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- JUDGE McGUIRE: Counsel, good morning.
- 4 MR. STONE: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
- Any items that we have to take up this morning
- 7 before we proceed?
- 8 MR. OLIVER: No, Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Then at this time complaint
- 10 counsel may call its next witness.
- 11 MR. OLIVER: Complaint counsel calls
- 12 Dr. Martin Peisl.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sir, would you please approach
- 14 and the court reporter will swear you in.
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- 16 Whereupon --
- 17 MARTIN G. PEISL
- 18 a witness, called for examination, having been first
- 19 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, you may proceed.
- 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 Good morning, Dr. Peisl.
- A. Good morning.

- 1 Q. How are you today?
- 2 A. Good. Thanks. Fine.
- 3 Q. Would you please state your full name for the
- 4 record.
- 5 A. Martin Gerhard Peisl.
- 6 Q. Are you currently employed?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What is your current position?
- 9 A. My current position is director for marketing
- 10 for special memories for North America for
- 11 Infineon Technologies.
- 12 Q. Where are you based?
- 13 A. San Jose, California.
- Q. How long have you been with Infineon?
- 15 A. I've been with Siemens, which Infineon was a
- spin-off from Siemens, 1980.
- Q. Can you give us a brief overview of your
- 18 educational background, please?
- 19 A. My education, I received a diploma in
- 20 electrical engineering from the technical university in
- 21 Munich, Germany and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering
- from the same university.
- Q. When did you receive your Ph.D. in?
- 24 A. 1984. The diploma was in 1981.
- Q. Now, can you please give a brief summary of the

1 positions that you've held since you obtained your

- 2 Ph.D. in 1984?
- 3 A. Excuse me?
- 4 Q. Could you please give a brief summary of the
- 5 positions that you have held since you obtained your
- 6 Ph.D. in 1984.
- 7 A. I was with Siemens back then in the research
- 8 labs, starting in the research labs. Then I was in
- 9 development for 1-megabit memories through 16-megabit
- memories from the time frame of 1984 to 1991.
- In 1991 I was transferred -- early in 1992, I
- 12 was transferred to Burlington, Vermont, to be the
- transfer manager for the 16-megabit product from IBM to
- 14 Siemens. In 1993, I was manufacturing transfer manager
- for the same product in Essonnes in France.
- In 1994, summer of 1994, I returned to the
- 17 United States in Burlington, Vermont -- to Burlington,
- 18 Vermont again and was design manager for several
- 19 product developments that encompassed 64-megabit DRAMs
- 20 to 256-megabit DRAMs and one gigabit -- one-gigabit
- 21 DRAM.
- In August 1999, I was transferred to San Jose,
- 23 California or, rather, Cupertino, California and moved
- 24 to San Jose to be the director for technical marketing
- 25 for standard or commodity memories, synchronous and DDR

- 1 memories.
- In September 2000 I assumed the position of
- 3 director for marketing for embedded memories, ASIC
- 4 memories essentially, and specialty memories. And
- 5 that's a position for the specialty memories that I
- 6 still have today.
- 7 Q. So your current position today is director of
- 8 marketing and sales for embedded, specialty and
- 9 graphics memories; is that correct?
- 10 A. The embedded portion fell away because Infineon
- 11 has abandoned those activities, meaning that we only do
- 12 specialty memories right now.
- 13 O. So what is your current position today?
- 14 A. My full-time position is director for
- 15 marketing for specialty memories for North America for
- 16 Infineon.
- 17 Q. Can you please explain what your
- 18 responsibilities in that position are?
- 19 A. My responsibilities are marketing efforts to
- 20 promote four product families. This is for reduced
- 21 latency DRAM, graphics DRAM, low-power DRAMs like
- 22 mobile RAM and cellular RAM.
- 23 Marketing means that we visit customers who
- 24 enable the chips, that we send samples to the customers
- and to the enablers in order to make sure that our

