fee to join the consortium, just a
- yearly, annual fee, and I don't recall that there was
- any royalties required to be paid to the consortium.
- 25 Q. Did you have an understanding that you had to

- 1 be a consortium member in order to use the patents?
- 2 A. I don't recall what my understanding was at
- 3 the time. I probably had been working with legal on
- 4 that.
- 5 Q. Did you have an understanding at this time that
- 6 if Micron developed intellectual property as a result
- 7 of its work on SyncLink devices that it would still be
- 8 able to collect royalties for the use of that
- 9 intellectual property?
- 10 A. I don't recall what my exact understanding was.
- I would have been talking to my legal department,
- 12 though.
- Q. I don't want you to, at any point in time
- 14 today, I don't want you to tell me what you and your
- 15 legal department talked about. Okay?
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Mailloux about the
- 18 press release?
- 19 A. I don't remember a specific conversation. It's
- 20 possible.
- Q. Did you ever have any conversation at a
- 22 SyncLink Consortium meeting where somebody said, We
- 23 really should correct that press release to reflect
- 24 that individual companies can still collect royalties
- 25 for the use of their property if it's being used in a

- 1 SyncLink device?
- A. I remember a discussion about concerns whether
- 3 that press release was accurately reflecting the
- 4 consortium situation.
- 5 Q. But you do know that no corrected press release
- 6 was ever circulated, don't you?
- 7 A. I don't recall.
- 8 Q. Now, in this same time period, September 1996,
- 9 you understood that Intel was visiting various DRAM
- 10 manufacturers to talk about the possibility that Intel
- 11 would choose RDRAM instead of SyncLink; right?
- 12 A. We had a visit --
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Lack of
- 14 foundation in terms of what Intel was doing with other
- 15 companies.
- 16 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Did you have any understanding in
- 19 September 1996 that Intel was visiting various DRAM
- 20 manufacturers?
- 21 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Yes or no?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. To the
- 25 extent that he has an understanding, it would be the

- 1 result of hearsay.
- MR. PERRY: No, Your Honor. He was there.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll entertain the question.
- 4 THE WITNESS: The question was did I have any
- 5 knowledge that Intel was visiting DRAM manufacturers?
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 O. Yes.
- 8 A. They visited us occasionally.
- 9 Q. In this time period, in advance of announcing
- 10 that Intel was going to choose Rambus, did Intel come
- 11 to Micron and talk about the possibility that it might
- 12 choose Rambus?
- 13 A. In late '96 I believe they came to visit in
- 14 preparation -- after they'd made their decision, in
- preparation for a license negotiation.
- Q. And in that meeting you made an effort to talk
- 17 them out of it, didn't you? Didn't you? You, Mr. Lee,
- 18 you tried to talk them out of it?
- 19 A. We tried to show them the technical problems
- 20 that we saw. This is what I discussed earlier with
- 21 you. We tried to show them the technical problems that
- we saw with some of the Rambus technology.
- Q. And in fact you, Mr. Lee, asked the other DRAM
- 24 manufacturers to ask hard technical questions of Intel
- 25 when Intel came to visit them; right?

- 1 A. I believe I did.
- Q. Well, let's look at it. It's RX-763.
- 3 May I?
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 5 BY MR. PERRY:
- 6 Q. Now, this is an e-mail chain. Let me just
- 7 describe it for you while you look at it to help you
- 8 understand it.
- 9 It's some e-mails that were produced to us by
- 10 Mitsubishi in this matter. Embedded in it is what
- 11 appears to be an e-mail from you.
- 12 There's a statement up at the top that says,
- 13 "The attached e-mail is from Terry Lee of Micron to aid
- 14 the preparation of Rambus-Intel meeting."
- So I'll give you a chance to look at it and
- then I'm going to ask you some questions.
- 17 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 18 Did you prepare a list of questions for other
- 19 DRAM manufacturers to ask Intel at meetings that Intel
- 20 was going to have with those manufacturers in the fall
- 21 of 1996?
- 22 A. Yeah. A list of technical questions.
- Q. Right.
- And your purpose in doing so was to -- well,
- 25 strike that. Let me go at that a different way.

1 Did you receive authorization from your

- 2 supervisor, Mr. Mailloux, before preparing questions to
- 3 send to other manufacturers that they would ask Intel
- 4 about Rambus?
- 5 A. I don't recall if I did.
- 6 Q. Now, the other manufacturers, the other DRAM
- 7 manufacturers, were your competitors at the time;
- 8 right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Why were you cooperating with your competitors
- 11 to try to persuade Intel not to choose Rambus?
- 12 A. I didn't say I was doing that.
- Q. Weren't you, when you sent this list of hard
- questions out, weren't you hoping that the questions
- would persuade Intel to change its mind or at least
- delay its decision to choose Rambus?
- 17 A. That wasn't the intent that I expressed or the
- intent that I had with these questions.
- 19 Q. What was your intent with the questions?
- 20 A. I think a little background would be helpful
- 21 here.
- 22 At this time Rambus was overstating the
- 23 progress of their technology on direct RDRAM. They
- 24 were overstating the level of completion of the
- 25 solution. And they -- one concern was they were trying

1 to take this application out to a main memory that

- 2 would be much higher volume and had different
- 3 challenges associated than when they were doing their
- 4 regular RAMBUS for graphics.
- 5 And so our concern as a manufacturer was that
- 6 Intel didn't have accurate information about some of
- 7 these issues, and so we felt if Intel was going to make
- 8 a decision to support a high-volume memory technology
- 9 that we were going to have to manufacture, they should
- 10 at least be able to answer these questions and make
- 11 sure the infrastructure was in place and the level of
- 12 completion of the solution was to the point that this
- was a reasonable technical manufacturing
- 14 infrastructure.
- Q. And you didn't think your competitors would
- 16 come to those conclusions on their own and be able to
- 17 ask hard questions when Intel visited them? Is that
- 18 why you prepared these questions?
- 19 A. No, I don't think that was an inclusion.
- 20 Q. Why didn't you think that it was up to the
- 21 competitors -- strike that.
- 22 Why didn't you think that your competitors,
- 23 the other DRAM manufacturers, would be able to ask
- hard questions if they thought it important to ask
- 25 them?

- 1 A. I think they would be able to.
- Q. Isn't it true that in the SyncLink meeting
- 3 there was an agreement made to ask these questions of
- 4 Intel when Intel visited the DRAM manufacturers?
- 5 A. I don't know if there was an explicit
- 6 agreement. I shared the kind of questions that we were
- qoing to ask, and we encouraged other people to ask
- 8 these kind of questions to try to understand, you know,
- 9 where the level of completion was on this and Intel's
- 10 understanding of these issues.
- 11 Q. Well, you thought Intel had been bamboozled by
- 12 Rambus, in short; right?
- 13 A. I didn't say that.
- Q. Did you think Intel had been misled by Rambus
- 15 at this point in time?
- 16 A. I think that Rambus was overstating -- had
- overstated the level of completion of their effort, the
- 18 progress of the technology as it applied to main
- 19 memory, and did not do a lot of consideration into the
- 20 impact it would have on the manufacturing
- 21 infrastructure to try to bring us up to those kind of
- 22 production volumes.
- Q. Did you have any firsthand personal knowledge
- of anything Rambus had directly told Intel in meetings
- 25 that led up to Intel's selection of Rambus?

1 A. I have knowledge of a meeting in December where

- 2 Intel and Rambus were both present at Micron.
- Q. And that was after Intel had chosen Rambus;
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. My question was different.
- 7 My question was: Do you have any direct
- 8 personal knowledge of what Rambus was telling Intel in
- 9 the meetings that led up to Intel's selection of Rambus
- 10 in 1996?
- 11 A. My knowledge is through Intel.
- 12 Q. Your knowledge is what?
- 13 A. Through Intel. They disclosed things that had
- 14 been asked and said.
- Q. You weren't at the meetings between Rambus and
- 16 Intel, were you?
- 17 A. No. I was in the meetings between Intel and
- 18 Micron.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, do you see on the second page of
- 20 this exhibit the statement in the middle that says "The
- 21 attached e-mail"?
- 22 It says: "The attached e-mail lists the
- 23 questions we shall ask Rambus in the 9-12 meeting. All
- 24 consortium members will ask similar questions."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Was it your understanding when you sent these
- guestions out that there was an agreement among the
- 4 consortium members to ask similar questions when Intel
- 5 visited them?
- 6 A. No. I don't believe that there was an
- 7 agreement.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, Intel chose Rambus anyway; right,
- 9 despite these hard questions being asked of them?
- 10 A. Direct RDRAM was selected by Intel.
- 11 Q. Well, let's look at RX-808.
- 12 A. Is this one I have?
- 13 O. I don't think so.
- 14 May I?
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 17 Q. Now, do you see these are minutes of another
- 18 SyncLink meeting, this one in December 1996?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And do you see there are three sessions listed,
- December 3 in the morning, December 3 in the afternoon
- and December 4? Do you see that?
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. And do you see that you're listed as attending
- 25 all three sessions?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. I just have a couple of questions on the first
- 3 two pages of this exhibit.
- Were you in fact present at the December 1996
- 5 SyncLink Consortium meeting?
- 6 A. I believe so.
- 7 Q. And the first statement attributed to
- 8 Mr. Tabrizi says: "It now seems likely that Intel
- 9 will choose Rambus. We need to decide how to
- 10 proceed."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Was that your understanding as of
- 14 December 3 or 4, 1996?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And then the statement attributed to
- 17 Mr. Chen -- he was a Mitsubishi JEDEC representative;
- 18 right?
- 19 A. He attended JEDEC and he was with Mitsubishi.
- 20 I'm unsure whether he was their official JEDEC
- 21 representative or not.
- Q. Well, the next statement at least in these
- 23 minutes says, "Need executive meeting among suppliers
- 24 to decide future of consortium."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And then a little bit further down there's your
- 3 name; right?
- It says, "Thanks to Terry Lee, excellent job on
- 5 signaling."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And under that it says, "We need to get the
- 9 supplier executives together."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. And then one more statement a little bit
- 13 further down: "How many suppliers think we should
- 14 meet in Japan or Hawaii with executives of
- 15 corporations?"
- And there was a hand vote on that question;
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And it says Micron voted yes in favor of such a
- 20 meeting; correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And you raised your hand and voted yes; right?
- A. I don't know if I was the one who raised my
- 24 hand or not.
- Q. You agree that it was either you or Kevin Ryan

- 1 who voted yes; right?
- 2 A. Well, from the minutes it's someone from
- 3 Micron. I think we were the two in attendance.
- Q. Well, if you look on page 2, about eight lines
- down, there's a reference to this executive meeting.
- 6 Do you see that?
- Just go to that line, "Propose executive
- 8 meeting."
- 9 Do you see where it says, "Propose executive
- 10 meeting Friday, January 10, 1997, in Tokyo, with max
- 11 two people each company, executives"?
- Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And in fact such a meeting occurred on
- 15 January 10 in Japan?
- 16 A. I believe so. I'm not sure of the exact
- 17 dates.
- Q. And in fact, prior to this December 1996
- 19 meeting, you had already arranged for Steve Appleton,
- 20 the CEO of Micron, to propose that kind of a meeting;
- 21 right?
- 22 A. I was requested to do so. I believe that was
- 23 the case for this meeting.
- Q. Who requested you to arrange for Mr. Appleton
- 25 to propose such a meeting?

1 A. I believe Farhad Tabrizi was trying to get some

- 2 executive support and suggested that we might get Steve
- 3 to propose to also have an executive meeting to discuss
- 4 this issue.
- 5 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Appleton directly about
- 6 getting an e-mail or a letter from him proposing such a
- 7 meeting?
- 8 A. I don't recall if it was an e-mail or a phone
- 9 conversation or a face-to-face discussion.
- 10 Q. Well, let's look at that e-mail from
- 11 Mr. Appleton, and then we should probably take a
- 12 little, short break, if that's all right with you,
- 13 Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Anytime. If you want to do it
- 15 now, we'll do it now.
- MR. PERRY: Let's just do this one. It's
- 17 RX-801.
- 18 May I?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 21 Q. And if you'll see about two-thirds of the way
- 22 down the first page -- and these were produced to us by
- 23 Hans Wiggers. You remember him being at SyncLink
- 24 meetings; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And there appears to be an e-mail from
- 2 Mr. Tabrizi dated November 11 -- I'm sorry --
- November 27, 1996 that says: "Gentlemen, I would like
- 4 to forward the following message that I received from
- 5 Mr. Steve Appleton, the president and CEO of Micron
- 6 Technologies."
- 7 And I'm not going to ask you anything about
- 8 Mr. Tabrizi's e-mail, but I will ask you about the
- 9 Appleton e-mail that appears on the next page.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Could we
- 11 have some foundation as to whether Mr. Lee has seen
- 12 this document.
- MR. PERRY: My first question was going to be
- 14 did he review it before now, did he ever write it, who
- 15 did, that kind of thing.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Take a minute and read it to yourself.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 21 Okay.
- Q. Now, you certainly received this when it was
- 23 sent out to the SyncLink Consortium members; right?
- A. I'm sure I would have.
- 25 Q. And did you also review it before it went out

- 1 to Mr. Tabrizi?
- 2 A. I probably did. I don't recall the exact
- 3 process that went about in this -- in creating this
- 4 e-mail.
- 5 Q. Did you help draft it?
- 6 A. I just said I don't recall exactly how -- what
- 7 the process was.
- Q. Well, I'm not asking exactly how the process
- 9 worked. I'm asking you if you helped draft it.
- 10 A. If you mean by help drafted it did I either
- 11 provide input or did I proofread it? I probably did.
- 12 Q. Did you provide input?
- 13 A. I probably did.
- Q. Did you talk to Mr. Appleton about the words
- that were going to go into the e-mail to Mr. Tabrizi?
- A. Again, I don't recall if there was an e-mail,
- if there was a phone call or a face-to-face
- 18 discussion.
- 19 Q. When the e-mail went from Mr. Appleton to
- 20 Mr. Tabrizi, you understood that it was going to be
- 21 circulated then around DRAM manufacturers; right?
- 22 A. Yes, I did. In the consortium.
- Q. In the SyncLink Consortium; right?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. And was the triggering event that motivated the

1 sending of this e-mail Intel's decision to choose

- 2 Rambus for the next-generation technology?
- A. I'm not sure that Intel had made a decision at
- 4 this time or, if they had, whether they communicated
- 5 it. I don't think we were aware of their decision
- 6 until later in December.
- 7 I think the question that came up, as you saw
- 8 in the meeting minutes, is it seemed likely that they
- 9 would and should we consider these -- should we
- 10 continue these efforts or not. Considering the fact
- 11 that Intel platforms were going to use direct RDRAM, I
- think that would be the triggering issue, if you will.
- 13 Q. So the triggering issue was an understanding
- that Intel was about to choose Rambus; right?
- 15 A. Yeah, with that assumption in mind, the
- triggering issue is what do we do with the consortium,
- do we keep going forward or not.
- 18 Q. Okay. Just a few questions about this e-mail
- 19 from Mr. Appleton to Mr. Tabrizi.
- In the first paragraph, Mr. Appleton states:
- 21 "I would first like to congratulate the participants of
- 22 the SyncLink Consortium on their progress and technical
- 23 achievements. The cooperation among the suppliers and
- 24 the sharing of resources toward a common goal is
- 25 probably unprecedented in the industry."

1 Did you agree with Mr. Appleton's statement

- 2 that the cooperation among the suppliers was
- 3 unprecedented in the industry?
- 4 A. From a technical standpoint, the progress we
- 5 made in terms of progressing the specification of
- 6 SLDRAM from roughly that first visit in August to that
- 7 time in November I believe was unprecedented in terms
- 8 of the technical progress.
- 9 Q. Did you believe that the cooperation among the
- 10 suppliers in the SyncLink Consortium was unprecedented
- in any other way besides technical?
- 12 A. It was strictly a technical development.
- 13 Q. The next sentence says, "In consideration of
- 14 the recent developments in the DRAM industry, I would
- like to emphasize the importance of the SyncLink
- 16 efforts."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you understood at the time the reference to
- 20 the recent developments to be Intel's looming decision
- 21 to choose Rambus; right?
- 22 A. I understand it to be a little more complicated
- 23 than that.
- Q. Was that part of it?
- 25 A. Pardon me?

- 1 Q. Was that part of it?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In the third paragraph it says, "We also
- 4 believe the future health of the DRAM industry will
- 5 rely upon the suppliers' ability to generate new
- 6 intellectual property for high-frequency DRAMs."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you agree with that statement at the time?
- 10 A. I agreed with I believe what he meant by that
- 11 statement.
- 12 Q. And what did you think -- well, strike that.
- What basis did you have for understanding what
- 14 Mr. Appleton thought in that sentence?
- 15 Let me lay a foundation.
- Had you talked to him about this sentence?
- 17 A. As I mentioned, I would have been involved in
- 18 that review process of reviewing it before it went out.
- 19 I don't recall if it was an e-mail discussion, a
- 20 telephone discussion or a face-to-face discussion.
- 21 Q. Did you have an e-mail, telephone or
- face-to-face discussion with Mr. Appleton about the
- 23 meaning of that sentence?
- A. I had one of those three about this document.
- But I can't tell you sentence by sentence.

1 Q. So you don't know if you had any firsthand

- 2 personal knowledge about what Mr. Appleton meant by
- 3 that sentence, you just don't know one way or the
- 4 other?
- 5 A. I have firsthand knowledge of what was meant by
- 6 the content of the whole e-mail. I think we're getting
- 7 down to wordsmithing now, so...
- 8 Q. I'm just asking about that sentence.
- 9 Do you have any firsthand personal knowledge of
- 10 what was meant by Mr. Appleton in that sentence?
- 11 A. I believe I understood what was meant.
- 12 Q. I'm not asking about what you understood in
- 13 this question.
- Do you have any firsthand personal knowledge
- about what Mr. Appleton meant in this sentence?
- 16 A. I believe I do. I believe I understood what he
- 17 meant. Firsthand, I believe I understood what he
- 18 meant. Maybe I don't understand the question but --
- 19 Q. I'm not asking about your understanding. I'll
- 20 get there. But right now I'm asking about whether you
- 21 have firsthand personal knowledge of what Mr. Appleton
- 22 meant, in other words --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Maybe you should clarify what
- you mean by that, Mr. Perry.
- MR. PERRY: Thank you. I will.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Did you talk to Mr. Appleton about that
- 3 sentence?
- A. I don't recall if there was a specific
- 5 discussion on that particular sentence.
- 6 Q. Did you have an e-mail discussion with
- 7 Mr. Appleton about that sentence?
- 8 A. It would be the same answer.
- 9 Q. Did you have a telephone call with him about
- 10 that sentence?
- 11 A. Same answer.
- 12 Q. Did you draft the sentence?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Do you know who did?
- 15 A. I don't recall if Steve drafted it or I
- 16 provided a rough draft or I reviewed his.
- 17 Q. Look in the last paragraph.
- Do you see in the third sentence -- I'm
- 19 sorry -- the second -- yeah, the third sentence -- it
- 20 says "We also feel"?
- 21 "We also feel that the success of SyncLink
- 22 relies on the broad support of all DRAM suppliers."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. "For this reason, we encourage a meeting of

1 DRAM supplier executives to discuss how the DRAM

- 2 industry can provide uniform support for SyncLink."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And is it your testimony that it was
- 6 Mr. Tabrizi who first suggested to you that
- 7 Mr. Appleton suggest a meeting of DRAM supplier
- 8 executives?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And who did you pass that request on to?
- 11 A. It would have been passed it on to Steve.
- 12 Q. By you directly?
- 13 A. Probably.
- Q. Was that in writing?
- 15 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you ask him to go to Japan to that
- 17 meeting?
- 18 A. Steve did not go to that meeting. I don't
- 19 recall if he was one of the people that were asked.
- 20 They requested an executive attend.
- 21 Q. You went to that meeting; right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Well, let's look back for just a second,
- 24 finish up the minutes of the December '96 meeting, to
- 25 RX-808.

1 Do you have that in front of you?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. The minutes of the December 1996 SyncLink
- 4 meeting?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. On the top of the second page, it says: "Many
- 7 suppliers are paranoid over the process of a single
- 8 customer, e.g., Intel, having control of the market.
- 9 We can't resist such a possibility individually. We
- 10 need some united strategy."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that Mr. Tabrizi who said those things at
- 14 the meeting?
- 15 A. It's not clear from the notes here, from the
- 16 minutes, whether it was him.
- 17 Q. Was it you?
- 18 A. I don't believe it was.
- 19 Q. Did you agree with those sentiments?
- 20 A. Not exactly.
- MR. PERRY: If we could take a break,
- 22 Your Honor, this would be a good time.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. I want to ask about
- 24 that sentence. I'm not clear exactly from what it says
- 25 as to what it means. Maybe you could I guess clarify

1 that, you know, to your own understanding of that

- 2 sentence, Mr. Lee.
- What did that mean to you?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Okay. We had customers -- again,
- 5 a little background if I can.
- We had customers who were concerned that they
- 7 didn't have equal access to new memory technology
- 8 because at that time direct Rambus was under NDA and
- 9 there were certain customers who didn't necessarily use
- 10 Intel processors and had no communication with them,
- 11 customers such as Apple and Sun and companies like
- 12 that.
- 13 So there was a concern from customers that
- 14 Intel would be able to control the future memory
- 15 technology and not give equal access to the
- 16 information.
- 17 So there was a concern from our customers to us
- about this problem, so the part of the reason why I
- 19 don't completely agree with this is it says "many
- 20 suppliers are paranoid." If they are, it's through the
- 21 concerns of their customers.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Mr. Perry, do you
- want to follow up?
- MR. PERRY: If I could, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- 2 Q. And those customer concerns were sufficiently
- 3 substantial in your view that you agreed that the
- 4 manufacturers needed a united strategy to deal with
- 5 them; is that right?
- A. No. I don't necessarily agree with that.
- 7 Q. Okay. So did you do anything to correct any
- 8 misimpression that might be left by these statements in
- 9 the minutes?
- 10 A. I don't recall if there was any rebuttal during
- 11 the meeting discussion. If you mean by correcting
- 12 minutes -- I don't think I did anything there, because
- if the minutes accurately stated what was said, they
- 14 may not need correction.
- Q. Okay. And then the line just below what I read
- 16 talks about an Internet reflector. Do you see that?
- 17 It says, "supply@hea.com is the supplier
- 18 reflector, maintained by Tabrizi."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you understood that to be a mechanism
- 22 whereby e-mails could be sent around the different DRAM
- 23 manufacturers; is that right?
- A. It's essentially a distribution list, if you
- 25 will. It's a reflector. You can send it to one name

- and it distributes out, but it's essentially a
- distribution list of people I believe that were just in
- 3 the SyncLink Consortium.
- 4 O. So that means that one DRAM manufacturer who
- 5 was a consortium member could send an e-mail to that
- 6 reflector and it would be sent to whoever was on the
- 7 distribution list; right?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 MR. PERRY: Okay. If we could take a break,
- 10 Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Let's take a ten-minute
- 12 break.
- 13 (Recess)
- 14 (DX Exhibit Number 118 was marked for
- 15 identification.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is in order.
- You may proceed, Mr. Perry.
- 18 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, if I could just give
- 19 you a time estimate. I believe we will definitely
- 20 need a lunch break, but I believe I will be less than
- 21 the 5:15 stop yesterday but perhaps 3:00, more likely
- 22 4:00.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Very good. You're
- talking about in terms of your cross?
- MR. PERRY: Mine.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- 2 MR. PERRY: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Lee, if you could look back at that
- 5 December 3, 1996 SyncLink Consortium meeting minutes
- for just a second. That's RX-808.
- 7 Do you have that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And look on page 3.
- Do you see about, oh, two-thirds of the way
- down the page there's a statement attributed to you?
- 12 It says "T. Lee."
- 13 A. I see a couple.
- Q. It says, "T. Lee: Consortium needs its own
- 15 attorney to handle press releases, contracts, antitrust
- 16 concerns."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you explain in the meeting itself what
- 20 antitrust concerns you were talking about?
- 21 A. I don't recall the antitrust concerns, no.
- Q. Do you believe that you explained in the
- 23 meeting what your concerns were?
- A. I'm sorry. I don't recall that statement.
- 25 Q. Had you talked prior to this time with

1 nonlawyers at Micron about any antitrust concerns

- 2 involving the SyncLink Consortium?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Well, let's move on if we could to that
- 5 January 1997 meeting of the SyncLink Consortium
- 6 executives in Tokyo where you were present, and I'll
- 7 show you a proposed agenda. That's RX-845.
- 8 May I?
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. And the first page of this appears to be a
- 12 proposed agenda, and I can tell that in part because
- 13 the second page appears to be an e-mail or a letter
- 14 that describes a proposed agenda.
- Take a look at it and see if you were one of
- the folks who got this in December 1996 from
- 17 Mr. Tabrizi.
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. And the proposed agenda on the first page in
- the second item, it references you.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. It says "Technical overview and progress
- 24 report, Terry Lee, SyncLink (Micron)."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you went to the Tokyo executive meeting in
- 3 January 1997; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you give a presentation?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Gene Cloud went along with you; right?
- 8 A. I believe it was Gene.
- 9 Q. What was his position at Micron at the time?
- 10 A. He was vice president of marketing.
- 11 Q. Was he your boss?
- 12 A. He was my eventual boss. I reported to Jeff,
- who reported to Gene.
- Q. Mr. Mailloux reported to Mr. Cloud at the
- 15 time?
- 16 A. Yes. I believe so.
- 17 Q. And who did Mr. Cloud report to?
- 18 A. Steve Appleton.
- 19 Q. Let me show you something that relates to that
- 20 meeting that was marked at your deposition as RX-849.
- 21 Actually it's been marked for trial as RX-849.
- 22 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- 25 Q. The cover says "SyncLink Consortium Executive

- 1 Meeting, Yokohama, Japan, January 10, 1997."
- 2 Do you recognize these to be a collection of
- 3 slides or PowerPoint presentations that were given to
- 4 the various DRAM manufacturer executives at that
- 5 meeting?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And if you look on the second page of the
- 8 agenda -- we can pull up the bottom slide -- and that
- 9 says "Discussion of SyncLink advantages Terry Lee."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. And there's two bullet points under that,
- 13 technical advantages and intellectual property
- 14 advantages.
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Now, in the proposed agenda that we had seen
- 18 before, I didn't see anything about intellectual
- 19 property advantages in the proposed agenda next to your
- 20 name. Perhaps I was just missing it.
- Do you know why -- well, strike that.
- Had someone asked you to talk about
- 23 intellectual property advantages at this meeting?
- A. I believe Farhad Tabrizi set up the agenda.
- 25 Q. And did he ask you in particular to talk about

- 1 intellectual property advantages to SyncLink?
- 2 A. I believe he created an agenda of some items
- and then selected or asked people to present sections
- 4 of the agenda.
- 5 Q. Do you see that there's some page numbers in
- the lower left corner and this one says "page 2"?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's look at page 23 if we could in the lower
- 9 left corner.
- 10 And if we could pull up the bottom slide, it
- 11 says "SyncLink Advantages" and it's dated January 10,
- 12 1997; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that a slide that you presented as part
- of your presentation to the executives?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And the next page are two slides that you
- 18 prepared and presented as part of your presentation?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And the next page, page 25, has two slides that
- 21 you prepared and presented as part of your
- 22 presentation?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And the next page, page 26 of the exhibit, are
- 25 two slides that you prepared and presented as part of

1 your presentation to the January 10 meeting of

- 2 executives?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And let's look at the top one. It says "Other
- 5 SyncLink Advantages."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The first one, the first bullet point says
- 9 "nonproprietary."
- 10 What message were you intending to deliver to
- 11 the DRAM manufacturer executives you were talking to
- when you described SyncLink as nonproprietary?
- 13 A. By that message I meant that our customers were
- 14 able to have access to this without NDAs. It was
- 15 freely -- information was freely available to anybody.
- Q. So that message, your message from -- when you
- 17 were talking about nonproprietary, that didn't have
- anything to do with the royalties that people might
- 19 have to pay in the future to make, use or sell the
- 20 SyncLink device; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes. Mine had to do with basically open, open
- 22 spec.
- Q. All right. Well, the third point says "Lower
- 24 cost (yield and license fees)."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Was part of that message at least something
- 3 about license fees?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you were saying they'd be lower in SyncLink
- for people who wanted to make, use and sell the devices
- 7 than they would be if people were making RDRAM? Is
- 8 that the message you were sending?
- 9 A. The message I was sending there was that we
- 10 felt SLDRAM would be lower cost and that would be due
- 11 to an improved yield for the device and that there was
- 12 no structure in place for an automatic license fee, if
- 13 you will, such as in the case of Rambus.
- Q. Were you trying to say there would be no
- license fees to anybody who wanted to use intellectual
- property covering any portion of the SyncLink device?
- 17 A. I don't think I'd have been really qualified or
- 18 had the authority to say that.
- 19 Q. Well, the fourth bullet point you presented
- 20 says "industry intellectual property."
- When it says "industry," that's a reference to
- 22 DRAM manufacturers; right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And what you were saying is that if the DRAM
- 25 manufacturers would hold intellectual property related

- 1 to the SyncLink device; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you were saying that was an advantage to
- 4 SyncLink; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. And then the next slide down at the bottom
- 7 talks about intellectual property issues.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. The second bullet point says, "Future
- 11 high-speed DRAM patents will be developed by those
- 12 companies defining/developing new high-speed DRAMs -
- what companies will this be?"
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, you knew at the time that Rambus was one
- of the companies that was defining and developing new
- 18 high-speed DRAMs; right?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And was your question to the audience: Will
- 21 your company also be doing that? Is that the question
- you're presenting?
- 23 A. Yeah, my question was which companies are going
- to be involved in defining and developing new
- 25 high-speed DRAMs going into the future.

1 Q. And the third bullet point says, "Future

- 2 high-speed DRAM generations may use additional
- 3 intellectual property and have higher licensing fees -
- 4 your company may have a permanent IP disadvantage."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What message were you delivering?
- 8 A. The background of that is that at the time
- 9 that direct RDRAM came out, the solutions that Intel
- 10 had seen in the industry were not as technically
- 11 advanced as where they wanted to be with their
- 12 next-generation platform. That's the message Intel
- 13 sent to us.
- 14 And so the concern is that in the future, if we
- didn't develop some more techniques and more, you know,
- sophisticated high-speed DRAM techniques, that in the
- 17 future we would not be involved with the development of
- 18 future technology with Intel, and we found that to be a
- 19 disadvantage because of the fact we weren't involved
- 20 with direct RDRAM, didn't consider many of the
- 21 manufacturing issues.
- Q. Were you also concerned about not having IP,
- intellectual property, that you could use to
- 24 cross-license with Rambus?
- 25 A. I don't believe that was the concern.

Q. Didn't you understand within Micron -- putting

- 2 this meeting at SyncLink aside for a moment, didn't you
- 3 understand within Micron that there was an effort made
- 4 to obtain patents that lay in the development path of
- 5 Rambus as you saw it?
- A. I understand that the purpose of the patents
- 7 was to lay in the path to enable inventions for future
- 8 DRAM technology.
- 9 Q. Didn't you understand that there was an effort
- 10 within Micron at some point in time to obtain patents
- 11 that Micron hoped would be in the development path of
- 12 the Rambus DRAM devices?
- 13 A. How do I know what the development path of
- 14 Rambus DRAM devices would be in the future?
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I don't believe that's
- 16 responsive to the question.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll strike the answer. Could
- 18 you restate it.
- And you answer the question as asked, Mr. Lee.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you have the question in mind?
- 22 A. Could you repeat it, please.
- MR. PERRY: I'll ask the reporter to read it.
- 24 (The record was read as follows:)
- 25 "QUESTION: Didn't you understand that there

1 was an effort within Micron at some point in time to

- 2 obtain patents that Micron hoped would be in the
- development path of the Rambus DRAM devices?"
- 4 THE WITNESS: And I'll have to answer no as the
- 5 way that was stated.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 Q. Were you ever aware within the
- 8 SyncLink Consortium of any efforts that were ongoing or
- 9 that had been made to avoid Rambus intellectual
- 10 property in the development of the SyncLink device?
- 11 A. I'm aware that there were efforts to avoid IP
- in general, whosever it was.
- 13 Q. Were you aware as of this meeting in
- January 1997 of any statements in the past by Rambus
- that SyncLink might infringe Rambus intellectual
- 16 property?
- 17 A. I don't believe I was aware of those
- 18 statements.
- 19 Q. Had Terry Walther ever told you that he had
- 20 been present at a SyncLink meeting where someone made
- 21 the statement: Rambus has 16 patents already with more
- 22 pending. Rambus says their patents may cover our
- 23 SyncLink approach?
- 24 Did Mr. Walther ever tell you that?
- 25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Did you ever have any discussions, prior to

- 2 this January 1997 presentation to DRAM manufacturer
- 3 executives, with anyone at Micron where that person
- 4 told you that they had heard at a SyncLink meeting that
- 5 Rambus had said their patents may cover SyncLink?
- 6 A. I don't recall that specifically. We felt we
- 7 had a very different device than Rambus.
- 8 O. Who's "we" in that answer?
- 9 A. Micron. I think the question was about Micron
- 10 internal.
- 11 Q. Did any SyncLink Consortium member ever tell
- 12 you that Rambus had stated to SyncLink that the
- 13 SyncLink device may infringe Rambus intellectual
- 14 property?
- 15 A. I don't remember a conversation like that.
- Q. Prior to being deposed in various lawsuits, had
- 17 you ever seen written in SyncLink Consortium minutes
- 18 the statement that Rambus had asserted that the
- 19 SyncLink device may infringe Rambus intellectual
- 20 property?
- 21 A. I don't recall that information.
- Q. Did anyone tell you prior to this January 1997
- 23 presentation that you made that Richard Crisp had
- informed SyncLink that both RamLink and SyncLink may
- 25 violate Rambus patents that date back as far as 1989?

- 1 A. I don't recall that information, no.
- Q. Did anyone at this January 1997 executive
- 3 meeting say in connection with your presentation that
- 4 they had heard Rambus assert that the SyncLink device
- 5 might be infringed by -- might infringe Rambus
- 6 intellectual property?
- 7 A. I don't recall all the discussions that took
- 8 place at the executive meeting. Rambus certainly never
- 9 made that statement to Micron.
- 10 Q. You don't know -- you weren't present for every
- 11 time there was a Rambus person and a Micron person in
- 12 the same room, were you?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. And you weren't at JEDEC meetings where Rambus
- made statements about its intellectual property, were
- 16 you?
- 17 A. I don't recall if there were statements made by
- Rambus about any IP while I was there. I don't recall
- 19 that.
- 20 Q. And you didn't participate in face-to-face
- 21 licensing negotiations between Micron and Rambus;
- 22 correct?
- You weren't in the room when those license
- 24 negotiations were going on with Rambus; correct?
- 25 A. I was involved with part of it when there was a

1 meeting prior to the actual financial discussion.

- 2 O. And that's the --
- 3 A. That included Rambus.
- 4 Q. What's the date of that meeting?
- 5 A. I believe that was roughly December of '96.
- Q. That was a technical meeting?
- 7 A. Primarily technical.
- 8 Q. Well, getting back to this SyncLink Consortium
- 9 presentation, the other item on this page that we
- 10 haven't talked about under Intellectual Property
- 11 Issues, it says, "SyncLink is filing on six patents,
- 12 several more patent filings are being pursued."
- Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And you were the named inventor on one of those
- 16 patents for the SLDRAM pinout; right?
- 17 A. I don't recall what the specific patents were
- 18 that they filed.
- 19 Q. But you understand that for a patent
- 20 application to be filed an inventor needs to fill out
- 21 an affidavit generally saying that they're one of the
- inventors on the patent?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's go back if we could to page 4 of this set
- 25 of slides.

1 And do you see that that says -- page 4. Thank

- 2 you.
- Do you see that? Page 4 in the lower left
- 5 corner?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And were you present for Mr. Tabrizi's
- 8 presentation at this January 1997 meeting?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Look on page 6. The bottom slide says
- "Patents."
- Do you see that?
- One of the patents that's listed there is
- 14 system architecture.
- 15 Are you one of the named inventors on that
- 16 patent?
- 17 A. I don't recall which patents I was named
- 18 inventor on. I don't see one here about packaging that
- 19 you referred to earlier.
- 20 Q. Would you look, please, at page 27, the lower
- 21 left corner.
- 22 I'm sorry. 26. 26, right. 26. Sorry.
- You're on 26, Mr. Lee?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. That's the one we just talked about?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And you said you prepared these slides.
- I want you to turn now to page 27, and you
- 4 prepared and presented those two slides as well?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, let's pull up the top one.
- 7 That says "Intellectual Property Issues
- 8 (continued)." Does that? C-O-N-T?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And C-O-N-T meant continued?
- 11 A. From the prior slide.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 And that says, "Could the consortium be used
- 14 to:
- "Challenge existing patents?
- "Create new patents necessary for the successor
- 17 to nDRAM?
- "Address DRAM business legal concerns?"
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And let me talk about that middle bullet
- 22 first.
- What you told the member company executives,
- 24 what you asked them is a question: Could the
- 25 consortium be used to create new patents necessary for

- 1 the successor to nDRAM?
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And the question you were asking them was do
- 5 you want to try to lay down patents in the development
- 6 path of the Rambus device; right?
- 7 A. That's incorrect.
- 8 Q. What you were saying to them was, at some
- 9 point if Rambus becomes the next-generation memory
- 10 device, there's going to be a successor to Rambus, and
- 11 you wanted the industry to hold the IP, the patents,
- 12 that Rambus would need to make that next-generation
- 13 device?
- 14 A. That's incorrect.
- 15 Q. Is that what you were saying?
- 16 A. No. Your statement is incorrect.
- Q. Well, the first question, it says, "Could the
- 18 consortium be used to challenge existing patents?"
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Was part of that question about Rambus'
- 22 patents?
- 23 A. The whole statement, the whole foil was to --
- 24 was kind of a brainstorming as to what we wanted to do
- 25 with this consortium. It was the first time we had

- 1 such kind of a group, and the question that we were
- 2 asking the executives is what do we want to do, should
- 3 we do anything here regarding the patents, do we want
- 4 to challenge patents out there, do we want to create
- 5 new patents, what should we do with this legal entity.
- 6 Q. Well, you had seen from Mr. Mailloux's
- 7 December 1996 e-mail that he at least felt that there
- 8 were many Rambus patents that were invalid because of
- 9 prior art. Do you remember that statement?
- 10 A. His statement was based upon the information
- 11 that Kevin Ryan and I had given to him which we talked
- 12 about earlier, so I don't think that's --
- 13 characterization is exactly what I stated.
- 14 O. You saw that Mr. Mailloux had told the CEO of
- Micron in Exhibit RX-829 that we think many Rambus
- 16 patents read on prior art or other patents. Do you
- 17 remember that statement in the memo from Mr. Mailloux
- 18 to Mr. Appleton?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Do you remember it?
- 21 A. I remember the statement.
- Q. Right.
- 23 And then one month later to the day, you
- 24 prepare and present a slide that you delivered to DRAM
- 25 manufacturer executives that said, "Could the

1 consortium be used to challenge existing patents?"

- 2 That's what you said; right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And weren't you saying at least in part to the
- 5 DRAM manufacturer executives that this consortium might
- 6 be useful in challenging Rambus patents?
- 7 A. No. This says "existing patents." There's no
- 8 statement of Rambus here.
- 9 Q. Didn't you anticipate that litigation against
- 10 Rambus might be necessary as of the time you gave this
- 11 presentation?
- 12 A. No. I don't recall that.
- 13 Q. The clip art you used is a picture of a judge
- in a wig.
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Why did you use that?
- 18 A. Because it's a legal discussion. It's about
- intellectual property, so that's a legal issue, isn't
- 20 it?
- 21 Q. Well, you understood at that time that judges
- don't decide whether a patent should be issued; right?
- A. No, actually I don't understand that.
- Q. You understand the patent office issues
- 25 patents?