1 chips work in their applications, and essentially I

- 2 enable our salespeople to sell these corresponding
- 3 chips to the customer base.
- 4 Q. When you speak of enabling, what do you mean by
- 5 that?
- 6 A. Enabling encompasses several facets. One is of
- 7 course the presentation at the customer and branding
- 8 activities, going to conferences, et cetera. The other
- 9 one is sending samples, electrically working samples
- from our production to new customers and to companies
- 11 that are called enablers.
- 12 I'll give you an example. It's, for instance,
- 13 Intel. We send DRAMs to them in order to make sure
- 14 that our DRAMs work together with Intel applications,
- but Intel don't buy them eventually, but the customers
- of Intel will buy them, so this is an enabler.
- This is including the transmission of
- 18 specification, presentation material, et cetera.
- 19 Q. Are you familiar with the term "validation"?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Does your current position involve validation
- in any way?
- 23 A. Correct. Yes.
- Q. Can you please explain that?
- 25 A. Validation means that we -- again, we send the

1 samples to the customers. We find out new customers

- 2 and make sure that our chips work in the customers'
- 3 applications.
- 4 The result of a successful validation is
- 5 usually that we come on the bill of materials on the
- 6 Web site of the corresponding customers or enablers.
- 7 It's making sure that a part is working fully with all
- 8 electrical specifications in the application.
- 9 Q. Now, is that the same as testing?
- 10 A. Testing is a part of the validation. Testing
- is usually referred to as a term for testing the DRAM
- 12 only. Testing within an application is another facet.
- You have to be sure that your DRAM works
- 14 according to its specification and you have to make
- sure that the DRAM works in the application together
- 16 with the chip the DRAM is interfacing to, which is a
- 17 controller chip or a microprocessor.
- 18 Q. Now, are you familiar with the term
- "qualification"?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What is qualification?
- 22 A. Qualification is a set of tests at a customer
- which encompasses validation, what I just explained
- 24 right now, and other -- some other tests like
- 25 reliability tests, radiation tests, and other tests

1 that make sure -- lifetime tests that are in order to

- 2 make sure that when you buy a computer, for instance,
- 3 that the DRAMs in there last over the lifetime of the
- 4 computer.
- 5 Q. Now, does your current position also involve
- 6 qualification?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Are there other people at Infineon who report
- 9 to you?
- 10 A. Yes. Four people.
- 11 Q. And what functions do those people have?
- 12 A. Three of them are marketing managers for the
- 13 corresponding product lines which I mentioned before,
- and one is an administrative assistant.
- 15 O. And I believe you testified that your current
- 16 job involves specialty memory. Are those
- 17 JEDEC-compliant products?
- 18 A. Of the four products that I mentioned, one
- is -- has been standardized at JEDEC, which is mobile
- 20 RAM. The other three are not. They are referred to in
- 21 our language as customized DRAMs because they fit a
- 22 certain portion of the application spectrum of our
- 23 customers.
- Q. And I believe that you testified that your
- position used to include embedded memories?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. What do you mean by "embedded memories"?
- 3 A. Embedded memories are memory cores that are
- 4 embedded into an ASIC -- ASIC is application-specific
- 5 interface circuit -- which usually comes from the
- 6 customer, meaning that the customer has a logic chip
- 7 and he wants to add memory on that and he is asking us
- 8 to -- he gives us the data for the logic chip and asks
- 9 us to add a memory to that and we produce the silicon.
- 10 Q. Now, from 1999 until August of 2000, I think
- 11 that you testified that you were the director of
- 12 technical marketing for standard memories; is that
- 13 right?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 O. And when you refer to standard memories, what
- 16 products are you referring to?
- 17 A. The definition at Infineon that we have had for
- 18 the kind of standard memories were synchronous DRAM
- 19 memories or SDR memories, double data rate memories and
- 20 Rambus memories.
- 21 Q. Now, would that include JEDEC-compliant DRAMs?
- A. With the exception of Rambus, yes.
- Q. In other words, with the exception of Rambus,
- 24 all the others that you mentioned --
- 25 A. All of the others are entirely and exclusively