- 1 A. I understand that.
- 2 Q. You think the patent office is staffed with
- 3 judges?
- 4 A. I really don't know.
- 5 Q. Okay. You were talking about litigation here
- in this message, weren't you, you were talking about
- 7 lawsuits?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. When it says, "Could the consortium be used to
- 10 challenge existing patents," was that a question about
- whether or not the consortium could bring lawsuits?
- 12 A. I'm really -- I think I'm really talking about
- patents here, strictly about patents.
- Q. Okay. You didn't understand that challenges to
- patents sometimes involve lawsuits? Did you understand
- 16 that at the time?
- 17 A. I understand that there is a process that you
- 18 can litigate against a patent.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about the third
- 20 question you asked: Could the consortium be used to
- 21 address DRAM business legal concerns?
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And that question was could the consortium get
- around the antitrust laws and allow the supplier

- 1 manufacturer -- the supplier executives to talk to each
- 2 other about issues they might not be able to talk to
- 3 otherwise -- talk about otherwise?
- 4 A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. What were the DRAM business legal concerns that
- 6 you were talking about in this message?
- 7 A. I don't recall the specifics. It was kind of
- 8 a broad topic. I never had any discussions about DRAM
- 9 creating some sort of scenario that you just
- 10 described.
- 11 Q. You had raised at the prior SyncLink Consortium
- 12 meeting an issue about the need for lawyers to give
- antitrust advice. Do you remember seeing that?
- It's in the minutes. Do you remember seeing
- 15 that in the minutes?
- 16 A. I remember seeing something different than what
- 17 you stated.
- 18 Q. It says "antitrust concerns"?
- 19 A. Right.
- 20 Q. You had raised a question about the need for a
- 21 lawyer to advise the consortium on antitrust concerns,
- 22 correct, at the December meeting; right?
- 23 A. I don't think what I put in there was quite
- 24 that -- can I refer to that?
- 25 O. You can refer back to the minutes? Is that

- 1 what you want to see? Sure.
- 2 Do you see the reference to antitrust
- 3 concerns?
- A. Yeah. What it says is: "Consortium needs it
- 5 own attorney to handle press releases, contracts,
- 6 antitrust concerns."
- 7 Q. So you had raised an issue at the prior
- 8 consortium meeting about whether the consortium needed
- 9 an attorney to handle antitrust concerns; right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And this reference in this slide in
- January 1997 where it says "Could the consortium be
- used to address DRAM business legal concerns," that was
- 14 at least in part about those antitrust concerns?
- 15 A. I don't recall what the specifics were of that
- 16 statement.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well, look down at the slide on the
- 18 bottom of page 27 where it says "Technical Summary."
- 19 The third bullet -- I'm sorry -- the fourth bullet:
- 20 SyncLink should continue to be supported to establish
- 21 future intellectual property and to protect the future
- of the DRAM industry.
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And by "DRAM industry" you meant the

- 1 manufacturers; right?
- A. Yes, I believe that's what was intended.
- 3 O. And what you were saying there is that the
- 4 manufacturers should jointly support SyncLink in order
- 5 to establish intellectual property that would cover
- future high-bandwidth, high-speed DRAM devices?
- 7 A. So we could develop innovation for future DRAM
- 8 products.
- 9 Q. Well, you can do innovation without getting
- 10 patents on it; right?
- 11 A. I think the purpose there is to protect the
- work that was done so that somebody else wouldn't
- assert a patent against the work that we had done.
- Q. So that if they did, you would have a patent
- that would be required for a cross-license; correct?
- A. So we'd have a patent to defend the work that
- we'd done.
- 18 Q. Did you believe as of January 1997 that Rambus
- 19 had been stealing the intellectual property of the
- 20 SyncLink or RamLink working groups?
- 21 A. I'm not sure I understand.
- Q. Did you ever hear, prior to this time, did you
- 23 ever hear anybody suggest in a SyncLink meeting that
- 24 Rambus had stolen some ideas from RamLink or SyncLink?
- 25 A. I don't think I ever heard that, no.

1 Q. Okay. And then it says "to protect the future

- of the DRAM industry."
- What was it about the intellectual property
- 4 that you thought the DRAM manufacturers should have
- 5 covering future high-speed DRAMs that would protect the
- 6 future of the DRAM industry in your view?
- 7 A. Yeah. This goes back to my prior statement
- 8 that going forward we need to provide more innovative
- 9 solutions so that -- Intel was trying to push the
- 10 envelope, if you will, in terms of technology for
- 11 high-speed DRAMs, and so for us to participate in that
- development with Intel in the future, we had to create
- 13 innovation.
- 14 Q. So that didn't refer at all to intellectual
- 15 property; right?
- 16 A. Pardon me?
- 17 Q. It just meant innovation; you weren't referring
- 18 to intellectual property?
- 19 A. Well, my understanding is what the innovation
- 20 we'd need to file patents to protect that work.
- Q. Had somebody told you that?
- 22 A. I don't recall a specific discussion.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. If I had gotten any information like that, it
- 25 probably would have been through our counsel.

1 Q. Well, as I said before, I'm not asking for your

- 2 conversations with counsel.
- 3 A. Okay.
- Q. Why don't you look on page 38. I'm sorry.
- 5 It's actually page 43 in the lower left-hand corner. I
- 6 got confused by the page numbers.
- 7 Do you see the bottom slide says "Discussion of
- 8 Long-Term DRAM Industry Outlook if SyncLink Is Not
- 9 Successful"? Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And if you'll look back on page 3 of the
- 12 exhibit, it says that that topic is going to be covered
- 13 by Farhad Tabrizi.
- Do you see that on the agenda?
- 15 It's on the screen. It says "Discussion of the
- 16 Long-Term DRAM Industry Outlook if SyncLink is not
- 17 Successful -- Farhad Tabrizi."
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Did Mr. Tabrizi present these slides?
- 21 A. I believe he did.
- Q. And if you'll look on page 44, it starts with
- 23 historical events. Do you see that?
- 24 And then after these historical events it says,
- 25 "What is next?"

1 And Mr. Tabrizi presented that slide; right?

- 2 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 3 Q. And then the slide at the bottom says "Possible
- 4 future scenarios if SyncLink is not the next-generation
- 5 memory solution."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So is it correct that as of this time,
- 9 January 10, 1997, there was still the prospect that
- 10 Intel would change its mind and choose SyncLink
- instead of Rambus for the next-generation memory
- 12 solution?
- A. Do you mind if I read this?
- 14 Q. Sure.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, if I could just ask
- 16 for clarification.
- You're asking this witness' understanding?
- 18 MR. PERRY: Yes.
- 19 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. So the question again?
- 21 MR. PERRY: May I ask the reporter to read it
- 22 back?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes. Go ahead.
- 24 (The record was read as follows:)
- 25 "OUESTION: So is it correct that as of this

1 time, January 10, 1997, there was still the prospect

- 2 that Intel would change its mind and choose SyncLink
- 3 instead of Rambus for the next-generation memory
- 4 solution?"
- 5 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, again, subject to the
- 6 same clarification that it's the witness'
- 7 understanding.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Noted.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. Regarding the question,
- 10 Intel had already chosen the solution at this time, so
- I believe at this point we knew their decision was made
- 12 and we were working on licensing negotiation.
- So I don't think there was an understanding
- 14 that Intel was going to change their mind.
- 15 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. When Mr. Tabrizi presented this slide and
- 17 talked about possible future scenarios if SyncLink is
- not the next-generation memory solution, didn't he
- 19 state in substance that he was going to talk about the
- 20 dangers that awaited the DRAM industry if Intel didn't
- 21 change its mind?
- 22 A. I'm not sure he meant that really. Intel had
- 23 chosen direct RDRAM, but we had other customers asking
- 24 for different kind of products, so I think that the
- 25 Intel solution of direct RDRAM was strictly for the

- 1 Intel usage.
- Q. Didn't you hear at SyncLink meetings people say
- 3 in substance that Intel wouldn't change its mind unless
- 4 Rambus failed?
- 5 A. What I recall is that there was some people who
- 6 were concerned that Rambus may fail for technical
- 7 issues or that Rambus may fail to penetrate the market
- 8 space that Intel planned on due to cost issues.
- 9 Q. And didn't you hear people say that if that
- 10 happened, Intel might change its mind and choose a
- 11 different next-generation memory device?
- 12 A. I don't -- what I guess the problem I'm having
- with the question is you're saying change their mind
- 14 and I don't -- I don't think I heard that. But it is
- possible that if it failed, then they would start using
- more PC100, let's say, or they'd move on to the next
- 17 technology. I don't think that would decommit them
- 18 from the decision that they were going to use direct
- 19 RDRAM.
- 20 Q. And one of the things Mr. Tabrizi said to this
- 21 group of DRAM executives in January 1997 was that if
- 22 SyncLink was not the next-generation memory solution,
- the DRAM manufacturers would lose control of
- 24 specification and the gross margins will decline.
- Do you see that statement?

- 1 A. I see it.
- 2 Q. And you were present when he made it?
- 3 A. I was present when we did this presentation.
- 4 Q. Did he explain how gross margins would decline
- 5 if Intel continued down the path of using Rambus as the
- 6 next-generation memory device?
- 7 A. I don't recall. To be honest, I don't
- 8 completely understand this first bullet.
- 9 Q. Well, look at the third bullet.
- 10 Did Mr. Tabrizi say that if SyncLink was not
- 11 the next-generation memory solution, Intel would obtain
- intellectual property for the nDRAM interface?
- 13 A. That's what the title and the bullet says.
- Q. Did he express a concern at the meeting that
- the DRAM manufacturers would not have the intellectual
- property with respect to the Rambus device that Intel
- 17 had chosen?
- 18 A. I'm sorry. I really don't understand some of
- 19 what's in this foil.
- 20 O. Okav. Well, look --
- 21 A. I don't recall the discussion on it.
- Q. Let's look at the last bullet.
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. Did Mr. Tabrizi tell the assembled group of
- 25 DRAM manufacturer executives at this meeting that if

1 SyncLink was not the next-generation memory solution,

- 2 a single source CPU manufacturer and chipset
- manufacturer would control the demand-supply
- 4 situation?
- 5 A. Okav. I remember some discussion on the last
- 6 couple bullets. And I believe he said that.
- 7 Q. And was that a reference to Intel?
- 8 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor.
- 9 Again, are we asking for this witness'
- 10 understanding?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Right. So noted.
- MR. PERRY: I'm sorry.
- 13 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Was it your understanding that was a reference
- 15 to Intel?
- 16 A. Yeah, my understanding of what he was
- discussing in those last two bullets was I think he was
- 18 playing out or replaying a scenario that happened with
- 19 cache SRAM. He kind of described what happened in the
- 20 scenario of cache SRAM and what happened to the market
- 21 there, and that was something that Intel had, due to
- their market power, had some control on, and I think he
- was replaying that as a possible future scenario, as I
- 24 recall.
- 25 Q. And as you understood it, there was some

1 bitterness amongst some of the DRAM manufacturers about

- 2 what had happened when Intel had control over cache
- 3 SRAM?
- 4 A. I don't know if there was bitterness or not.
- 5 There was concern that it was a bad scenario and they
- 6 didn't want it to happen in the future.
- 7 Q. And one of the things that was bad about it was
- 8 the gross margins of the DRAM manufacturers were pretty
- 9 low on cache SRAM; is that your understanding?
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Lack of
- 11 foundation.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 13 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Did you have any understanding as to why it was
- 15 bad?
- 16 A. I understood it was bad because they were
- gaining control of the supply in the market. I think
- 18 ultimately cache pretty much just went away and they
- integrated into the processor, so I'm not sure about
- 20 what margins mean in that case.
- 21 Q. Okay. The last line on this slide, did
- 22 Mr. Tabrizi deliver the message to this assembled group
- that if SyncLink was not the next-generation memory
- 24 solution, all DRAM companies will become foundries for
- 25 Intel?

- 1 A. I think he did.
- 2 Q. Now, Mr. Cloud joined you for that meeting;
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. I believe Gene was the one that attended.
- 5 Q. Did you take notes at that meeting?
- 6 A. I probably took some notes.
- Q. And were your notes subsequently provided to
- 8 all the other DRAM manufacturers?
- 9 A. I don't recall the exact event. There were
- three of these kind of meetings, and I know in one of
- 11 those meetings I had taken some notes of some feedback
- 12 the executives gave at the meeting and I sent that out
- to be included in the meeting notes. I don't recall if
- it's this meeting or not.
- 15 Q. Have you seen those notes in preparation for
- 16 your trial testimony?
- 17 A. I don't recall. I saw many documents.
- 18 Q. And you saw many documents in preparation for
- 19 today and yesterday?
- 20 A. Over the course between the depositions and
- 21 today, yesterday, there's obviously boxes of documents
- here and I've seen some of them.
- Q. Yes, there are.
- Let me show you RX-855, some more
- 25 SyncLink Consortium meeting minutes, this time from the

- 1 January 14, 1997 meeting.
- 2 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 4 BY MR. PERRY:
- 5 Q. Let me first establish that you were present
- for the meeting and then I'll ask you to take a look at
- 7 the minutes.
- 8 Do you see that you're shown as attending the
- 9 January 14, 1997 morning and afternoon sessions as well
- 10 as the January 15 session?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. And you went to these meetings?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm going to ask you a few questions about the
- 15 first page if you want to take a minute and look at
- 16 it.
- 17 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Now, there's a reference to you that's about
- 20 five lines down. It says, "Terry Lee took notes on the
- 21 manufacturer comments at the Tokyo meeting, see scanned
- 22 doc."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. And then there's like a title of a PDF in

- 1 regards to that.
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And then about three lines below that there's a
- 5 statement: "Siemens was eloquent. No future RB road
- 6 map."
- Now, when you read that, you understood RB to
- 8 be Rambus; is that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. "No future Rambus road map. Letting one
- 11 company control industry is crazy."
- Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And then a little further on it says "Rambus
- 15 not acceptable."
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And were those statements based upon your notes
- 19 taken in the meeting about what Siemens, now Infineon,
- was saying?
- 21 A. I don't know if those were taken from my notes
- or that was comments that were made either repeated by
- 23 Siemens or by Farhad Tabrizi.
- Q. Well, let me show you what I believe are your
- notes of that meeting, RX-852.

- 1 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, this document was produced to us by
- 5 Mitsubishi.
- Do you see that up at the top it says "From:
- 7 tlee@micron.com, To: GCLOUD, Subject: Supplier
- 8 comments"? Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And then below that there's an e-mail that
- 11 appears to be from you to Mr. Tabrizi dated January 13,
- 12 1997?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. If you'll just please look at this and confirm
- 15 that these are in fact your notes that you took at the
- January 10, 1997 meeting in Tokyo, or Yokohama, of the
- 17 SyncLink executives.
- 18 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 19 A. Okay. Yeah, these are mine.
- 20 Q. Now, you looked for these at Micron; right, and
- 21 you've been unable to find them?
- 22 A. I provided everything that I had on SyncLink
- 23 for the -- as part of the response to -- I don't know
- 24 what the legal term is -- but request for documents.
- 25 Q. Have you looked for these particular notes?

- 1 A. I've looked for everything.
- Q. Did you look for these particular notes?
- 3 A. Let me be clear. Everything I had in SyncLink
- 4 I turned over.
- 5 Q. I'm not doubting that.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Did you look for these particular notes?
- 8 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Asked and
- 9 answered.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 12 O. Did you notice at any point in time that there
- was a reference in the SyncLink minutes that I showed
- 14 you to a PDF of your notes? Did you ever notice that
- 15 prior to today?
- 16 A. Not except for a deposition.
- Q. And when you saw that in your deposition, did
- 18 you go back and try and find those notes?
- 19 A. I had already turned over everything I had.
- 20 Q. Did you ever search inside your PC, in your
- 21 stored e-mails, to look for --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- this particular set of notes?
- A. Yes. I turned over paper documents. I turned
- 25 over directories of file information. I turned over

- 1 subdirectories and e-mail.
- Q. Let's look on page 2 of the exhibit. And let's
- 3 go down to where it says "Siemens," just the second one
- 4 up from the bottom.
- 5 And are these your notes that you're taking of
- 6 what a Siemens executive was saying at the January 10,
- 7 1997 SyncLink Consortium executive meeting in Japan?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. And what you wrote was: Control concerns are
- 10 realistic. No future Rambus II road map. Industry is
- 11 large dollars -- you have a dollar sign there. Does
- 12 that mean dollars?
- 13 A. I think so.
- Q. Industry is large dollars, but letting control
- 15 go to one small company.
- 16 Did you understand "one small company" to refer
- 17 to Rambus?
- 18 A. I'm not sure.
- 19 Q. Well, Intel certainly wasn't a small company at
- that point, was it, as you understood it?
- 21 A. I would agree.
- Q. And look at the next to last sentence under
- 23 Siemens. It says, "Rambus is not acceptable."
- Do you see that?
- 25 Is that something that the Siemens executive

- 1 said in front of this group of DRAM executives?
- A. I believe so if my notes were accurate. One
- 3 concern I have with just making that statement is it
- 4 seems when I sent that that I was asking that they be
- 5 reviewed for correctness prior to sending it out to the
- 6 consortium, so...
- 7 Q. And you knew that at the January 14 consortium
- 8 meeting those notes were sent out; right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You can't think of any other way how Mitsubishi
- 11 would have gotten ahold of them, can you?
- 12 A. I'm not sure I understand that question.
- Q. Well, these came to us, this copy came to us
- 14 from Mitsubishi.
- Did you ask Mitsubishi to review it in advance
- of it being distributed to other people or did you ask
- 17 Mr. Cloud?
- 18 A. I asked Mr. Tabrizi, Mr. Chen of Mitsubishi,
- 19 and also Mr. Cloud.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you know if Mr. Chen made any
- 21 suggested changes to your notes before they were
- 22 distributed out?
- 23 A. I don't recall. I certainly sent it to these
- 24 people to get it.
- Q. Now, look back at page 1 of the January 14

- 1 consortium meeting. That's RX-855.
- 2 And do you see about five lines up from the
- 3 bottom -- 855 -- about five lines up from the bottom do
- 4 you see the reference to Siemens?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. It says: "Siemens was eloquent. No future
- 7 Rambus road map."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And does it look to you like the phrase "no
- 11 future Rambus road map" was taken from your notes?
- 12 A. It looks like the same content as in my notes.
- 13 Q. And do you see where it says below that
- "Rambus not acceptable"? Does it look to you like
- that was taken from your notes of the January 10, 1997
- 16 meeting?
- 17 A. Yeah, that looks like the same content as
- 18 well.
- 19 Q. Now, look on page 2 of the exhibit, please.
- Oh, I forgot to ask you.
- 21 A. Can I clarify something? Is that acceptable?
- Q. Is it in response to whether or not these
- 23 statements came from your notes?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- 25 Q. Okay. Well, yeah, do you think that the phrase

1 "Rambus not acceptable" -- go ahead. What is it you

- 2 want to say about that phrase?
- 3 A. Well, my concern with your question is you
- 4 asked whether this came from my notes and yet there's
- 5 information in this statement that is not included in
- 6 my notes, and so I don't know whether my notes are the
- 7 source of that or it's an independent source of notes
- 8 taken at the meeting.
- 9 Q. Okay. I was just asking about that phrase,
- 10 "Rambus not acceptable."
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. Do you know one way or the other whether that
- came from your notes taken at that meeting?
- 14 A. I know I took notes to that statement. I don't
- know if there were independent notes or whether they
- 16 came from my notes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- Now, who from Siemens made that statement at
- 19 that January 10 meeting that Rambus was not
- 20 acceptable?
- 21 A. The gentleman's name is -- I'm going to have to
- 22 say Andreas Z.
- Q. Was it Dr. Andreas von Zitzewitz?
- A. That's it.
- 25 O. Z-I-T-E-W-I-T-Z?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, let's look on page 2 of RX-855, the
- 3 January 14, 1997 SLDRAM Consortium meeting.
- 4 Is it your understanding that the
- 5 SyncLink Consortium had changed its name by this point
- 6 to the SLDRAM Consortium?
- 7 A. There was a name change at some point. I don't
- 8 recall the exact date that that occurred, but there was
- 9 a name change.
- 10 Q. But the name change was from SyncLink to
- 11 SLDRAM; right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. Well, there's a reference to you on page 2 of
- 14 these minutes about two-thirds of the way down. It
- 15 says "Terry Lee."
- Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Why don't you read that to yourself and I'll
- 19 have a question.
- 20 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 21 A. Okay.
- Q. Did you state in substance at the January 1997
- 23 meeting of the SLDRAM Consortium in Santa Clara,
- 24 California that the only way to prevent the sad past
- 25 history of being hurt by a single large customer from

1 happening again in the future is for the manufacturers

- 2 to have key patents for the next generation?
- 3 A. I believe so.
- 4 Q. Look on page 6.
- Now, I'm going to ask you about a statement
- 6 that appears to be something that Farhad Tabrizi is at
- 7 least -- at least the minutes say he said. It's about
- 8 ten lines down.
- 9 Do you see "FT: Want more of DBG time"? Do
- 10 you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. And Mr. Tabrizi at the time was with Hynix, or
- 13 Hyundai; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you understand DBG to refer to
- 16 David Gustavson?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. And he was a professor type with Santa Clara,
- 19 he had been involved in the RamLink/SyncLink stuff?
- 20 A. Yeah. He could be characterized as that.
- Q. It says, "Want more of DBG time, 75 percent or
- 22 100 percent, need his help to write patents and
- 23 articles, get minutes out fast, collect patentable
- 24 items from minutes, consider Rambus patent issues, need
- 25 to file patents daily."

- 1 Did Mr. Tabrizi say something in this
- 2 January 1997 meeting about needing somebody to consider
- 3 Rambus patent issues?
- 4 A. Apparently by the notes. I don't recall it
- 5 specifically.
- Q. Do you know what particular Rambus patent
- 7 issues Mr. Tabrizi had in mind? Do you know one way or
- 8 the other?
- 9 A. I don't recall the specific comment at this
- 10 time.
- 11 Q. Okay. If you'll look on page 3 of these
- minutes of the January 14, 1997 SLDRAM Consortium
- 13 meeting.
- And the fourth line down, do you see the
- fourth line down says, "FT says it seems clear their
- decision was political, not technical"? Do you see
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. You received copies of these minutes on a
- 20 regular basis; right?
- 21 A. I had access to them. I don't know if I always
- 22 received them.
- Q. Okay. Do you remember now Mr. Tabrizi saying
- in this meeting that Intel' decision was political and
- 25 not technical?

- 1 A. Do I remember that specific comment?
- Yeah.
- 3 A. No.
- 4 O. Look a few lines down.
- 5 Do you remember him saying that losing control
- of the specification means losing control of our
- 7 destiny?
- 8 A. I see that.
- 9 Q. Do you remember him saying that at the meeting,
- 10 Mr. Tabrizi?
- 11 A. I don't remember that specific discussion.
- 12 Q. Did somebody else say that in the meeting, that
- losing control of the specification means losing
- 14 control of our destiny?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. He said he
- doesn't recall the discussion.
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 18 BY MR. PERRY:
- 19 Q. Okay. If you could look down to the statement
- 20 that's just below that, referencing Mr. Rhoden, Desi.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. It says, "Desi: VLSI was once world-leading
- 24 chipset supplier, worked with Intel, cross-traded
- 25 engineers, Intel now in chipset business, VLSI out of

- 1 PC business now. This will happen again."
- Do you remember Mr. Rhoden explaining at some
- 3 SyncLink meeting that story?
- 4 A. I don't remember this specific discussion. I
- 5 understood that there was a concern of Intel trying to
- 6 control -- using their market power to try to control
- 7 the industry.
- 8 Q. And then the next line says -- of these
- 9 minutes says, "Depending on Intel for business is
- 10 worse than getting on drugs -- 'It's like someone is
- 11 sleeping with your wife and they want you to pay the
- 12 hotel bill."
- Did you hear Mr. Rhoden say that at this
- 14 meeting?
- 15 A. I don't believe -- I don't believe I recall
- 16 whether Mr. Rhoden said it or not. It's actually
- 17 repeating a comment that was made by someone at the
- 18 executive meeting.
- 19 O. And who had made that at the executive
- 20 meeting?
- 21 A. I'll call him Andreas Z. again.
- 22 Q. Dr. von Zitzewitz from Siemens?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Well, let me move on if I could, try to speed
- 25 this up just a bit, to a presentation that I believe

- 1 was made at the -- at a February '97 SyncLink
- Consortium meeting with AMD. And I represent to you
- 3 this was produced to us by AMD. I believe you were
- 4 present, but that will be my first questions. It's
- 5 RX-876.
- 6 May I?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 8 BY MR. PERRY:
- 9 Q. Let me just establish what role AMD played with
- 10 respect to DRAM in this time period, 1997. What did
- 11 they make?
- 12 A. They were a microprocessor developer.
- Q. Okay. Let me just show you the title of this.
- 14 It says "SLDRAM Presentation by SyncLink Consortium
- 15 February 18, 1997."
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And look on page 8.
- Do you see a reference to your name?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. Were you present for a presentation about
- 22 SyncLink in about February 1997 at AMD?
- 23 A. I recall speaking with AMD before about
- 24 SyncLink. This presentation is kind of a standard set
- 25 of foils that we used and updated periodically for some

1 customer presentations, and I may not have been on all

- 2 those presentations even though my name is on the
- 3 foils.
- So I'm not saying I wasn't there; I'm saying
- 5 I'm not sure if I was there at this time with this
- 6 presentation.
- 7 Q. Okay. Then what I'm going to limit it to is
- 8 whether or not the foils were prepared by you. And I
- 9 really just have a question about that.
- 10 And I'll represent to you that from this page,
- page 8, all the way to the back I could not find
- 12 another person's name, and what I'd like you to do is
- try to tell me if you were the one who prepared the
- foils that go from page 8 back to page 35.
- 15 A. I prepared these foils with inputs from others
- 16 from the SLDRAM technical review.
- Q. Okay. Well, let me focus just on one
- 18 particular one foil at page 32.
- 19 And the top one is called Business Comparisons.
- 20 I'll let you look at it.
- 21 Are you on page 32?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 O. Good.
- 24 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Is this a slide that you prepared for use in 2 customer presentations?

- A. I'm not a hundred percent positive whether I
- 4 received input or I received this slide from somebody
- 5 and put it in here. I put together the whole package
- on the technical part I should explain.
- 7 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, this would be a good
- 8 time for a lunch break if it's a good time for you.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: That's fine for me. Let's take
- 10 a break then. It's almost 12:30 now. Let's break
- 11 until 1:45.
- 12 Hearing in recess.
- 13 (Whereupon, at 12:27 p.m., a lunch recess was
- 14 taken.)

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- 1 AFTERNOON SESSION
- (1:45 p.m.)
- 3 JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
- 4 At this time, Mr. Perry, you may proceed with
- 5 your cross-examination.
- 6 Would you please take the stand, Mr. Lee.
- 7 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 BY MR. PERRY:
- 9 Q. Mr. Lee, I wanted to move to a somewhat
- 10 different topic from the ones we were discussing this
- 11 morning.
- 12 The issue I want to talk about with you is
- whether Micron personnel had notice that Rambus might
- 14 eventually have intellectual property claims with
- 15 respect to technologies incorporated within SDRAM or
- 16 DDR SDRAM devices. That's just the general subject
- matter of what I'm going to be talking about.
- But let me get some background first.
- When did you attend your first JEDEC meeting?
- 20 A. I believe the first meeting I attended was -- I
- 21 think it was sometime in '94.
- 22 Q. '94?
- 23 A. I believe that's right.
- Q. And at the time you attended that first
- 25 meeting, were you aware that Micron was a JEDEC

- 1 member?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And at that time was Mr. Walther,
- 4 Terry Walther, the official Micron JEDEC
- 5 representative?
- 6 A. He was.
- 7 Q. And I think you testified, but let me ask you
- 8 just directly.
- 9 At some point in time did Mr. Walther begin
- 10 circulating a copy of JEDEC meeting minutes to you?
- 11 A. Yeah. I received meeting minutes on a periodic
- 12 basis.
- Q. And did that happen from time to time in 1995
- 14 and '96?
- 15 A. Yeah. I don't recall if I received meeting
- minutes from every meeting, but from time to time,
- 17 ves.
- 18 Q. Well, let me ask this.
- 19 Did Mr. Walther tell you at any time prior to
- 20 the year 2000 that Rambus' JEDEC representative had
- 21 refused to answer any questions about Rambus'
- intellectual property with respect to features
- 23 contained in the SDRAM standard?
- A. There was a discussion after Rambus
- 25 discontinued being a JEDEC member about -- in general

1 about Rambus' disclosure at JEDEC and kind of the

- 2 nature of how they had terminated their membership.
- Q. Well, my question was actually quite specific.
- Did Mr. Walther tell you anytime prior to 2000
- 5 that a Rambus JEDEC representative had refused to
- 6 answer questions about Rambus intellectual property
- 7 with respect to SDRAM?
- A. No, I don't believe he did.
- 9 Q. Did anyone ever tell you that a Rambus JEDEC
- 10 representative had refused to answer a question about
- 11 Rambus' possible intellectual property with respect to
- 12 features, any feature, contained in the JEDEC SDRAM
- 13 compliant devices?
- 14 A. I don't recall any discussions relating to
- 15 Rambus' refusing to answer a question.
- Q. Did Mr. Walther or anyone else ever tell you
- 17 that Rambus had refused to answer questions at JEDEC
- 18 meetings about its intellectual property rights with
- 19 respect to SyncLink?
- 20 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat it.
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 Did Mr. Walther or anyone else ever tell you
- 23 that Rambus had refused to answer questions at JEDEC
- 24 meetings about its intellectual property rights with
- 25 respect to SyncLink?

- 1 A. No. Not that I recall.
- Q. Did Mr. Walther ever tell you that Rambus had
- 3 read a prepared statement at a JEDEC meeting that said
- 4 that, quote, our presence or silence at committee
- 5 meetings does not constitute an endorsement of any
- 6 proposal under the committee's consideration nor does
- 7 it make any statement regarding potential infringement
- 8 of Rambus intellectual property?
- 9 A. I don't recall that statement.
- 10 Q. Did you ever see that statement in an
- 11 attachment to a JEDEC minute?
- 12 A. The only statement I recall that relates to
- that is there was some letter I think Richard Crisp
- 14 had sent to JEDEC upon their termination of
- membership.
- Q. Well, that's actually not the one I'm talking
- 17 about.
- 18 Let me show you the one I'm talking about and
- 19 see if it refreshes your recollection. I'll show you a
- one-page document, RX-602.
- 21 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You may.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, I'll represent to you that this was an
- 25 attachment to JEDEC meeting minutes from

1 September 1995, and since you were sent JEDEC meeting

- 2 minutes on a periodic basis, my question to you is,
- 3 simply, did you, prior to the year 2000, ever see this
- 4 September 11, 1995 statement by Rambus?
- 5 A. I don't recall ever seeing this.
- 6 Q. I want to move forward in time to March 1997,
- 7 and I'll ask you to look at JX-36, which is in the
- 8 stack in front of you from March 1997. It's JEDEC
- 9 meeting minutes.
- If you need another copy, I have one.
- Do you have JX-36?
- 12 A. I do.
- Q. And you talked about some references in these
- 14 minutes yesterday; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. You attended this meeting, I think your name
- appears on the second page, "Others Present,
- 18 Terry Lee"?
- 19 A. Yes. I attended portions of it.
- 20 Q. You attended portions of this meeting.
- And if you'll look on page 7, please.
- Let's pull up the reference in item 6.6.
- I believe you told us yesterday you were
- 24 present for a presentation by NEC relating to what's
- 25 called here DDR SDRAM for high-end systems.

1 Were you present for that presentation?

- 2 A. Yes, I was.
- 3 O. Now, I think you gave the name of someone at
- 4 NEC who was presenting this, but I didn't -- I couldn't
- 5 catch it. What was his name?
- A. There were two gentlemen from NEC I recall, and
- 7 a gentleman by the name of Asakura was involved in that
- 8 presentation.
- 9 O. Yoshitomo Asakura?
- 10 A. I believe that's his first name.
- 11 Q. And you asked that gentleman to draw a diagram
- of what he was talking about; is that right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. And when he drew it, you thought it looked
- similar to the loop-back clock described in Rambus
- 16 '703 patent that you had earlier reviewed; right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 O. Now, did you yourself, Mr. Lee, raise the
- 19 patent issue at that point in the committee
- 20 deliberations or did you tell Mr. Walther about your
- 21 concern and he raised it?
- 22 A. I believe I raised it myself that I had
- 23 concerns that this looked like this Rambus patent.
- Q. Do you remember the words you used?
- A. Today?

1 Q. Yes. Do you remember today the words you used

- 2 then?
- A. I don't remember the exact words.
- Q. Well, the minutes say on page 7: "A first
- 5 showing was made by NEC. It included a read clock and
- 6 a write clock. A discussion of the clock issue took
- 7 place. Some on the committee felt that Rambus had a
- 8 patent on that type of clock design."
- 9 The statement "Some on the committee felt that
- Rambus had a patent on that type of clock design," is
- 11 that a fair representation of what you said at the
- 12 meeting?
- 13 A. It may be a summary of what I said.
- 14 Q. Is it a summary of what you said?
- 15 A. Well, it sounds like it's a summary of a few
- 16 people's comment.
- Q. Well, that was my next question, but is it a
- 18 fair summary of what you said at the meeting?
- 19 A. I identified a concern that I thought that
- 20 Rambus may have a patent on that or it looked like a
- 21 Rambus patent, something to that effect.
- Q. Now, who else besides you said that they also
- 23 felt that way?
- A. There were many people who spoke up in the
- 25 committee about this whole discussion. This discussion

1 probably lasted two or three minutes. There were quite

- 2 a few people who stood up to either comment on whether
- 3 this should be included or considered in the standard
- 4 or not. And also there was some comments about the
- 5 Rambus license fee.
- Q. I wasn't clear enough with my question.
- 7 After you said that you had this concern that
- 8 it looked like something you'd seen in a Rambus
- 9 patent, who else besides you said that they thought it
- 10 looked like something that Rambus might have a patent
- 11 on?
- 12 A. I don't remember exactly which individuals said
- 13 what.
- 14 Q. Well, the reference in the minutes is that some
- on the committee felt that Rambus had a patent on that
- 16 type of clock design.
- Other than you, do you remember who that was?
- 18 A. I thought I just answered that. I don't recall
- 19 who else made those exact statements.
- Q. Thank you.
- Now, when you raised the issue in the JEDEC
- 22 meeting, did you understand that you were obligated
- 23 under the JEDEC patent policy to bring to the
- 24 committee's attention intellectual property rights of
- other companies that you were aware of that might

- 1 relate to a proposal under discussion?
- 2 A. Yeah. It was my understanding that I needed to
- 3 identify IP that may relate to the work of the
- 4 committee.
- 5 Q. Now, the minutes continue, "Others felt that
- 6 the concept predated Rambus by decades."
- Who, if you can recall, expressed an opinion
- 8 that the concept you had addressed predated Rambus by
- 9 decades?
- 10 A. I don't recall who said that.
- 11 Q. Do you remember somebody saying that?
- 12 A. Yeah. I remember discussions about that. Like
- I said, though, the discussions probably took two or
- three minutes and included these topics.
- Q. Did someone say in substance that the use of a
- loop-back bus in a memory device had been used for
- 17 decades?
- 18 A. A loop-back bus?
- 19 O. Yeah.
- 20 A. I don't recall that being said.
- 21 Q. Well, let's look at the presentation if we
- 22 could. Let's look at appendix F that starts at
- page 56, and you showed it to us yesterday.
- This is the one where it's on pages 56, 57 and
- 25 59 because of the copying problem. Do you remember

- 1 that?
- 2 But let me put that aside for a second.
- 3 When you were talking yesterday about your
- 4 understanding at the time of the Rambus architecture, I
- 5 think you told us that you understood it to involve a
- 6 narrow bus and to be multiplexed, that is, the command
- 7 address and data shared the same signal lines. Is that
- 8 what you said?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Now, in this NEC proposal, command address and
- 11 data don't share the same signal lines, do they? You
- can see that on page 57. Right?
- 13 A. Yeah, in this proposal command address appears
- 14 to be separate from data.
- 15 Q. And you would not describe the NEC
- 16 presentation as involving a packetized protocol, would
- 17 you?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. And you would not have described the NEC
- 20 presentation as involving a narrow bus, would you?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. So by March '97 at least you believed that
- 23 Rambus might have intellectual property claims that
- 24 extended beyond the narrow bus, multiplexed, packetized
- 25 RDRAM architecture; right?

1 A. No. My concerns were strictly about a clocking

- 2 scheme.
- 3 Q. So you believed by March 1997 that Rambus
- 4 might have intellectual property claims to clocking
- 5 schemes that were not tied to the use of a narrow bus
- in a multiplexed, packetized RDRAM architecture;
- 7 right?
- 8 A. I had concerns that they had patents to a
- 9 clocking scheme that may relate to the work of the
- 10 committee.
- 11 Q. You had a concern, didn't you, by March 1997
- 12 that Rambus might have intellectual property claims
- with respect to a device that was neither packetized
- 14 nor had a narrow bus; right?
- 15 A. I had concerns about it relating to this
- 16 clocking scheme. You know, whether that patent applies
- 17 specifically or not I really wouldn't be qualified to
- 18 determine. I expressed a concern because it may relate
- 19 to the work of the committee.
- 20 Q. Did anyone -- well, strike that.
- Now, let's look back at page 7 of the
- 22 minutes -- Your Honor, there's some noise from counsel
- 23 table and I am worried it's affecting -- I'm not saying
- 24 it's intentional. I'm worrying it's affecting the
- 25 transcript.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Oh, I'm sorry. But I couldn't

- 2 hear it from up here. Is it conversation?
- MR. PERRY: No. It's coughing, Your Honor.
- 4 And I'm sorry, I don't mean to be rude, but it has just
- 5 been since lunch and I'm worried that it's affecting
- 6 the transcript.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, let's be sure that
- 8 doesn't happen, and please feel free to point that out
- 9 if it does occur.
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. Mr. Lee, would you look, please, on page 7,
- 12 item 6.6. That's the discussion of the NEC proposal;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's a first showing; right? That's what
- 16 it says?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And it's entitled NEC DDR SDRAM for High-End
- 19 Systems; correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. So you had a concern in March of 1997 that
- 22 Rambus might have a patent with respect to some feature
- of the NEC DDR SDRAM that they were proposing at this
- 24 meeting; right?
- 25 A. I had concerns that their patent may relate to

1 this specific proposal on the clocking scheme.

- Q. Right.
- 3 And you told us yesterday that members of the
- 4 committee strongly objected to the NEC proposal after
- 5 you raised this concern; correct?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- Q. Was it your understanding at the time from
- 8 being in the meeting that those strong objections were
- 9 a direct response to your disclosure that Rambus might
- 10 have intellectual property rights relating to this
- 11 proposal?
- 12 A. Yes. Mine and others.
- 13 Q. Right.
- Let's move forward one month to April 1997.
- But before we do, I have one more March '97 -- sorry --
- short e-mail to show you, and it's Exhibit 890.
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: Is that RX-890?
- 18 MR. PERRY: RX-890.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Approach.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 21 Q. Now, this page was produced to us by
- 22 Ms. Betty Prince.
- You're familiar with Ms. Prince, aren't you?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. She's a longtime JEDEC representative?

- 1 A. I believe she is.
- Q. And in the middle of the page there is an
- e-mail that appears to be from you. Let's see if we
- 4 can pull that up.
- 5 And that says it's from Terry Lee to
- 6 supply@hea.com, subject Rambus starts public filing,
- 7 dated March 17, 1997. Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And is that an e-mail that you sent to the
- 10 supply reflector that had been described in some of
- 11 those SyncLink minutes we saw?
- 12 A. It is.
- Q. And you were telling the folks who were going
- 14 to receive that e-mail from the SyncLink reflector that
- Rambus was filing some documents with the SEC in
- 16 preparation for going public?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And is it your -- does it appear to you that
- 19 that was forwarded on to Ken McGhee at some point, the
- 20 JEDEC secretary?
- 21 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Lack of
- 22 foundation.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- 25 Q. Did you at some point get this e-mail back from

1 Ken McGhee because he had sent it out to a large group

- 2 of JEDEC members?
- 3 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Okay. Why were you sending this information
- 5 about Rambus to your competitors that make up that
- 6 supply reflector?
- 7 A. Well, the members of SLDRAM include both
- 8 suppliers and customers.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And I sent this information out that they were
- 11 going public because there was some -- I think there
- was some news at that time that they were planning on
- 13 going public, so it was generally accepted rumor, if
- 14 you will.
- Q. Now, was it your understanding that when you
- sent an e-mail to supply@hea.com that that e-mail then
- 17 was sent to more than just DRAM manufacturers?
- 18 A. I'm unsure as to the exact distribution list.
- 19 O. Well, let's now look at Exhibit 920 from
- 20 April -- RX-920 from April 1997. I think you looked at
- 21 it yesterday. Do you have a copy there?
- I can get you one if you need one. It should
- 23 be chronological.
- Mr. Oliver, do you have an extra one?
- 25 THE WITNESS: It might be faster if you've got

one. It's a small document; it might be hard to find.