- 1 JEDEC-compatible.
- 2 Q. Now, what were your responsibilities as the
- 3 director of technical marketing for standard memories
- 4 at Infineon?
- 5 A. The validation and qualification of our
- 6 standard synchronous SDR and DDR products at our
- 7 customer base, at our enabler base.
- Q. And who were some of the major customers that
- 9 you worked with during that time?
- 10 A. Dell, HP, IBM, Compaq -- HP and Compaq were
- 11 still a separate company -- Gateway, Sony and --
- 12 excuse me. And on the enabler side was Intel, AMD,
- 13 and VIA.
- 14 Q. Now, before your position as director of
- 15 technical marketing for standard memories, I believe
- 16 you said that you were a design manager; is that
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And what years were you a design manager?
- 20 A. I was heading several design groups in
- 21 Burlington, Vermont from August 1994 through
- 22 August 1999. I was a member of the DDA, which is an
- 23 acronym for the DRAM Development Alliance, which had
- 24 been established between IBM and Siemens in order to
- 25 pool resources to develop chips together, 64-megabit

1 chips to 256-megabit chips and one-gigabit chips. In

- 2 some of the projects, which totaled around ten
- 3 projects, some of the projects Toshiba took part as
- 4 well.
- 5 Q. Now, the products that you were working on as
- 6 design manager between 1994 and 1999, were those
- 7 products JEDEC-compliant?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And just to be certain that the record is
- 10 clear, of the products that you identified, which of
- 11 those were synchronous DRAMs?
- 12 A. The major products that my groups -- I was a
- second line manager, so the departments reporting to
- 14 me -- the major chips, chip generations, that we had
- developed were the 64-megabit EDO chip, a 256-megabit
- 16 SDR chip, a 256-megabit -- and a 256-bit DDR chip.
- Q. Let's start with the 256-megabit SDRAM product
- 18 if we could, and could you please explain what your
- 19 responsibilities were as design manager for that
- 20 product.
- 21 A. I had three design departments for the various
- 22 chips that we did and one CAD department. I had to
- 23 make sure that the design departments received all the
- 24 information that was necessary to design a successful
- 25 chip that worked in the applications, so my task was

1 providing resources, providing all the information they

- 2 needed, providing application information, for
- 3 instance, in order for them -- providing specifications
- 4 for them to be able to design the chip.
- 5 Q. When did you begin work on the 256-megabit
- 6 SDRAM product?
- 7 A. This must have been, to my recollection, second
- 8 half of 1996 somewhere, late 1996.
- 9 Q. And when was that product completed?
- 10 A. It was completed with an internal
- 11 qualification, meaning that the chip complied with all
- 12 the specifications, was built in a reliable technology
- and worked in the applications, by the end of 1998.
- 14 Q. So in other words, two years or a little over
- 15 two years?
- 16 A. For this particular chip we took a little
- 17 longer. Usually it's two years; this was two and a
- 18 half years.
- 19 Q. Now, did that project involve any redesigns?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. First of all, can you explain what you mean by
- 22 a redesign?
- 23 A. The designers start with a specification,
- 24 usually the JEDEC specification for a JEDEC-compliant
- 25 part, and design all the circuits in order to comply

1 with the specification and to make sure that to all of

- 2 the timing parameters and voltage and AC and DC
- 3 parameters in the specification the chip has as much
- 4 margin as possible to be a robust design.
- 5 Typically the designs takes a -- then we write
- 6 masks in order to produce the silicon. Once the
- 7 silicon has been obtained, the design people and the
- 8 characterization people will test the chip
- 9 excruciatingly in order to find out whether the design
- 10 assumptions have been correct and in order to maximize
- 11 the margin of the chip and make -- and eliminate any
- 12 failures or any chip mistakes that might have -- design
- mistakes that might have happened.
- 14 From the point of first silicon through the
- 15 final qualification, meaning that the chip can be
- 16 ramped to production, takes usually nine months to a
- 17 year.
- 18 Q. But can you explain in a little more detail
- what you mean by the redesign itself?
- 20 In other words, once you have first silicon,
- 21 what is involved, if anything, in a redesign?
- 22 A. A redesign means that you measure the chip, you
- 23 measure all the timing characteristics and the AC and
- DC characteristics of the chip and compare them with
- 25 the simulations that are run in each place which you