- 2 MR. PERRY: May I approach?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 4 BY MR. PERRY:
- 5 Q. Now, this is the e-mail exchange that we talked
- 6 about yesterday or that you talked about yesterday
- 7 involving you and Mr. Walther and Mr. Weinstock and
- 8 copies of some of the e-mails went to Mr. Mailloux,
- 9 Mr. Biggs and Mr. Welch.
- This is an e-mail that talks about some
- 11 conversations with James Akiyama at Intel, and I
- wanted to start by finding out who some of these cc's
- 13 were.
- 14 There's a reference to Jon Biggs. What was his
- 15 position at the time?
- 16 A. I believe -- well, first of all, Jon was in
- 17 sales and I believe he was the prior Intel account
- 18 representative. There was some transition going on at
- 19 that time between him and Keith Weinstock.
- Q. And who was Gary Welch?
- 21 A. Gary Welch was in product marketing. I believe
- 22 the relevance was that he -- Rambus product came under
- 23 him.
- Q. And you told us about Keith Weinstock
- 25 yesterday. I believe you said he was then the current

- 1 Intel representative for Micron; right?
- 2 A. I believe that's correct.
- Q. And he reported to you and a group of others
- 4 that Mr. Akiyama had said that Rambus feels DDR for any
- 5 memory is under their patent coverage; right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And when you read this, you understood that DDR
- 8 referred to the use of dual-edged clocking; right?
- 9 A. Well, I assumed -- I'm not sure if I understood
- 10 that. I understood that DDR as referring to DDR SDRAM,
- 11 but I'm not sure. Maybe I don't understand the
- 12 question.
- Q. Well, that's fine. I was just asking your
- 14 understanding. That's fine.
- 15 A. Okay.
- Q. And when it says "any memory," you understand
- 17 that to include any DRAM device; right?
- 18 A. Well, yeah. Explicitly what it says is "any
- memory," so it could be beyond DRAM, but I'm not sure
- 20 what his intent was.
- 21 Q. Well, you at least understood that this was a
- 22 reference to the DDR SDRAM device that was being
- 23 discussed at JEDEC; right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And you understood in April 1997 that Rambus

- was no longer a JEDEC member; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you knew that Richard Crisp had stopped
- 4 attending JEDEC meetings back in 1995; right?
- 5 A. No. I understood that Rambus discontinued
- their membership sometime in '96, in mid-'96.
- 7 Q. Well, I think it's undisputed that Mr. Crisp
- 8 attended his last meeting in December 1995, but if you
- 9 don't remember that, that's fine. But I believe
- 10 there's a stipulation to that effect in this case.
- 11 Let's look at the third line -- the third
- 12 sentence in that e-mail that's in front of you on the
- 13 screen, the April 17, 1997 e-mail at 9:36 a.m.
- 14 It says, "He further stated" -- and when it
- 15 says "he," did you understand that to mean
- James Akiyama at Intel?
- 17 A. Yes. I believe so.
- 18 Q. It says, "He further stated the determining
- 19 factor would be whether the courts take a broad or a
- 20 narrow view of the patents."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, you had interacted with Mr. Akiyama on a
- fairly regular basis in this time period; correct?
- 25 A. I don't know if it was fairly regular. I

1 probably interact with him a few times or so for that.

- Q. Did you think when you read this that he was
- 3 trying to mislead Micron when providing this
- 4 information?
- 5 A. No. I felt that he was being misled.
- 6 Q. I understand that part.
- 7 But did you think that he was knowingly
- 8 misleading you when he provided that information?
- 9 A. No, I don't think so.
- 10 Q. In fact, you knew him to be a supporter of DDR
- 11 at this point; right?
- 12 A. I knew that for the graphics application which
- 13 he was involved with they preferred DDR at this time.
- Q. So your understanding at the time was that
- Mr. Akiyama thought he was giving Micron a warning;
- isn't that what you thought?
- 17 I'm just asking for your belief at the time.
- 18 A. No. Not necessarily.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, you didn't think Mr. Akiyama was
- 20 lying to you?
- 21 A. He wasn't speaking to me.
- Q. Okay. Did you believe that Mr. Akiyama was out
- 23 to fool Micron in providing this information to
- 24 Mr. Weinstock?
- A. No. Not knowingly.

1 Q. Okay. And that line that I just read you from

- 2 the e-mail says something about whether the courts
- 3 take, quote, a broad or a narrow view of the patents.
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. You understood that to refer to possible future
- 7 litigation; right?
- 8 A. I don't see anything here about litigation.
- 9 Q. When it talks about the courts, did you
- 10 understand that at the time to be something involving
- 11 lawsuits?
- 12 A. Potentially either that or Patent and Trademark
- 13 Office.
- Q. Okay. Well, let's look at the original e-mail
- 15 from Mr. Weinstock.
- Do you see down at the bottom of the first page
- of Exhibit RX-920 there's an e-mail that begins "From:
- 18 Keith Weinstock"? It's dated April 16, 1997. Do you
- 19 see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And if you look on the next page, and you find
- about halfway down or a third of the way down you'll
- see a line that says, "Rambus plans legal action to
- 24 request royalties on all DDR memory efforts."
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And you understood "legal action" to be a
- 3 reference to patent infringement suits?
- 4 A. I believe it could, yes.
- 5 Q. Now, you told us yesterday -- you can put that
- down for a second. Let me make sure you're following
- $7 \quad \text{me.}$
- 8 You told us yesterday that you did not --
- 9 strike that.
- 10 You told us yesterday that you decided not to
- follow up with respect to the references in this
- 12 e-mail about Rambus' possible intellectual property;
- 13 right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And I had some questions about that.
- 16 First a broad one: Did you speak to
- 17 Mr. Akiyama at any time in 1997 after you received this
- 18 e-mail about the issue of possible Rambus patent
- 19 claims?
- A. No, I did not.
- Q. Okay. As far as you know, did Mr. Walther do
- 22 anything to follow up on any of the information
- provided in this e-mail, RX-920?
- A. No. Not that I know.
- 25 Q. As far as you know, did Mr. Biggs do anything

- 1 to follow up on this information?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. As far as you know, did Mr. Mailloux do
- 4 anything to follow up on this information?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. As far as you know, did Mr. Ryan do anything to
- 7 follow up on this information?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. As far as you know, did Mr. Gary Welch do
- anything to follow up on this information?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. There's a reference in the e-mail address on
- the first page to a Strick, someone whose e-mail
- 14 address is Strick.
- Do you know who that is?
- 16 A. Steve Trick.
- Q. Steve Trick, what was his position at the
- 18 time?
- 19 A. He was involved with modular development.
- Q. And who did he report to at the time?
- 21 A. I'm not sure who he reported to at the time.
- Q. Who did Mr. Welch report to at the time?
- 23 A. I believe he reported to Jeff Mailloux.
- Q. And who did Mr. Ryan report to at the time?
- 25 A. Jeff Mailloux.

- Q. Who did Mr. Biggs report to at the time?
- 2 A. I'm not sure.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, you explained yesterday your
- 4 reasons why you did not follow up with anyone when you
- 5 got this e-mail, and I want to get into that, but first
- 6 let me ask a few more broader questions.
- 7 Did you tell any JEDEC representative from any
- 8 other company about any of the information contained in
- 9 Exhibit RX-920?
- 10 A. No. Not that I recall.
- 11 Q. Did you pass on any of the information
- 12 contained in Exhibit RX-920 to any of Micron's in-house
- 13 lawyers?
- 14 A. No, not that I recall. I didn't believe it.
- Q. And I will explore the reasons why you didn't.
- 16 A. Sure.
- Q. But first I want to look at some entries from
- 18 the Micron privilege log.
- We've previously marked as Exhibit RX-1920 the
- 20 very substantial privilege log that we were provided by
- 21 Micron in a lawsuit in Delaware. And I've got certain
- 22 pages from that privilege log that I want you to look
- 23 at.
- But let me say, I do not want you to give me
- any testimony about what was said with lawyers. Okay?

- 1 That's not what I'm asking.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Now, if we could pull up RX-1920, just the
- 4 first page.
- 5 Do you see that says "Supplement to Plaintiff's
- 6 Privilege Log"? Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm going to show you now what's RX-1920 at
- 9 page 415.
- 10 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 12 BY MR. PERRY:
- 13 Q. Now, I want to point your attention to the very
- 14 last e-mail -- not e-mail -- entry, the very last entry
- on this page, which says "e-mail including e-mail
- 16 chain," March 25, 1997, from Mr. Mailloux to
- 17 Mr. Westergard.
- Now, you understood Mr. Westergard to be patent
- 19 counsel?
- 20 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. There's no
- 21 foundation that this witness has ever seen this
- document.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I was just asking --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Try to lay a foundation if you

- 1 can, Mr. Perry.
- MR. PERRY: I'm quite sure he didn't prepare
- 3 the privilege log, Your Honor, but he's going to be
- 4 able to tell the names of people. They're Micron
- 5 people.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll entertain that question.
- 7 BY MR. PERRY:
- 8 Q. Did you understand in the spring of 1997 that
- 9 there was a Mr. Westergard who was a patent lawyer at
- 10 Micron?
- 11 A. I understood Dave Westergard is an attorney at
- 12 Micron. I'm not sure what the bounds of his
- 13 responsibilities are.
- Q. In March of 1997, did you -- putting aside
- 15 conversations with lawyers, in March of 1997, did you
- have any conversations with Mr. Mailloux on the subject
- of SGRAM DDR and Rambus?
- 18 A. The technical details on this e-mail? The
- 19 prior e-mail? I'm sorry. Maybe I'm not --
- 20 Q. I'm not talking about Exhibit RX-920, which is
- 21 dated April 1997. I'm asking you -- I'm putting the
- 22 document aside.
- I'm asking you now if you had any
- 24 conversations with Mr. Mailloux in March of 1997
- 25 outside the presence of counsel about whether or not

1 Rambus had intellectual property claims with respect to

- 2 SGRAM DDR.
- 3 A. Not that I recall.
- 4 MR. OLIVER: Excuse me, Your Honor. If the
- 5 question is unrelated to the document, I request the
- 6 document be taken off the screen.
- 7 MR. PERRY: I didn't notice it was still up,
- 8 Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Let's take it off
- 10 the screen.
- 11 All right. Can you answer that question,
- 12 Mr. Lee?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Sure. It was not that I recall.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Well, let me show you what is Exhibit RX-1920
- 16 at page 421.
- 17 May I?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, before we proceed any
- 20 further, there's no evidence that this witness has seen
- 21 any of these entries. If he wishes to ask who a person
- is, I think he should take the document --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: We went through this the other
- 24 day with their side. I'm going to ask you to do the
- 25 same.

- 1 MR. PERRY: Your Honor --
- 2 JUDGE McGUIRE: It would save a lot of time if
- 3 you could lay the foundation early so he doesn't have
- 4 to jump up.
- 5 MR. PERRY: I hadn't even had a chance to ask
- 6 him a guestion. This is a privilege log. It's not a
- 7 document. It's just a privilege log that was created
- 8 in litigation.
- 9 This is a reference, the only reference we have
- 10 because the document has been withheld, of a
- 11 communication that he was involved in in this time
- 12 period. He's testified he did not tell in-house
- counsel about his conversation -- or about the e-mail,
- 14 rather, with Mr. Akiyama. This is dated that same day,
- and if you'll look at what it's about, Your Honor, I'm
- 16 entitled to see if this refreshes his recollection that
- 17 he --
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: On that basis, I'll hear the
- 19 question.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 21 Q. Will you look at item 1036 on this privilege
- 22 log.
- Do you see it's dated April 17, 1997?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you see it's described as an e-mail

- including an e-mail chain?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see that you're the first listed author,
- 4 the only listed author?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see that the recipient is listed as
- 7 Mr. Westergard?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. And it says "confidential communication
- 10 regarding meeting summary and DDR."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Does that refresh your recollection that you
- 14 communicated with Mr. Westergard something about some
- of the information contained in RX-920?
- A. No, it doesn't. It sounds like it's a meeting
- 17 summary.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, did any of the other recipients of
- 19 RX-920, the April 17, 1997 e-mail, come to you to talk
- about whether they should follow up?
- 21 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. And in deciding whether or not you should
- follow up on the information contained in that e-mail,
- 24 did you talk to anyone else?
- 25 A. I talked with Kevin Ryan about following up on

- 1 the simulation issue, the technical issue.
- Q. Did you talk to anyone about following up on
- 3 the information regarding Rambus' potential
- 4 intellectual property claim?
- 5 A. No. Not that I recall.
- 6 Q. So you did the analysis of the question of
- 7 whether or not to follow up all on your own; right?
- 8 A. On that issue?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. All right. Well, I want to talk about the
- 12 factors you identified yesterday that you considered in
- deciding whether or not to follow up on the e-mail.
- Why don't we get it back up so that it's in
- front of me at least. That's RX-920.
- Now, the first issue you mentioned yesterday
- 17 was that it was hearsay. Do you remember that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, may I approach the
- 20 paper?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And you thought it was unreliable as a result;
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Yes. I think it was created by other

- 1 motivations.
- 2 Q. Now, at the time that you were considering
- 3 whether or not to follow up on the information in the
- 4 e-mail, you understood that you could solve the hearsay
- 5 problem by calling up Rambus directly; right?
- A. I didn't consider that option.
- 7 Q. So you did not at all think of resolving the
- 8 hearsay problem by contacting Rambus directly, it
- 9 didn't come to your mind; is that correct?
- 10 A. No. This was just consistent of the kind of
- 11 things that they were doing at the time.
- 12 Q. Well, I had double negatives in my question.
- 13 I'm going to have to ask it of you again.
- 14 A. Okay.
- Q. Did you, when you were thinking about the
- hearsay issue in deciding whether you were going to
- follow up with the -- on the information regarding
- 18 Rambus' possible intellectual property claims, did you
- 19 consider calling up Rambus?
- 20 A. I think the answer holds. I did not. I --
- Q. Okay. Did you consider having JEDEC write
- 22 Rambus a letter asking for reasonable and
- 23 nondiscriminatory assurances of licensing?
- A. No. I didn't believe that they had. I didn't
- 25 believe this was true. There was nothing to act on.

- 1 Q. I understand.
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. I'm trying to ask you some specific questions
- 4 about what you considered.
- Now, the second issue you said was that there
- 6 was a lot of misinformation going around that you
- 7 thought was somebody trying to pump up the stock price
- 8 of Rambus before the IPO happened; is that right?
- 9 A. The valuation of Rambus.
- 10 Q. The valuation, before the IPO?
- 11 A. That was part of the -- that's part of what I
- 12 stated.
- 13 Q. Now, did you see in the press any reference to
- 14 Rambus possible intellectual property claims with
- respect to DDR SDRAM in this time period, before the
- 16 IPO?
- 17 A. I don't recall any press about that particular
- 18 issue.
- 19 Q. How did you think it would have pumped up the
- 20 valuation of the company for Rambus just to tell Intel?
- 21 What was your thought process?
- 22 A. The thought process was that they were trying
- 23 to get Intel locked into designing Rambus in on
- everything, direct RDRAM, and to try to tell them they
- 25 had no other alternative, that they've eliminated all

- of their competition to their patents.
- In specific, this was about graphics memory,
- 3 and Intel at that time had a preference for the
- 4 DDR SGRAM, so it was consistent with their prior
- 5 behavior that they might tell Intel, Oh, we have
- 6 patents on that, so you can't use DDR there either.
- 7 Q. So you think -- you thought at the time that
- 8 Rambus had lied to Intel about its potential
- 9 intellectual property claims on DDR in a memory
- 10 device?
- 11 A. I certainly believe that from the results of
- this e-mail that they must have misled them.
- 13 O. Well, let me add number two. How should I
- 14 describe that? Misinformation? What was your thought
- 15 process?
- A. Misinformation, propaganda, whatever you want
- 17 to call it.
- MR. PERRY: Okay. May I, Your Honor?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Please.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 21 Q. Now, if you thought the information wasn't
- true, did you consider following up to see whether or
- 23 not it turned out to be true?
- 24 A. No. I didn't see a reason to chase the rumor.
- 25 O. Well, your third reason I think you talked

1 about yesterday is that Rambus and Micron had just

- 2 concluded license negotiations; right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. Well, let me show you something in that time
- 5 frame about the license between Rambus and Micron.
- 6 This is an e-mail that you're copied on from
- 7 Mr. Mailloux dated April 21, 1997, RX-921.
- 8 May I?
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. And is this an e-mail from Mr. Mailloux in
- 12 April 1997 attaching an e-mail that had embedded within
- it an article about Mitsubishi and Micron licensing the
- 14 Rambus DRAM?
- 15 A. Can I take a minute to read that, counsel?
- 16 Q. Yes. Sure.
- 17 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- May I approach the board?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- While you're up there, Mr. Perry, let's go
- 21 ahead and have that marked as DX-119.
- 22 (DX Exhibit Number 119 was marked for
- 23 identification.)
- 24 BY MR. PERRY:
- 25 O. Does that refresh your recollection or affirm

1 your recollection that Micron signed the Rambus license

- 2 in April 1997?
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. Now, did you ever see the Rambus-Micron license
- 5 agreement?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you see all of it?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Well, let me ask you if you noticed in it a
- 10 restriction on Micron's use of the Rambus intellectual
- 11 property.
- 12 Did you notice any restrictions in the license
- 13 agreement on Micron's use of the Rambus intellectual
- 14 property?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And you saw that Micron was only entitled to
- 17 use Rambus intellectual property to manufacture the
- 18 RDRAM; correct?
- 19 A. Direct RDRAM.
- 20 O. Direct RDRAM; correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you understand from the reports you
- 23 were getting about licensing negotiations that Rambus
- 24 had insisted that Micron's license to use Rambus'
- 25 proprietary technology be limited to the manufacture of

- 1 RDRAM, direct RDRAM?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 O. Now, I've written on the board "Rambus/Micron
- 4 license." Is that a fair summary or at least a
- 5 heading for the third item that you were talking
- 6 about?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. All right. The fourth item that I recall you
- 9 talking about is that Rambus had been a JEDEC member;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- MR. PERRY: If I could approach, Your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 14 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. All right. I've now written "Rambus a JEDEC
- 16 member" on that chart.
- Now, you knew as of April 1997, when you got
- this e-mail, RX-920, that the use of dual-edged
- 19 clocking in a synchronous memory device had not been
- 20 balloted for approval at JEDEC while Rambus was a
- 21 member; right?
- 22 A. I understand that it was discussed while Rambus
- was a JEDEC member.
- Q. That wasn't my question. I hear you. I
- 25 disagree with you, but it wasn't my question. And I'm

- 1 not going to argue with you.
- 2 But my question is: You understood in
- 3 April 1997 that the use of dual-edged clocking had not
- 4 been balloted for approval at JEDEC while Rambus was a
- 5 member; right?
- A. I agree that it had not been balloted for
- 7 approval, but I also agree that was involved in the
- 8 work of the committee at the time that Rambus was a
- 9 JEDEC member.
- 10 Q. Now, you had heard with your own ears when you
- 11 were attending JEDEC meetings, you had heard
- 12 Gordon Kelley, the chairman of the 42.3 committee, say
- 13 at JEDEC meetings where you were present that a
- 14 representative was required to disclose knowledge of
- intellectual property at the time of balloting but was
- 16 encouraged to disclose earlier? You heard him say
- 17 that; right?
- 18 A. I don't believe I heard those exact words, no.
- 19 Q. Did you hear him say in substance that
- 20 disclosure of a representative's knowledge of
- 21 intellectual property relating to the ballot -- to the
- 22 material being balloted was required at the time of
- 23 balloting but encouraged earlier?
- 24 A. I don't recall his exact words. What I do
- 25 recall is that various members of the JEDEC committee

1 and usually at the start of the meeting would reiterate

- 2 certain aspects of the JEDEC patent policy.
- Q. Let me ask you if you ever heard Gordon Kelley
- 4 say in substance that the required time of disclosure
- of intellectual property known to the representative
- 6 was at the time of balloting.
- 7 A. No. I don't recall that statement.
- Q. Was it your understanding in April 1997 that
- 9 the required time of disclosure for intellectual
- 10 property known to the representative was time of
- 11 balloting, but it was encouraged earlier?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Well, you were present at a January 1996
- JEDEC meeting and you looked at this yesterday, JX-29.
- 15 Please pull that out if you can. January 31, 1996,
- 16 JX-29.
- Do you have JX-29?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. Do you see on the page 2 that you're listed as
- 20 being present?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And at this meeting, at this JEDEC meeting in
- January 1996, you made a presentation about echo
- 24 clocks; correct?
- 25 It starts on page 17 of this exhibit. I think

- 1 you talked about this presentation yesterday.
- 2 A. No. This was Kevin Ryan's.
- 3 Q. So you were present when Mr. Ryan was
- 4 presenting this discussion of echo clocks?
- 5 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 6 Q. And did you know at the time that Gene Cloud
- 7 had patents or patent applications covering the use of
- 8 echo clocks in memory devices?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. When did you first learn that Gene Cloud had
- 11 patents or patent applications covering the use of echo
- 12 clocks in memory devices, if ever?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Assumes
- 14 facts not in evidence.
- MR. PERRY: That's why I said "if ever" when he
- 16 stood up.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead and answer if you
- 18 can.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I never did learn that. I also
- 20 know that we haven't enforced any patents against the
- 21 standard relating to that.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Is there a standard that incorporates echo
- 24 clocks?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 O. At JEDEC?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Now, in September '97, you were not
- 4 present for a JEDEC meeting, but you talked about the
- 5 minutes yesterday.
- 6 Look at JX-40, September 10, 1997. This is the
- 7 meeting that took place in Taiwan.
- 8 Okay. You remember that you talked about this
- 9 set of minutes yesterday, you said you had reviewed it
- 10 after a meeting; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Would you look on page 8, which is -- contains
- 13 the presentation that you were discussing.
- I believe you were discussing 8.2, the
- bidirectional data strobe presentation? Is that
- something you talked about yesterday with Mr. Oliver?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Well, do you see the reference to Hitachi about
- 19 halfway down? It says "Hitachi: We want to alert the
- committee we have two patents on this topic."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And that patent disclosure came at the time the
- 24 ballots were being counted; right?
- 25 A. It's clear that it occurred at this time. I

- don't know if it occurred earlier.
- Q. Okay. And if you see a few lines down, it
- 3 says: "Motion by Samsung to send to council, seconded
- 4 by IBM. The vote was unanimous."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. When you saw in these minutes -- well, strike
- 8 that.
- 9 Did you see in these minutes that there were
- 10 two patents covering this proposal that had been
- 11 successfully voted on and sent to council?
- 12 A. I reviewed these minutes. I don't know if I
- can say I specifically saw that. I only can remember
- 14 at this time.
- Q. As you understood it, was it JEDEC's goal to
- avoid patents entirely or was it JEDEC's goal to avoid
- 17 patents that were held by nonmanufacturer companies?
- 18 A. It was my understanding that it was JEDEC 's
- 19 goal to avoid the use of patents when possible in
- 20 creating a standard. However, when they were
- 21 identified, the company also had a -- the JEDEC member
- also had a responsibility to agree on reasonable,
- 23 nondiscriminatory license fees.
- Q. And it was your experience that when a
- 25 representative was in the room and said, My company

will agree to reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms,

- 2 then the proposal went forward without further delay,
- 3 that was your experience; right?
- A. Not necessarily. It depends. Some patents in
- 5 some cases they found were important enough to go
- 6 forward on an understanding that there would be an RND
- 7 term, if you will, and in other cases the patents were
- 8 not so critical and they designed around, they used
- 9 something else, they changed the standard.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, before I forget my chart over here,
- I wanted to give it a title. Can we call it "Four Lee
- 12 Factors"?
- 13 A. That's okay with me.
- Q. Does that work for you?
- 15 A. Yeah. Sure.
- MR. PERRY: May I?
- 17 Now, Your Honor, I'm going to proceed now into
- 18 some material that may or may not be covered by the
- in camera order, but because we had a small glitch in
- 20 giving notice to Micron, we've agreed to consider this
- 21 stuff as in camera and I'm now going to show it to the
- 22 witness.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Then again to the
- 24 audience, let me advise you that due to a court order
- 25 in this proceeding, the testimony we are about to hear

1 is confidential and therefore will be closed to the

- 2 public, so at this time all of you in the audience
- 3 that haven't been cleared to hear this testimony, I
- 4 have to ask you to please vacate at this time the
- 5 courtroom.
- 6 MR. PERRY: And may I say that this portion
- 7 will be quite short? I expect ten minutes.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 To the audience, this should be done in about
- ten minutes and we'll open the doors again.
- 11 Counsel, I will ask you to again certify that
- 12 everyone at counsel table and behind you is authorized
- to have access to this testimony.
- 14 MR. OLIVER: To the extent this information is
- 15 Micron information, yes.
- MR. PERRY: It is all material produced to us
- 17 by Micron.
- 18 And I can represent for this side, the Rambus
- 19 folks, that it's all people who are authorized to
- 20 hear.
- 21 JUDGE McGUIRE: We're now then in in camera
- 22 session.
- 23 (The in camera testimony continued in
- 24 Volume 34, Part 2, Pages 7059 through 7066, then
- 25 resumed as follows.)

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: We are now back in the public

- 2 session.
- 3 Mr. Perry?
- 4 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. I want to continue for just a few moments on
- 7 the general subject matter of what I described before
- 8 as the question of whether or not Micron personnel
- 9 were aware of the possibility of intellectual property
- 10 being held by Rambus which might relate to the work of
- 11 JEDEC.
- 12 And let me just ask you to take a look at
- 13 Exhibit RX-1214.
- 14 May I?
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 16 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that you're a listed recipient of
- 18 this e-mail? It's about two-thirds of the way down in
- 19 the middle, it says "tlee@micron.com"?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And this e-mail purports to be from someone
- 22 named H.J. Oh at -- that's Hynix in Korea; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. It's dated July 13, 1998. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. The subject is Rambus patent. Do you see

- 2 that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you'll pull up the text, please.
- 5 It says: "Dear all, I have a list of Rambus
- 6 patents," and then there's a list of 29 patent numbers
- 7 that Mr. Oh says are Rambus patents.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you do anything with any of the information
- in this e-mail?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Did you request that anyone else do any
- analysis, investigation or inquiry regarding any of the
- 15 Rambus patents listed here?
- A. No. Not that I recall.
- Q. Did you forward this to any lawyer at Micron?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you provide this to any of Micron's JEDEC
- 20 representatives?
- 21 A. I don't recall that I did anything with this
- 22 document.
- 23 Q. Well, let me show you RX-1095.
- 24 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- 2 Q. Now, does this e-mail reflect -- I'm sorry.
- 3 This was -- I was told this was not in camera.
- 4 Apparently it is.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Now, which one are you talking
- 6 about?
- 7 MR. PERRY: The one that -- RX-1095. That's
- 8 what Mr. Stone just brought to my attention. I'll pass
- 9 on for now.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Pass on for now.
- Do you anticipate there's going to be any other
- in camera testimony?
- 13 MR. PERRY: There is one more session,
- 14 Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Good.
- 16 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Lee, if you could just for -- to save that
- 18 for later so we don't have trouble looking for it,
- 19 could you put it up on top of that deposition
- 20 transcript. That will make things easier later.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Face down.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, Mr. Lee, we're going to go back and talk
- 25 about SyncLink for just a little bit. This stack of

- documents is not nearly as long as it looks.
- 2 And I want to start with something that's been
- designated as RX-916, and it's dated April 17, 1997,
- 4 the same day as that e-mail we spent so much time
- 5 discussing, RX-920, that has that information from
- 6 Mr. Akiyama.
- 7 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. You've had a chance to review the entire
- 12 e-mail; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Is this an e-mail that you prepared and sent to
- 15 Yoshihiro Takemae, T-A-K-E-M-A-E, at Fujitsu in
- 16 April 1997?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you had met Mr. Takemae at that
- January 1997 SyncLink executive meeting that you had
- 20 attended and made a presentation at; right?
- 21 A. I'm not sure if that's when I first met him,
- 22 but I believe he was at that meeting.
- Q. You sent a copy of this e-mail to Mr. Cloud and
- 24 Mr. Mailloux; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

Q. Was Mr. Mailloux your boss at the time?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And Mr. Cloud was Mr. Mailloux's supervisor at
- 4 the time; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And the subject matter is SLDRAM and DDR. Do
- 7 you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. I want to talk to you about the first
- 10 paragraph.
- 11 You say to this gentleman at Fujitsu -- and by
- 12 the way, you understood him to be the general manager
- of the DRAM department at Fujitsu?
- 14 A. He was a manager there and he was involved in
- DRAMs. I'm not sure what his exact title was.
- Q. You saw him at executive meetings of the
- 17 SyncLink Consortium; right?
- 18 A. I believe at this time I'd seen him at least at
- 19 a meeting, an executive meeting.
- 20 Q. You understood him to be an executive in charge
- of DRAM-related functions at Fujitsu; right?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you say, "I would appreciate an opportunity
- 24 to discuss a few issues regarding SLDRAM and DDR with
- 25 you"; right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And SLDRAM is the new name for the SyncLink
- 3 device; right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. "First," you say, "there had been have been
- 6 many concerns from the DRAM suppliers regarding the
- 7 Rambus contract and the requirement for sharing
- 8 intellectual property."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. When you say "Rambus contract," do you mean the
- 12 license agreement that the DRAM manufacturers were
- 13 signing with Rambus to manufacture the direct RDRAM
- 14 technology?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. What did you mean by the requirement in the
- 17 contract to share intellectual property?
- 18 A. There was a provision in the contract that we
- 19 commonly referred to as patent pooling, and that
- 20 provision -- I don't recall the exact details, but it
- 21 had something to do with the requirement that if you
- 22 had some ideas that Rambus had the opportunity or
- 23 something to incorporate that in the RDRAM device and
- 24 would automatically be licensed to the other parties
- 25 without your choice.

1 Q. So tell me now about your understanding if

- 2 Micron, for example, in the course of designing its
- 3 version of the RDRAM came up with some way to improve
- 4 the RDRAM's performance and it was a new and useful
- 5 idea, you're saying that under the contract Rambus
- 6 would have the right to use that idea?
- 7 A. It's something along those lines. I'm probably
- 8 not the most expert to speak to that.
- 9 Q. I'm just asking for your understanding.
- 10 And as you understood what you were talking
- about in this first paragraph of the e-mail to Fujitsu,
- were you thinking about having the intellectual
- property that resulted from an individual company's
- improvements to the RDRAM to be held by the consortium?
- 15 Is that what you were thinking of, the
- 16 SyncLink Consortium?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 O. What were you proposing as a solution to this
- 19 problem?
- 20 A. I think the solution was discussed with our
- 21 counsel, but without getting into the discussion with
- counsel, the general concern was where we had done some
- 23 work that really wasn't related to direct RDRAM and
- 24 they somehow got knowledge of that and used that into
- 25 their RDRAM device and therefore cross-licensed it

- 1 without our intent.
- Q. Well, let's move on to the second paragraph.
- It says: "Second, we feel that the success of
- 4 DDR is important to SLDRAM and the success of SLDRAM is
- 5 important to DDR. However, after participating in the
- 6 DDR forum meetings this month, we were somewhat
- 7 discouraged about some of the problems that DDR still
- 8 faces."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what were you referring to -- well, strike
- 12 that.
- Were you referring when you said "DDR forum
- 14 meetings" to those -- to that meeting, special meeting
- on DDR that occurred April 4, 1997 in Santa Clara?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And you say that from the meetings it was
- 18 apparent that DDR is far behind SLDRAM in
- 19 understanding some of the challenges for high-speed
- 20 operation.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And you believed that to be a true statement at
- 24 the time you made it?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Then if you look down a little bit more, do you

- see the line that starts "Further," the sentence that
- 3 says, "Further, DDR seemed to be a random collection of
- 4 opinions rather than any sort of consensus."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And as of April 1997, that was your view of
- 8 what was happening with DDR at JEDEC?
- 9 A. It is with regard to certain technical issues.
- 10 Q. Then you say: "Eventually, almost any idea
- 11 became a ballot. We are also concerned about the
- 12 probability of DDR supporters being able to resolve the
- technical problems and consensus issues, considering
- 14 the organization of the meetings."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Were you concerned that having a large group of
- 18 people in a committee-type arrangement was not the most
- 19 efficient way to design a high-bandwidth DRAM?
- 20 A. Certainly not the most efficient way to define
- 21 one, yeah. I think you used the term "design." That
- 22 wouldn't normally be what we do.
- 23 Q. Thank you for the correction. But with the
- 24 correction changing "design" to "define," you would
- 25 agree with it; correct?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- Q. Well, in the next paragraph, the third
- 3 paragraph, the last sentence of that paragraph says,
- 4 "However, we heard comments from many customers at the
- 5 DDR meetings regarding their disappointment and their
- 6 expectations that DDR will fail."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And that was a true statement as of April 1997
- 10 that you had heard those comments at JEDEC meetings?
- 11 A. We had heard specifically at some of these DDR
- 12 meetings that they were concerned about the rate of
- 13 progress.
- Q. And then in the next paragraph, you say:
- 15 "Despite the problems with DDR, we are still
- interested in helping to improve this situation.
- 17 However, we have heard even more disturbing
- 18 information. From several customers, we have heard
- 19 that Fujitsu has begun to speak negatively about the
- 20 possibilities of SLDRAM."
- Who had you heard that from?
- 22 A. I don't recall the customers at this time.
- Q. You go on to say, "We have heard that Fujitsu
- 24 feels that SLDRAM has taken a different direction and
- 25 that they do not support SLDRAM strongly."

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Does that refresh your recollection about what
- 4 customer was telling you this?
- 5 A. No. I don't remember today which one it was.
- 6 Q. Then you say, "We are rather confused about the
- 7 wisdom of such statements."
- When you said "we" in that sentence, did you
- 9 mean Micron?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you say, "We don't believe that such
- 12 dissension amongst suppliers is in the best interest of
- the industry, considering the current situation with
- 14 Intel-Rambus."
- Did I read that correctly?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And what you were telling this executive at
- 18 Fujitsu is that the manufacturers ought to take a
- 19 unified position against Rambus; right?
- 20 A. That's incorrect.
- Q. You were telling them that you didn't believe
- 22 that Micron -- strike that. Sorry.
- 23 What you were telling them -- isn't it the case
- 24 that what you were telling them is that dissension
- 25 amongst suppliers was not in the best interest of the

1 industry in Micron's view considering the current

- 2 situation with Intel-Rambus? Right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Now, in the next paragraph, you say, in the
- 5 third sentence, "We have some concern that not only
- 6 Fujitsu's and Micron's ideas are different but that our
- 7 actions are opposed and they could slow progress of
- 8 each device."
- 9 What were you meaning -- what did you mean by
- 10 that?
- 11 A. What I was meaning in general by this document
- 12 and that statement is that we had worked together, the
- 13 companies, both DDR and SLDRAM, and for them to be a
- 14 commercial success we needed multiple supplier support,
- and what we were confused by was the fact that Fujitsu
- was involved in the technical development of each of
- 17 those and then at this point in time then they were
- 18 saying kind of negative things about it like, oh,
- 19 it's -- you know, we're not so strong on it, it's not
- 20 coming along, yet they were involved in the development
- 21 the solution themselves.
- Q. And one of your concerns was that that
- 23 situation might slow progress of both DDR and SLDRAM;
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you say, "Only Rambus would benefit in such

- 2 a situation."
- 3 Is that what you said?
- 4 A. Sorry. I lost the line.
- 5 Yes.
- Q. And then it says, "We do not feel that it is
- 7 wise to have DDR compete with SLDRAM."
- 8 Is that what you told Fujitsu?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And when you said "we" in that sentence you
- 11 meant Micron?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Did Mr. Cloud or Mr. Mailloux contact you and
- say that they disagreed with that statement?
- 15 A. No.
- Q. And then you go on to say in the last sentence
- of that next to last paragraph, "Rather, both efforts
- should be a team to compete against proprietary
- 19 solutions."
- 20 Is that what you told the Fujitsu executive in
- 21 April 1997?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And by "proprietary solutions" did you mean
- 24 Rambus?
- 25 A. Rambus is included in that.

1 Q. Now, the last sentence says, "Would you be

- 2 interested in a conference call?"
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you have a conference call, after you sent
- 6 this e-mail, did you have a conference call with people
- 7 from Fujitsu about the contents of the e-mail or the
- 8 subject matters in the e-mail?
- 9 A. I don't recall that we did.
- 10 Q. Well, a few months later you went to Japan for
- 11 a SyncLink Consortium meeting. Let me ask you just a
- 12 few questions about the minutes from that meeting.
- 13 It's the June 11 and 12, 1997 meeting, RX-938.
- 14 May I?
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 16 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that you're listed as attending both
- 18 days of this meeting?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you remember, was Mr. Ed Heitzeberg at this
- 21 meeting?
- 22 A. I believe he joined later for the executive
- 23 meeting.
- Q. And the executive meeting was the last day of
- 25 the week, Friday, June 13, 1997; right?

- 1 A. I believe that's correct.
- Q. And at that meeting there were executives from
- 3 various companies that were members of the
- 4 SyncLink Consortium; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. I just have one question about this first page
- 7 of these June 12 minutes.
- 8 Do you see where it says "We have two other
- 9 reflectors" about two-thirds of the way down the first
- 10 page?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. It says "supply@hea.com for DRAM suppliers" and
- "supplyexec@hea.com for the executives of DRAM supplier
- 14 companies."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And was it your understanding that executives
- of DRAM supplier companies could use that e-mail
- 19 reflector to communicate among themselves?
- 20 A. Yes. I believe it was again just a
- 21 redistribution of e-mail addresses.
- Q. Did you pass that information on to
- 23 Mr. Heitzeberg, vice president of memory technology
- 24 at Micron, who came to the executive meeting on the
- 25 13th?

- 1 A. I don't recall if I did.
- 2 Q. Let me show you the minutes of the next meeting
- 3 of the consortium on July 15, 1997, RX-966.
- 4 May I, Your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 Q. Do you see that the minutes list you as being
- 8 present for all three sessions of the July 15-16, 1997
- 9 consortium meeting?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you have any doubt that you were there for
- 12 at least some of the three sessions?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. I just have a couple of questions about page 3,
- if you could go to page 3 and review that material down
- to the middle of the page. This won't take long.
- 17 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- Now, do you see the reference to you where it
- 19 says "T. Lee, technical session, started 10:45"? Do
- 20 you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And then three lines down there's some
- 23 information that begins, "Consortium should collect
- information relevant to prior art and Rambus filings
- 25 and??"