- 1 had done before and there are mostly or usually
- 2 discrepancies. You detect that the silicon is slower
- 3 or faster than the simulation had predicted. You
- 4 detect that not all the simulation of all circuits
- 5 behave equally, there are some effects coming in from
- 6 parasitic capacitance or others which might have been
- 7 overlooked in the simulation.
- 8 So essentially what you do is you test reality
- 9 to your simulation, adapt your simulation accordingly,
- and redesign circuits in order to make the chip fully
- 11 compliant with the JEDEC specification.
- 12 Q. So in other words, after testing, you'd
- 13 redesign circuits in order to ensure that the actual
- 14 chip behaves in the manner that your predictions had
- 15 anticipated?
- 16 A. Right. Correct.
- 17 Q. Now, with respect to the 256-megabit SDRAM
- 18 product for which you were the design manager, do you
- 19 recall when you obtained first silicon?
- 20 A. It must have been in the second half, fall time
- 21 frame, of 1997.
- Q. And do you recall what, if anything, required
- you to do redesign work on that product?
- 24 A. Yes. We had some substantial redesign work to
- 25 do. Most of it was we had a mistake on the chip which

- 1 made a portion of the chip nonfunctional,
- 2 nonaddressable, and we had -- as in the DRAM
- 3 Development Alliance we were not only developing
- 4 products but the corresponding technologies at the same
- 5 time, the technology wasn't fully developed either, so
- 6 there were changes in development -- in technology --
- 7 excuse me -- which led to changes in design, which is
- 8 adoption of timing parameters, transistor parameters,
- 9 so this is a current process where we optimized the
- 10 design.
- And this particular chip had some problems in
- 12 regards to the design plane together with the
- 13 technology.
- 14 Q. So once you had the first silicon in 1997, how
- long did it take to complete the redesign?
- 16 A. Approximately a year.
- 17 Q. And why did it take that long?
- 18 A. When you do a redesign, you have to do your
- 19 characterization first, and this is a lengthy process.
- 20 It takes a minimum of three months and you have to
- 21 compare with the simulation. You have to change the
- 22 circuits again and you have to produce new silicon,
- 23 which is approximately another month -- or another
- 24 month for finalizing the simulation, so we have four
- 25 months.

1 Then you produce -- need three months for

- 2 producing the new silicon, and after that, you have to
- 3 go through the whole testing and characterization and
- 4 application testing again, meaning that altogether you
- 5 end up with a year or somewhere around that.
- 6 O. Now, I believe you mentioned you were also a
- 7 design manager for a 256-megabit DDR SDRAM product; is
- 8 that right?
- 9 A. This is correct.
- 10 Q. And what were your responsibilities as design
- 11 manager on that project?
- 12 A. The same responsibilities I had for the first
- 13 chip. I headed a design team. The design manager of
- 14 this team that designed the 256M DDR was reporting to
- 15 me. The tasks were more or less the same, staffing,
- 16 getting all the information for the designers to
- enable them to do the specification, get the
- specification for DDR, which was in a very early stage
- 19 back then.
- 20 And in this particular chip, Toshiba
- 21 participated as well, and so we had as -- our staffing
- 22 manager had a lot to do so that the Japanese team and
- 23 the American team and the German team worked well
- 24 together.
- 25 O. When did you begin work on the 256-megabit DDR

- 1 SDRAM part?
- 2 A. In early 1998.
- 3 Q. When was that project completed?
- 4 A. End of 1999.
- 5 Q. Now, was the JEDEC DDR SDRAM standard finalized
- 6 when you began work on the 256-megabit DDR SDRAM
- 7 product?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. How were you able to start work on that product
- if the JEDEC standard was not yet final?
- 11 A. The JEDEC standard for DDR had been discussed
- for some time at the JEDEC level. There had been some
- 13 consensus items and they are usually very important to
- 14 start the design, like the command structure, like
- speeds and other items, which enable -- it's -- from
- 16 all of the parameters base or the specification
- 17 contents that you need to know, it's about 70 or
- 18 80 percent.
- 19 The reason for that was because JEDEC wanted to
- do an evolutionary step going from SDR to DDR,
- 21 evolutionary in order to keep the costs down in the
- 22 industry because it affected much more than the DRAM
- design, so we knew pretty much about the DDR design
- 24 right from the beginning because we knew that JEDEC
- 25 would take many of the features over, and some features

- 1 were not yet defined at that point in time and we
- 2 scheduled the design accordingly to start with all the
- 3 features that we knew and put on those that are still
- 4 in discussion on the JEDEC level towards the end of the
- 5 design. Or made them -- if they are, for instance, two
- 6 values which people had not agreed upon, put all two of
- 7 them in the design and try to decide later which one to
- 8 take.
- 9 Q. You mentioned that Infineon was interested in
- an evolutionary design in order to keep costs down.
- Can you please explain how an evolutionary
- 12 design keeps costs down?
- 13 A. Evolutionary design, if you look at a
- 14 specification, it means -- it essentially comprises
- 15 several parts, three or four parts. One is the timing
- 16 characteristics and the timing parameters which
- determine the speed of the chip. One is the command
- 18 structure, meaning what commands do you give to the
- 19 DRAM in order to perform what function. Some are the
- 20 DC values, like current values, power values,
- 21 et cetera.
- Those are more or less the three most important
- 23 functions. The command structure was, for instance,
- 24 something which was taken over from the core of the --
- as a core from the synchronous DRAM specification.

1 Some commands were of course added for the -- in order

- 2 to provide more functionality, but the core SDRAM
- 3 functionality was taken away into the DDR
- 4 functionality.
- 5 And this core command structure, this
- 6 determines approximately 70 to 80 percent of all the
- 7 logic circuitry that has to be done on the chip, which
- 8 is usually the most complicated to design. And that's
- 9 the reason why we could start early.
- 10 Q. Now, did you have to do any redesign work on
- this 256-megabit DDR SDRAM product?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And how long did that redesign work take?
- 14 A. Approximately the same time, one year, around.
- 15 O. And do you recall why you had to do redesign
- 16 work on that product?
- 17 A. For the same reasons, eliminating mixtures --
- mistakes or failures on the chip, eliminating
- 19 weaknesses on the chip like timing parameters being
- 20 marginal or power being too high.
- 21 One of the issues we did on that particular
- 22 chip, for instance, is to speed it up, make it faster
- than the specification runs, in order to be able to
- 24 have a faster chip.
- 25 O. By the way, when you were involved in design

1 work at Infineon, did you ever use a program known as

- 2 Spice?
- 3 A. Yes. My designers did.
- 4 Q. What is Spice?
- 5 A. Spice is a program that enables a designer to
- 6 simulate electrical circuits, to simulate the
- 7 electrical behavior, in a way in order to mimic what is
- 8 actually happening on the silicon.
- 9 Q. To sum up your experience at Infineon, would it
- 10 be fair to say that you've worked in both the marketing
- and the design sides of Infineon's synchronous DRAM
- 12 products?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Dr. Peisl, are you familiar with an
- 15 organization called JEDEC?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. What is JEDEC?
- 18 A. JEDEC is a standardization committee for
- 19 electrical devices. A subcommittee of JEDEC is the one
- 20 we usually deal with, I believe the number is 42.3,
- 21 which standardizes the DRAM interfaces and the packages
- of DRAM generations.
- As a design manager, it's very important to
- 24 know what's going on in JEDEC --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. That's not the question,