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Not an opinion -- it says, "Not an opinion,
- 4 just collect material for all members to use. Dig out
- 5 early minutes of RamLink, et cetera."
- Do you remember who was saying these things
- 7 that I just read?
- 8 A. No, I don't.
- 9 Q. Then it says: "Rambus will sue individual
- 10 companies instead of consortium. Companies will then
- 11 ask Gustavson, et cetera, for prior art info. Budget
- 12 effort for getting old minutes, et cetera, collected."
- Who, if anyone, said at this meeting in
- July 1997 Rambus will sue individual companies instead
- 15 of consortium?
- 16 A. I don't recall who made that statement.
- 17 Q. Do you remember somebody making that statement
- 18 at this meeting, Rambus is going to sue people?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- Q. Well, a little further down it says, "First
- 21 company to be sued will organize the materials and ask
- for help from consortium."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Does looking at this material bring back any

1 recollection of there being a discussion in the summer

- of 1997 at an SLDRAM Consortium meeting of how to get
- 3 organized in case Rambus sued the individual members of
- 4 the consortium for patent infringement involving the
- 5 SyncLink device?
- A. I don't recall this discussion specifically. I
- 7 just remember there was some general discussion in that
- 8 time frame where SyncLink had done some work that
- 9 continued from some work that was done with the SEI
- 10 group because there were some people that were part of
- 11 SEI on that committee and they felt they had done some
- 12 earlier work in the RamLink work, but that's about the
- 13 extent of my memory.
- Q. And those folks that were holdovers from SEI,
- they said that they thought their work would be prior
- 16 art to Rambus patents; right?
- 17 A. I think it was just on some specific issues
- 18 because in general we felt their device is very
- 19 different from the Rambus device.
- 20 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, this would be a good
- 21 time to take a short break if we could.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Let me just ask you, how
- 23 much more time do you intend to spend on cross,
- 24 Mr. Perry?
- 25 MR. PERRY: I want to make sure I give you a

- 1 good answer.
- 2 Quarter to five.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Then let's take a
- 4 ten-minute break and then I understand we're going to
- 5 go again back to the in camera session.
- 6 MR. PERRY: I will finish up right before I'm
- 7 done we'll have to go in camera for a bit.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. And then maybe at that
- 9 time if we could, Mr. Oliver, have you conduct your
- 10 cross-examination of any in camera items if you could?
- 11 MR. OLIVER: That would be fine, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Let's take a
- 13 ten-minute break.
- 14 (Recess)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Perry.
- MR. PERRY: Thank you, Your Honor. I was able
- 17 to jettison some material during the break, so I
- anticipate we'll be done by 4:30.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Lee, I'd like to show you some materials
- from another one of those executive meetings of the
- 23 SLDRAM Consortium. This one took place in Monterey in
- June of 1998, and I'll ask you to look at RX-1202.
- 25 May I?

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 2 BY MR. PERRY:
- 3 Q. And let me try to speed things up.
- If you could just look at the agenda on the
- 5 second page, do you see where in the agenda on the
- 6 bottom slide it says "the SLDRAM technical advantages"
- 7 and then it says "Micron" next to it?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Well, look on page 12.
- 10 Do you see where it says "SLDRAM technical
- 11 advantages" and it has your name?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. So do you think you were present at this SLDRAM
- 14 executive summit in June of 1998 in Monterey?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. If you'll go back to the agenda, this
- 17 time on page 3, do you see a reference on the top slide
- 18 to guest speakers?
- Do you see a reference on the top slide on
- 20 page 3 to quest speakers, right on page 3?
- 21 A. I'm sorry. I'm on the wrong page.
- 22 Q. Page 3 of the document.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And one of the guest speakers it says, "What
- 25 problem is solved by SLDRAM?" Then it says "Inquest."

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And then another one says "changes in DRAM
- 4 business model" and it says "DeDios."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Well, let me show you some slides that we
- 8 received that I think relate to those presentations by
- 9 the guest speakers. It's RX-1185.
- Now, do you see that this first slide says
- "SLDRAM Executive Summit, What Problem Is Solved by
- 12 SLDRAM?"
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. It refers to a gentleman from Inquest named
- 15 Bert McComas?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you present for his presentation to the
- 18 SLDRAM executive summit in June of 1998?
- 19 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 20 Q. Well, let's look at the second slide on that
- 21 first page. It says, "What problems do we face?" And
- 22 the first bullet is: Tactical. It says, "Manage price
- competition and profitability."
- What did Mr. McComas say about how SLDRAM might
- 25 be used to solve the problem managing price competition

- 1 in DRAM industry?
- 2 A. I don't recall. I recall Bert giving a
- 3 presentation. I don't recall the details of the
- 4 presentation very well.
- 5 Q. Did he say anything about how to manage price
- 6 competition among DRAM suppliers at this conference?
- 7 A. I can only answer by repeating what's in the
- 8 remaining foils. I really don't remember this very
- 9 well.
- 10 Q. Okay. Well, he then has a bullet point that
- 11 says "strategic."
- Do you see that on this first page?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. It says: "Respond to the strategic threat of
- 15 Intel/Rambus. Who will control the DRAM industry?"
- Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. By the way, who was there besides you from
- 19 Micron for this presentation? Was there an executive?
- 20 A. Yeah, there would have been. Probably
- 21 Gene Cloud.
- Q. What did Mr. McComas say about the strategic
- 23 threat of Intel/Rambus in his presentation?
- A. Again, I don't remember this very well. I'm
- 25 not much help here.

1 Q. Well, let me see if the next page refreshes

- 2 your recollection.
- If you could bring up the top slide, let's
- 4 start with the top one.
- 5 That says: "Intel's Battle for Control.
- 6 Intel/Rambus are using your money to take control of
- 7 the DRAM industry."
- 8 Did Mr. McComas tell the assembled DRAM
- 9 executives that Intel and Rambus were using the DRAM
- 10 manufacturers' money to take control of the DRAM
- 11 industry?
- 12 A. Again, I think in the interest of time, I don't
- 13 think I'm much help on this whole foil set, so --
- Q. You just didn't pay any attention?
- 15 A. I just don't remember this presentation very
- 16 well. I assume I was in the room, but maybe I wasn't.
- 17 Q. Well, let's go on a little bit more if we
- 18 could.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. It says --
- 21 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. He just
- 22 said he doesn't remember the foil set. I just don't
- see the need to continue this line by line.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, it won't take long,
- but I'm entitled the see if it refreshes his

- 1 recollection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead, Mr. Perry.
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. On this same slide it says, "Intel will attempt
- 5 to control supply and demand for DRDRAM, orchestrate
- 6 early oversupply situation."
- Were you, Mr. Lee, concerned at the time in
- 8 June of 1998 that Intel might try to orchestrate an
- 9 oversupply situation of RDRAM?
- 10 A. There were concerns in the industry -- I think
- I shared those -- that Intel was manipulating supply.
- 12 Q. Of RDRAM?
- 13 A. Of DRAM memory products in general.
- Q. And was there a concern that Intel might
- orchestrate an oversupply of Rambus DRAM as well?
- 16 A. I believe the concern included Rambus as well.
- 17 Q. Now, if you'll look at the bottom slide,
- 18 please.
- 19 That one says, "Will Rambus dominate?" And in
- 20 the second bullet point says, "Will Rambus be
- 21 mainstream or specialty."
- Now, putting aside how Mr. McComas was using
- those terms, did you have an understanding in 1998 of
- 24 what mainstream memory was?
- 25 A. Mainstream would more typically be referred to

1 as main memory or the highest-volume memory, and

- 2 specialty typically would be things like graphics or
- 3 communications or usually non-main memory applications.
- Q. And then it says "profitable or unprofitable,
- 5 high or low volume, oversupply or undersupply."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Let me ask a specific question about
- 9 Mr. McComas' presentation of this slide.
- 10 Did Mr. McComas suggest when he was presenting
- 11 this slide to the DRAM executives that the
- manufacturers send their respective RDRAM production
- 13 plans to him so that he could determine whether or not
- 14 there was an oversupply situation looming?
- 15 A. Again, I don't really recall this
- 16 presentation.
- 17 Q. Well, I want to try to refresh your
- 18 recollection with a different document that describes
- 19 that presentation.
- 20 A. Okav.
- 21 Q. This will just take a second. It's RX-1208.
- 22 And before I show this to you, let me say that
- 23 this was prepared by Infineon. There's references to
- other meetings where you weren't at and I'm not going
- 25 to ask you anything about those other meetings.

- 1 A. Okay.
- Q. I'm only going to ask you about a meeting you
- 3 attended.
- 4 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 Q. This was produced to us, as I said, by
- 8 Infineon, and if you'll look on page 4, you'll see a
- 9 reference to the SLDRAM executive meeting on Thursday,
- 10 June 25.
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And you remember that there was somebody from
- 14 Infineon at the meeting; right?
- 15 A. Yes. I believe they were Siemens at the time,
- 16 but yes.
- 17 Q. Right.
- 18 And I want you to look at the very last bullet
- 19 point. You can read the whole thing if you want, but
- 20 my only question is about the very last bullet point at
- 21 the bottom of this page.
- 22 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm going to ask you, Mr. Lee,
- just to read that bullet point, and then if you feel
- compelled to go back, then you can do so.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry.
- 2 Is this page 4 then?
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- 4 Q. Page 4.
- 5 A. I was on the wrong page.
- 6 Q. The bullet point that starts, "What problem is
- 7 solved by SLDRAM (Guest Speaker Bert McComas)," do you
- 8 see that? Read that to yourself.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. And one of the things it says in that bullet
- point is, quote, "McComas made suggestion to the
- 12 audium" -- A-U-D-I-U-M -- "that every DRAM vendor sends
- 13 the Rambus production plan for the next year in order
- 14 to cross-check whether Intel has managed to generate an
- oversupply situation."
- Now, does that refresh your recollection that
- 17 Bert McComas, when he was making his presentation in
- June of 1998 at the executive summit, suggested that
- 19 the DRAM manufacturers send their Rambus production
- 20 plans to him in order to cross-check whether Intel had
- 21 generated an oversupply situation?
- 22 A. Again, I just really don't recall it. Sorry.
- Q. Well, it was your understanding at the time
- 24 that an oversupply situation would have the result of
- lower RDRAM prices; right?

1 A. An oversupply situation would likely have the

- 2 effect of lower memory prices.
- 3 O. Okay. Well, let's move on if we could, going
- 4 back to RX-1185. And I know you've said you don't
- 5 really recall any of this. Let me skip over to very
- 6 near the end at page 5.
- 7 The bottom slide says, "What should SLDRAM Inc.
- 8 become?"
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 Q. And look over on the next page, page 6, and
- 12 I'll just ask you about this one more slide, this top
- 13 slide that says "Importance of SLDRAM Inc."
- 14 One of the bullet points there is that
- 15 fragmented competition undermines all DRAM
- 16 manufacturers, then it says, "SLDRAM will be as
- 17 powerful as we make it."
- Did you hear Mr. McComas say those words in
- 19 this room of DRAM executives?
- 20 A. Again, I really don't recall his presentation
- 21 very well, so...
- Q. Did any of the executives in the room, as you
- 23 recall it, stand up and leave during his presentation?
- A. Stand up and leave?
- Q. Yes. Make a public display of leaving during

- 1 his presentation?
- 2 A. It was not uncommon during this meeting -- it
- 3 was a pretty long meeting -- to get up, go outside,
- 4 have a cup of coffee, whatever. Perhaps that's why I
- 5 don't remember all of this.
- Q. Let me ask you this.
- Did anyone anybody stand up and say, I can't
- 8 stand this, I'm leaving, I'm not supposed to be
- 9 listening to this, this is wrong? Did anybody say that
- 10 as far as you can recall?
- 11 A. I don't remember any comments like that from
- 12 customers or suppliers, either one.
- 13 Q. Now, did you ever attend any meetings of an
- organization known variously as M9, M11, M14?
- 15 A. I think I may have attended one meeting,
- 16 possibly two.
- 17 Q. Well, let me show you some e-mails produced to
- 18 us by IBM, RX-1257.
- 19 May I?
- Now, this is a very short couple of e-mails. I
- 21 see that you're listed as a recipient of the top e-mail
- 22 and apparently as a sender of the bottom e-mail, so
- take a look at it if you could.
- 24 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Did you attend a meeting of M9 in
- 2 September 1998 wherein Micron Electronics made a
- 3 presentation?
- 4 A. I was in attendance at an M9 meeting -- I think
- 5 that was the number; the number changed sometimes --
- 6 where Micron Electronics made a presentation.
- 7 Q. What did you understand M9 to be when you went
- 8 to the meeting?
- 9 A. My understanding of M9 was it was a -- I think
- their agenda was to do some joint PR, some joint
- 11 promotion.
- 12 Q. And you understand M stood for manufacturers?
- 13 A. I don't remember what it stood for.
- Q. And the number meant the number of
- 15 manufacturers that were members at the time of that
- 16 meeting?
- 17 A. I believe my understanding was that the number
- represented the number of companies that were members
- of the group. I'm not sure what the exact
- 20 organizational structure of it was.
- 21 Q. As you understood it, was Micron ever a member
- 22 of M9 or M11 or M14?
- 23 A. Yes. I believe so.
- Q. And that's why you were going to the meeting;
- 25 right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Who else went to M9 meetings or M11 meetings
- 3 from Micron?
- 4 A. I think Terry Walther and perhaps Mike Seibert
- 5 attended. Like I said, I think I attended one or two
- 6 meetings and that was about it.
- 7 Q. Now, moving off of M9 for the moment, were you
- 8 present for a meeting at Micron in Boise where Hyundai,
- 9 NEC, MOSAID and Siemens came to talk about the
- incorporation of virtual channel architecture within
- 11 SLDRAM?
- 12 A. Yes. We hosted a meeting for SLDRAM and we
- were looking at what we called SLDRAM II, the
- 14 next-generation SLDRAM, and we were exploring
- 15 architectural choices for that and virtual channel was
- one of those architectures.
- Q. And by the time you were considering virtual
- channel, that was about the fall of '98; right, when
- 19 you were talking about SLDRAM II?
- 20 A. That sounds roughly correct.
- Q. And Jeffrey Lee was there from NEC?
- 22 A. I don't recall the exact attendance, but I
- think the companies that you mentioned were all
- 24 correct.
- 25 Q. Now, did you create any memoranda about that

- 1 meeting?
- 2 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you take any notes at the meeting?
- 4 A. I don't recall that I did.
- 5 Q. And were you present for any discussion of
- 6 creating a new organization as a successor to SLDRAM at
- 7 that meeting?
- 8 A. I don't recall that discussion. I don't recall
- 9 the new organization. I do recall the new
- 10 architecture. It was primarily a technical meeting and
- 11 I attended for part of that.
- 12 Q. I've got a memo from the Infineon
- 13 representative who was there who purports to describe
- 14 an idea you had, and I want to show this to you and see
- if it refreshes your recollection about what you
- 16 presented at that meeting. It's RX-2192.
- 17 May I?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 19 BY MR. PERRY:
- 20 Q. Now, I know that you didn't prepare this, but I
- 21 just want to talk to you for the time being about
- 22 page 3 that begins with your name.
- So take your time and read that to see if it
- 24 brings back a recollection.
- 25 (Pause in the proceedings.)

- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. Now, this says that at this meeting Terry Lee
- 3 presented the idea to integrate the fragmented
- 4 activities to define a future DRAM under the common
- 5 roof of SLDRAM Inc., possibly changing the name to
- 6 something like Future DRAM Inc."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Does looking at that refresh your recollection
- 10 that you had come up with an idea in about this time
- frame, fall of '98, about creating a new kind of
- 12 organization?
- 13 A. This refreshes my recollection, but I think the
- 14 way you'd asked the question was whether we were going
- to create a new organization. I think this was a name
- 16 change.
- 17 Q. Tell me what it was that you came up with as an
- 18 idea.
- 19 A. What I recall about it was that it took a quite
- 20 a long time to work out the details of the consortium
- 21 to work together on these technical activities, and so
- 22 we felt one of the problems with the consortium was we
- tied the name to a specific technology or a specific
- 24 definition, and so we thought it made sense to give it
- 25 more of a generic name and continue to use the

1 consortium to develop technology and develop kind of

- 2 future DRAM road maps going forward.
- Q. Is this idea that you're just describing, was
- 4 that the genesis for what became ADT?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Was it the genesis for what became AMI-2?
- 7 A. No. I can't even exactly say that. This was
- 8 an idea we thought would be a reasonable way to take
- 9 benefit of the work that had already been done in the
- 10 consortium and set up the structure and continue
- 11 technical activities, but it really didn't get
- 12 approval.
- Q. Okay. Had you discussed that idea with others
- 14 at Micron before you brought it up at this meeting?
- 15 A. For the name change?
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. I'm not sure. It's possible that I talked
- 18 with Kevin Ryan, but I don't recall a specific
- 19 conversation.
- 20 Q. Well, look at the bottom of the prior page, if
- 21 you would. There's a reference, just before the top of
- 22 the third page where it talks about you, there's a
- 23 reference to Farhad Tabrizi.
- Do you see the third bullet point up?
- Do you see where it says "According to

- 1 Farhad Tabrizi"? Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. That says: "According to Farhad Tabrizi,
- 4 Hyundai has given Rambus ASP projections for end of
- 5 next year of two to three times today's SDRAM prices;
- 6 they also gave to Intel a production projection of
- 7 three times their actual plans. They encourage every
- 8 DRAM manufacturer to do the same in order to let Intel
- 9 not generate a Rambus oversupply."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You heard Mr. Tabrizi say that in this
- 13 meeting?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Did you hear Mr. Tabrizi describe the
- projections he had given to Rambus or Intel?
- 17 A. No. I think the top line says, "Other
- information collected during and besides the meeting,"
- so I suspect that was probably outside the meeting. My
- 20 company doesn't allow me to engage in those kind of
- 21 discussions with competitors.
- Q. So you're certain that you did not hear
- 23 Mr. Tabrizi describe the fact that he had given Intel a
- 24 production projection of three times Hynix's actual
- 25 plans, you're certain of that?

1 A. I think this kind of information would have

- been very unusual, so there's a higher likelihood that
- 3 I would have remembered that.
- 4 Q. So you're certain you didn't hear it?
- 5 A. To the best of my recollection.
- 6 O. And you're certain that you'd never heard
- 7 Farhad Tabrizi encourage Micron to give Intel false
- 8 production projections in order to prevent Intel from
- 9 generating an oversupply of RDRAM?
- 10 A. I don't recall anything like that. I wouldn't
- 11 have taken any such advice.
- 12 Q. Well, let me show you an e-mail from
- 13 Mr. Tabrizi to you a few months later, February 1999,
- 14 RX-1386.
- 15 May I?
- 16 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Now, this was produced to us by Hynix, Mr. Lee,
- and sometimes what they would do when they gave us
- 20 documents is, if it was a company name or a device
- 21 name, they would blot it out.
- 22 So I believe that Deepak Mithani worked at
- 23 Rambus. I know that to be a fact.
- So you see that the word "Rambus" is blotted
- 25 out at the bottom in her e-mail address. And I can

- 1 represent to you that I believe that the blotted-out
- 2 part in the e-mail to you is "RDRAM," which they would
- 3 also blot out from time to time.
- 4 So let me just ask you if you recall
- 5 Mr. Tabrizi inquiring of you in February 1999 about
- 6 what Micron's projections were for its 1999 production
- 7 of RDRAM.
- A. I don't really recall this, but I'm really the
- 9 wrong person to even ask that question. I'm not really
- 10 responsible for supply or pricing.
- Q. But Mr. Tabrizi and you knew each other pretty
- 12 well; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Well, did he ask you in February 1999 to answer
- a question about what Micron's 1999 RDRAM production
- 16 forecast was?
- 17 A. Well, in this e-mail he asks if it's a
- 18 possibility that the number in this Nikkei forecast is
- 19 possibly correct.
- Q. He did send you this e-mail; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And he wanted you to confirm or deny the
- 23 published reports of what Micron's share of the RDRAM
- 24 market would be in 1999; right?
- 25 A. He seems to request that. I guess I'm pausing

1 here because I'm not sure from the article whether that

- 2 was meant to be '99.
- O. In the first paragraph it says "in 1999."
- 4 A. Okay. I guess he requested that.
- 5 Q. Did you send Mr. Tabrizi an answer?
- 6 A. I don't recall.
- 7 Q. Did you call him up and give him an answer?
- 8 A. I don't recall. I wouldn't have had the
- 9 information.
- 10 Q. You could have gotten it, couldn't you?
- 11 A. I suppose I could have in that I worked for
- 12 Micron, but I -- this just isn't part of my job
- 13 responsibilities. I'm a technical guy.
- Q. Were you present at the meeting of the
- 15 SLDRAM Inc. board of directors when they voted to
- 16 change the name to AMI-2?
- 17 A. I was present at an executive meeting where we
- 18 were discussing what to do with the future of SLDRAM.
- 19 I think it was the last of the three executive
- 20 meetings. I'm not sure if I was there when they voted
- 21 on a name change.
- Q. Let me show you some minutes, at least they
- appear to be minutes of the SLDRAM Inc. board of
- 24 directors meeting from March 1999 produced to us by
- 25 Fujitsu, RX-1406.