1 sir. You're going too far there. Just hold up and try

- 2 and answer his question.
- 3 Mr. Oliver?
- 4 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 6 Q. You mentioned standardization work by JEDEC
- 7 with respect to memories.
- Based on your understanding, what is the
- 9 purpose of having standards with respect to memories?
- 10 A. Standards are I would say of utmost importance
- 11 because they enable several features. One of them is
- 12 that you make sure that all the parts you have in an
- electrical system, for instance, on a motherboard or on
- 14 a PC or on a server work together towards the
- 15 agreed-upon interface -- towards an agreed-upon
- 16 specification.
- So it's not only for us as a DRAM designer on
- 18 one side, but it's very important, it's very important
- 19 for the chip designers at Intel, AMD and other
- 20 companies who design the chips that communicate with
- 21 our DRAMs as well, and it enables essentially the whole
- industry to develop products that work together in more
- or less a predefined manner.
- Q. Have you ever attended a JEDEC meeting?
- 25 A. Yes. I have attended five JEDEC meetings.

1 Q. Roughly, what was the time period when you

- 2 attended these five meetings?
- 3 A. From 1989 through 1997, as far as I recollect.
- Q. And why did you attend five JEDEC meetings?
- 5 A. My managers asked me to attend the meetings.
- 6 Q. Did you have an understanding of why your
- 7 managers wanted you to attend these meetings?
- 8 A. They asked me to attend the meetings -- as a
- 9 design manager, it is of a very high importance to know
- 10 what is going on on the standardization committee,
- meaning that you have to find out what the industry
- 12 consensus is going to for a particular specification or
- 13 for a package specification.
- 14 As a design manager, it is of course important
- 15 to tell my people, which they are truly design people,
- 16 to tell the direction more or less where they should
- go. Directions, for instance, entail the speed rates
- that one wants to go or if there is a command being
- 19 entered into the DRAMs or if there's an important
- 20 timing or property thing being introduced and these
- 21 discussions have been happening at JEDEC.
- Q. In your answer you referred to various JEDEC
- 23 discussions.
- 24 How, if at all, did JEDEC's standards affect
- your work at Infineon?

1 A. JEDEC's standards were the only source for our

- 2 own specifications, meaning that Infineon -- Siemens or
- 3 Infineon chip specifications were entirely directed
- 4 towards the -- 100 percent compatibility towards the
- 5 JEDEC specifications.
- The reason for that is very simple, because we
- 7 knew that all the other industry, all the other DRAM
- 8 vendors and the controller people were working towards
- 9 the same specification.
- 10 Q. By the way, if I calculated it correctly, you
- 11 attended five meetings at JEDEC over about an eight or
- 12 nine-year time period.
- Were you the regular Siemens representative at
- 14 JEDEC at that time?
- 15 A. No. Actually I was not and I was filling in
- 16 sometimes.
- 17 Q. Who was the regular Siemens representative at
- 18 JEDEC during those years?
- 19 A. Willi Meyer.
- 20 Q. Now, Dr. Peisl, when did Infineon first begin
- 21 selling its first SDRAM memory product?
- 22 A. Infineon has sold 64-megabit synchronous parts
- 23 and have been selling -- started selling that I believe
- somewhere in the mid-'90s and they had a 64-bit
- 25 synchronous product as well. I wasn't part of those

designs, so other people did the design, so I'm not

- 2 entirely sure of the design, but it was in the
- 3 early '90s with the 64-megabit.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether those two products you just
- 5 mentioned complied with the JEDEC SDRAM standard?
- 6 A. Yes. They did.
- 7 Q. Now, focusing on Infineon's synchronous DRAMs,
- 8 what chips followed the 16-megabit and 64-megabit
- 9 SDRAM?
- 10 A. We designed 128-megabit synchronous SDRAM and
- 11 256M megabit SDRAM. That's the part of the die I just
- mentioned before, the chip. The 128M SDRAM was
- 13 designed in Munich about the same time frame as the
- 14 256M was designed, in '97-98 time frame, and after
- 15 that, we have designed a 512-megabit synchronous SDRAM,
- which is still in production.
- 17 Q. Focusing first on the 128 and the 256-megabit
- 18 products, when were those products introduced to the
- 19 market?
- 20 A. 128M, I believe it was 1998 or early 1999. And
- the 256M was introduced mid-1999.
- 22 Q. And do you recall when Infineon introduced its
- 23 512-megabit product?
- A. I believe it was 2001.
- 25 Q. Now, based on your design work on the