- 1 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that you're listed as an attending
- 5 member?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Well, let me point you to the part of the
- 8 minutes that I want to talk to you about, and that's on
- 9 the third page.
- I just wanted to ask you about the top third.
- 11 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 12 This says, "JEDEC does much more than RAM,
- 13 staff is overloaded."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you have -- you personally have some
- frustration in '98 or '99 about the JEDEC staff?
- 18 A. I think I need to clarify something here in a
- 19 document. I think it's important.
- 20 O. Sure.
- 21 A. I'm not sure if I was at this meeting even
- though it has my name on the front of it.
- Q. Oh, really. Okay.
- A. I don't remember. And if you look at page 3,
- 25 there is a "Terry W." there. "It's okay for companies

- 1 to drop out if they want."
- Q. So tell me where you're talking -- down at the
- 3 bottom?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 So that would be Terry Walther, and Terry and I
- 6 both work at Micron marketing and sometimes there was
- 7 some confusion there, so it's odd that he wouldn't show
- 8 on the list of attendants but Terry W. is making a
- 9 comment down below. So I'm not --
- 10 Q. It's odd if he was making a comment you would
- 11 be listed in the attending list?
- 12 A. So I'm wondering if perhaps they put the wrong
- 13 Terry up there, which does happen sometimes.
- 14 Q. Let me just ask you if you remember being at a
- meeting of SLDRAM where someone said, "We made a big
- investment building this corporate shield. Avoids
- 17 antitrust problems."
- Does that ring a bell?
- 19 A. I'm not sure. There's in fact here another
- 20 comment later on with Terry Walther's name specifically
- 21 spelled out, and then I don't recall a meeting at
- 22 Hitachi regarding SLDRAM, so I'm kind of questioning
- 23 whether I'm the right person here.
- Q. Okay. I'll pass the document. That's fine.
- 25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Let me show you one where it was sent to both

- 2 you and Terry Walther, so I think I'm on safe ground
- 3 here. It's RX-1444, dated April 26, 1999.
- 4 May I, Your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 Q. Now, let's pull up the bottom half of this
- 8 e-mail if we could.
- 9 Do you see that there's an article from
- 10 Electronic Buyers' News that's reproduced in this
- 11 e-mail?
- 12 A. I see that there's an article.
- Q. And Mr. Ryan sends the article on to you with a
- 14 comment in April 1999?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you look in the article -- and I prefer
- 17 that you didn't take the time to read the whole
- 18 thing -- I'll point you in the article to page 3 of the
- 19 exhibit, and I'll ask you to look at the references in
- the middle of the page to Samsung.
- It says, "Despite direct RDRAM's schedule slip,
- 22 Samsung sees a market for about 40 million 128-Mbit
- 23 Rambus units in 1999."
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Now, going back to page 1 and focusing on
- 2 Mr. Ryan's comment, do you remember getting an e-mail
- 3 from Mr. Ryan in April 1999 that says, "Another article
- 4 showing that Samsung has broken ranks with the other
- 5 suppliers and sold their soul to the devil"?
- A. I remember the article. I don't -- I don't
- 7 specifically recall that he forwarded it to me, but
- 8 obviously he did from this.
- 9 Q. Do you remember getting an e-mail from Mr. Ryan
- 10 that said that there was an article showing that
- 11 Samsung had broken ranks with the other suppliers and
- 12 sold their soul to the devil?
- 13 A. I remember the general discussion of the
- 14 article that occurred.
- Q. Do you remember getting an e-mail with that
- 16 statement in it?
- 17 A. Do I remember today receiving it specifically?
- 18 O. Yes.
- 19 A. No. Do I see my name on here? Yes
- 20 Q. And then there's a response up above that to
- 21 Mr. Ryan from M. Seibert.
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- O. S-E-I-B-E-R-T.
- What was his position in April of 1999?

1 A. I think -- I don't recall what his title was,

- 2 but Mike Seibert was responsible for -- he was doing
- 3 kind of segment marketing. He was working with -- he
- 4 had focus on chipset suppliers.
- 5 Q. And he responded to Mr. Ryan, "No kidding,
- 6 Kevin."
- And the Kevin there is Kevin Ryan; right, as
- 8 you understood it?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. He said: "These guys are big trouble for us
- 11 all. If this thing gets into an oversupply mode with
- 12 RDRAM, things could get really ugly. Bob and Jeff, do
- 13 these idiots (Samsung in this case) understand what the
- Rambus-Intel biz model will do to our autonomy?"
- Do you remember getting that e-mail from
- 16 Mr. Seibert in April of 1999?
- 17 A. The thing that I remember specifically is I
- 18 remember aspects of the article and I remember some
- 19 discussion that followed their e-mail.
- 20 Q. And do you remember that Mr. Seibert asked
- 21 questions of Bob Donnelly and Jeff Mailloux about
- whether Samsung understood what the Rambus-Intel
- 23 business model would do to the autonomy of the DRAM
- 24 manufacturers?
- 25 A. Only from the context of this e-mail. I think,

1 just to try to speed things along, I think the issue is

- 2 I have a general recollection. Your questions are more
- 3 specific than my recollection.
- 4 Q. I am trying to ask specific questions, but I
- 5 just have a couple more.
- 6 Do you see that Bob Donnelly, the
- 7 vice president of DRAM products at the time, responded
- 8 to Mr. Seibert's e-mail?
- 9 A. I see that he responded, yes.
- 10 Q. And he copied you; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And he said, "I've certainly made the point
- with the officers that Intel is essentially disabling
- our marketing, apps and design, and other key parts of
- the company, and ultimately could control the DRAM
- industry the same as they have others."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you understood at the time that he was
- 20 referring to that he has made the point with the
- 21 officers of Samsung; correct?
- 22 A. No. That's Micron officers.
- Q. You understood that Mr. Donnelly was saying he
- 24 had talked to the officers of Micron; is that your
- 25 testimony?

- 1 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 2 Q. You understood that the question that Bob --
- 3 that was asked by Mr. Seibert to Bob and Jeff was
- 4 whether Samsung understood. Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And that was what you understood at the time;
- 7 right?
- 8 A. I'm sorry. I'm having a little trouble with
- 9 the siren.
- 10 Q. Let's wait for the siren to subside.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Take a break. Take a couple
- 12 minutes.
- 13 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 14 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And you understood that Mr. Donnelly had
- answered that question by talking about Micron's
- officers; is that your testimony?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Well, I want to switch gears a little bit and
- 20 talk a little bit about some of the road maps that you
- 21 talked about yesterday with Mr. Oliver.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you remember some of these marketing
- 24 presentations? I just have a few questions about each
- 25 of them. They're thick documents. I would prefer to

1 point you to the places where I'd like to talk to you

- 2 about since you identified these yesterday.
- And I'm going to start with CX-2735. That
- 4 should be near the bottom of your stack, April 1999.
- 5 It's called Micron DRAM Update, April 1999.
- 6 A. 2735?
- 7 Q. 2735.
- 8 Do you have that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And I'm going to rely upon the record
- 11 Mr. Oliver laid yesterday to describe this document.
- 12 I'm going to move forward simply to a page that you
- talked about with him, page 35.
- 14 And this says, "Micron has three direct Rambus
- 15 testers"; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you talked about problems with Rambus
- 18 testers yesterday.
- 19 My question simply is: What did Micron do with
- 20 its three direct Rambus testers?
- 21 A. What do you mean, what did we do with them?
- Q. You don't manufacture direct Rambus anymore, do
- 23 you?
- A. No. Not at this time.
- 25 Q. You never manufactured it in production volume,

- 1 did you?
- A. We internally validated the part and we did
- send some samples, but we never produced it in large
- 4 volumes.
- 5 Q. So you never even needed three direct Rambus
- 6 testers, did you?
- 7 A. Our projection was that we needed quite a bit
- 8 more than that.
- 9 Q. But it didn't turn out that you needed them;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. I don't think we needed them for the volumes
- 12 that we produced.
- Q. And you were then able to use those testers to
- 14 test DDR; right?
- 15 A. No, not exactly.
- Q. You had to modify them?
- 17 A. I get all of this information through my test
- 18 department, but I had heard a discussion even fairly
- 19 recently that we got stuck with some orders for some
- 20 Rambus testers that we weren't able to use for our
- 21 current products.
- Q. Have you tried selling them to Samsung?
- 23 A. I don't know. I have no idea what they do with
- 24 that stuff.
- 25 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to whether or not

1 Samsung is making money making RDRAM? Do you know one

- 2 way or the other?
- 3 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Lack of
- 4 foundation.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 6 BY MR. PERRY:
- 7 Q. Let me look at -- let me ask you about CX-2737.
- 8 It's your May 1999 -- it's a different document,
- 9 Mr. Lee. I'm sorry. I'm going too fast. May '99.
- 10 RX-2737.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. And I'll just ask you to look at page 40. It
- 13 says "DDR SDRAM Overview."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And it refers to eleven DRAM vendors
- 17 collaborating to enable the standard (M11 group).
- Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Was Micron a member of the M11 group at the
- 21 time that this May '99 DRAM product update was
- 22 prepared?
- 23 A. I believe they were. That's the changing
- 24 number from what I told you about earlier.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I've come to the spot

1 where I need to do some in camera work and then we'll

- 2 be done.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Very good.
- Again, the audience, I apologize, but we're
- 5 going to have to again go into closed session, so all
- of you who aren't cleared to hear this evidence, please
- 7 excuse yourselves from the courtroom and it will be
- 8 indicated to you when we go back into the public
- 9 session.
- 10 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, can you again
- 12 certify that everyone on your side of the aisle is
- 13 cleared for this testimony?
- 14 MR. OLIVER: Again, for Micron information,
- 15 yes.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: And Mr. Perry?
- 17 MR. PERRY: It is all Micron information, and I
- can certify that the folks on the Rambus side are all
- 19 authorized to --
- 20 JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good. Then at this time
- 21 this hearing is now in in camera session.
- 22 (The in camera testimony continued in
- 23 Volume 34, Part 2, Pages 7066 through 7091, then
- 24 resumed as follows.)
- 25 JUDGE McGUIRE: Then at this time we are back

- 1 in the public session of this hearing.
- MR. OLIVER: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Could we
- 3 have just one more minute?
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 5 MR. OLIVER: I had some documents set aside,
- 6 but in the flurry of documents this afternoon I believe
- 7 we've managed to misplace them.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 9 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 10 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 11 Q. Okay. Mr. Lee, I have a question just I think
- in four topics. I think we'll be fairly brief.
- First, I did want to ask one follow-up
- question, or perhaps more than one, but at least
- initially one follow-up question on a document that was
- showed to you fairly early this morning. This is
- 17 CX-1314.
- 18 If we can bring this up on the computer screen,
- and again if you can let me know if you want to find
- 20 the paper copy, we can do that or try to --
- 21 A. I'm just going to try to look off the screen at
- this point.
- Q. This is a document entitled Micron December 14,
- 24 1995 with certain slides.
- 25 Do you recall that Mr. Perry asked you about

1 page 1 and page 2 and at that time you could not recall

- 2 having seen those slides?
- I want to ask you about one other page and see
- 4 if that refreshes your recollection.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. If we could turn, please, to page 3.
- 7 And if we could blow up the top slide.
- It's a bit difficult to read, but it appears to
- 9 be a slide. In the left-hand side it's a diagram ASIC
- and then there's eight horizontal wavily lines and then
- 11 two vertical sets of blocks, it says "DRAM" and then
- 12 underneath that in the third bullet point "110 pins to
- 13 memory" and in the right-hand side ASIC and there is a
- 14 line standing horizontally to RDRAM and then the third
- bullet point of that "31 pins to memory."
- I simply want to ask if that refreshes your
- 17 recollection as to whether you've seen that slide as
- 18 part of any Rambus presentation to Micron in December
- 19 of 1995.
- 20 A. Again, I don't recall the specifics of the
- 21 presentation that they gave us at the time. It was
- just this kind of nature, if you will. This kind of
- figure and stuff was available I think on their Web
- 24 site and some of their literature.
- 25 O. Okay. If you don't recall having seen that at

- 1 that time, I'll simply move on.
- Next, Mr. Lee, I wanted to follow up on a
- 3 couple of documents that Mr. Perry asked you about this
- 4 morning.
- 5 First was RX-855, and this is a set of the
- 6 minutes from the SyncLink meeting of January 14 and 15,
- 7 1997.
- And if we could go down towards the bottom of
- 9 the page, there's a two-line paragraph beginning
- 10 "Siemens." And Mr. Perry asked you some questions
- about portions of this, this paragraph here, and I'd
- 12 like to focus on certain portions he did not ask you
- 13 about.
- 14 First let me identify the entire passage. It
- 15 reads: "Siemens was eloquent. No future RB road map.
- 16 Letting one company control industry is crazy.
- 0.1 percent royalty okay, 1-2 percent ridiculous. RB
- 18 not acceptable. We should address PC market also."
- Do you see that, that statement there?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now, my question is: At the time that you saw
- these minutes, what, if any, was your understanding of
- 23 the statement "0.1 percent royalty okay"?
- 24 A. He was -- Mr. von Zitzewitz was describing at
- 25 that meeting that for the Rambus interface technology

- 1 had the royalty been on the order of .1 percent they
- 2 wouldn't have had a problem with it and he thought the
- 3 1 to 2 percent royalty rate was ridiculous for what
- 4 they were asking for.
- 5 Q. If we could then bring up RX-852, please.
- This is an e-mail that Mr. Perry again asked
- 7 you about this morning. I believe that you said that
- 8 you wrote the portion of it beginning in the lower part
- 9 of the first page, going over to the second page; is
- 10 that right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. If we could turn to the second page, again, the
- 13 next to last paragraph underneath Siemens.
- And here again you recall that Mr. Perry asked
- 15 you about certain portions of this paragraph? Do you
- 16 recall that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Again, I'd like to pick up a couple things that
- 19 he did not ask you about.
- 20 First, if you look in the fourth line, again,
- 21 there's a reference "0.1 percent royalty would have
- 22 been okay."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Now, is that essentially the same reference as

- 1 to which you just testified a moment ago?
- 2 A. Yes. I believe so.
- Q. If I could direct your attention to the second
- 4 line of that paragraph, it reads, "License is okay for
- 5 niche but not for main memory."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Could you please explain your understanding of
- 9 that statement at the time that you wrote this.
- 10 A. Yes. He had made a statement on the order that
- 11 having a license fee for some small-volume product
- 12 would be reasonable, but it didn't make sense for a
- 13 very high-volume product of that magnitude for main
- 14 memory.
- Q. And did you have an understanding at that time
- of why?
- 17 A. Of why he felt that way?
- 18 O. Yes.
- 19 A. I quess I don't -- I can't really speak for
- 20 what his feeling was on it.
- Q. Let me ask you a different question then.
- 22 At that time did you agree with that
- 23 statement?
- 24 A. I would agree that the kind of royalty rate
- 25 that was being requested there, the 2 percent, was

- larger than anything we'd ever heard of for an
- 2 interface technology and certainly the largest thing we
- 3 ever heard of for some sort of fee we'd have to pay to
- 4 produce main memory.
- 5 Q. Switching topics again, Mr. Lee, during your
- 6 testimony this morning, you referred I believe to
- 7 patents for defensive purposes. Do you recall that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And I was wondering if you could just simply
- 10 explain for the record what you meant by that reference
- 11 to patents for defensive purposes.
- 12 A. In the context of SyncLink? Was that the
- 13 statement you're referring to?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Okay. Our concern was that we were coming up
- 16 with innovations, new ideas for this architecture that
- 17 we were doing, and we were concerned that later on some
- 18 company might try to assert patents on as far as our
- innovations, and so the only way to protect ourselves
- 20 was to file patents.
- Q. And could you explain how filing patents would
- 22 allow you to protect yourselves.
- 23 A. As I understand it, it would establish a pretty
- 24 clear priority date and establish inventorship.
- 25 Q. And then the final thing I wanted to ask you

1 about, Mr. Lee, was with respect to the SyncLink

- 2 meetings generally.
- Now, based on your observations at the meetings
- 4 that you attended, did representatives of any Micron
- 5 customers attend SyncLink meetings?
- 6 A. Yes. Regularly.
- 7 Q. Can you identify Micron customers who sent
- 8 representatives to the SyncLink meetings?
- 9 A. Sure. Some of the customers include IBM, HP,
- 10 Motorola. There were some -- Apple was there. There
- 11 were some -- also some connector suppliers and some
- 12 other different companies that attended.
- Q. And so would it be fair to say that for
- 14 various discussions that have been summarized here
- today that Micron customers were present at those
- 16 discussions?
- 17 MR. PERRY: Objection. Compound. Leading.
- Doesn't refer to any particular discussion.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I'm simply trying to
- 20 save time at this point at this time of day.
- 21 MR. PERRY: The minutes will show who was
- 22 present. If it was inside the SyncLink meeting, we've
- got memos that describes who's present.
- 24 JUDGE McGUIRE: Overruled. I'll hear the
- 25 question.

- 1 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE WITNESS: It was typical, I think always
- 3 the case, that we had customers at those meetings.
- 4 MR. OLIVER: I have nothing further,
- 5 Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Oliver.
- 7 Mr. Perry, further recross?
- 8 MR. PERRY: I just have a couple, Your Honor.
- 9 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. I'm going to ask that we bring back up on the
- screen RX-855 that Mr. Oliver showed the witness, and
- 13 that's the SyncLink or SLDRAM Consortium minutes for
- 14 January 14 and 15, 1997.
- And you were present for this; right, Mr. Lee?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Let's look at the bottom half, please.
- 18 Let's bring up the part -- yeah, just bring up
- 19 the whole part of it.
- 20 And what Mr. Oliver was asking you about was
- 21 the reference to the discussion by Siemens in the
- 22 Yokohama meeting January 10 of the royalty rates that
- 23 Siemens was paying for the Rambus license; right?
- A. I don't think he specifically said that that's
- 25 what they were paying. He just said these ranges were

- 1 appropriate or inappropriate.
- Q. Was it common for you to be in a room of your
- 3 competitors where your competitors were talking about
- 4 what their prices were that they were paying for
- 5 anything?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Do you think it's appropriate -- strike that.
- 8 Did anyone at the meeting of DRAM executives
- 9 say that it was inappropriate for Siemens to be
- 10 expressing its views to its competitors that it didn't
- like paying 2 percent to Rambus as a royalty?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor.
- 13 Mischaracterizes the document.
- 14 BY MR. PERRY:
- 15 Q. Let me ask it this way.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Restate.
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Did any DRAM executives stand up and say to
- 19 Mr./Dr. von Zitzewitz from Siemens that he shouldn't be
- 20 talking about pricing in front of his competitors?
- 21 A. I don't think this is pricing. This represents
- 22 a cost.
- Q. Is it your understanding that Micron's
- 24 employees aren't supposed to talk about the costs that
- 25 Micron pays for things in front of their competitors?

1 A. We -- talking about relative cost isn't really

- 2 a problem, but again, I don't see where Siemens has
- 3 stated that this is what they're paying.
- 4 Q. You understood Dr. von Zitzewitz to be saying
- 5 that nobody, no DRAM manufacturer should agree to pay
- 6 1 percent or 2 percent on main memory; right?
- 7 A. No. I think that mischaracterizes again. I
- 8 think what he said was these kind of numbers were
- 9 reasonable and these kind of numbers were ridiculous.
- 10 Q. And he was urging the rest of the DRAM
- 11 manufacturers to adopt the same view; right?
- 12 A. I disagree.
- 13 Q. Did anyone stand up and say to
- 14 Mr. von Zitzewitz that it was inappropriate in their
- view for him to be talking about prices, royalty rates,
- in front of a roomful of competitors?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 MR. PERRY: I have nothing further.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 20 MR. OLIVER: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- 21 JUDGE McGUIRE: I quess that's it today,
- 22 Mr. Lee. You're excused from this proceeding and thank
- 23 you for your testimony.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 25 JUDGE McGUIRE: Could I ask you, Mr. Oliver,

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- 2 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, tomorrow we begin the
- 3 testimony of our economic expert, Professor McAfee.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: And you're still on case to
- 5 conclude your case in chief by the end of the month?
- I mean, I thought that was our understanding
- 7 from a few days ago.
- 8 MR. OLIVER: Yes, Your Honor. We've fallen
- 9 slightly behind schedule with respect to depositions.
- 10 I still hope that we can do it by the end of the day
- 11 Monday, but it's a little less sure at this point.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: We'll see how it goes.
- MR. PERRY: And if it's appropriate, we'd like
- 14 to move in some exhibits at the beginning of tomorrow.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: That's fine.
- 16 All right. This hearing is excused until 9:30
- in the morning.
- 18 (Time noted: 5:07 p.m.)

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