1 256-megabit SDRAM product as well as your other design

- 2 work at Infineon and your other experience at Infineon,
- 3 did you have an understanding as to why Infineon
- 4 designed its SDRAM products to meet the JEDEC
- 5 standards?
- 6 A. It is a very simple fact. Because all of the
- 7 industry, all other DRAM producers and all the
- 8 controller producers were working towards the same
- 9 specification. We had to do the same thing. JEDEC was
- 10 our -- JEDEC specification was our quidance.
- 11 The reason behind that is very simple. If we
- 12 would -- let me answer it negatively.
- If we wouldn't have produced a chip that would
- 14 not comply to the JEDEC specification, it would have
- 15 not been able to work at the PC, at the server, at the
- laptop platforms at HP, IBM and all our other customers
- 17 because of noncompliance issues, nontechnical issues,
- 18 and we essentially would not have been able to sell
- 19 anything.
- 20 Q. Now, when did Infineon first begin selling a
- DDR SDRAM product?
- 22 A. I believe it was in the 2000 or maybe 2001 time
- frame. Definitely in 2001. In 2000 I'm not entirely
- 24 sure, but I think we sold them at that time.
- 25 O. And what was the first DDR SDRAM product that

- 1 Infineon sold?
- 2 A. The 256-megabit DDR that was the second chip I
- 3 mentioned before.
- 4 Q. In other words, that was one of the chips in
- 5 which you were the design manager?
- A. Which I was the design manager. It was
- 7 modified slightly by other design teams when they took
- 8 it over from our team, but it essentially was the same
- 9 chip.
- 10 Q. Now, did the 256-megabit DDR SDRAM product
- 11 comply with the JEDEC standard?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Which one?
- 14 A. The DDR standard.
- 15 Q. And focusing on DDR SDRAM products, has
- 16 Infineon introduced any DDR SDRAM products since the
- 17 256-megabit product?
- 18 A. Yes. We have introduced 128-meg DDR and
- 19 128-megabit DDR product and 512-megabit DDR product.
- Q. And are those products also JEDEC-compliant?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, is Infineon currently working on any
- 23 additional products?
- A. Any additional on the DDR side you mean?
- 25 Q. Yes.

- 1 A. On the SDR side?
- 2 Yes, we are working on one-gigabit DDR and
- 3 DDR-II chips and we are working on 512-megabit DDR and
- 4 DDR-II chips and 256-megabit DDR and DDR-II chips.
- 5 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you four documents. If
- 9 I could ask you to locate first, please, CX-2404.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And do you recognize that document?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. What is that document?
- 14 A. It's a specification or a data sheet, which is
- almost the same term, of a 128-megabit synchronous
- 16 DRAM.
- 17 Q. And is that produced by Infineon?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Could you please explain what a specification
- 20 or a data sheet is.
- 21 A. A data sheet is describing all the AC and DC
- 22 parameters of a DRAM, of a chip. It gives the
- designers timing diagrams in order to get an idea of
- 24 how the chip works under the circuit conditions and
- 25 under the circuit parameters. It shows the command

1 structure, meaning what commands do you have to apply

- 2 to the DRAM in order to perform the circuit function,
- 3 and it shows maximum ratings as well like maximum
- 4 temperature, et cetera.
- 5 So it's a complete set of instructions of how
- 6 to use our DRAM.
- 7 Q. And could I ask you to locate CX-2403, please.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recognize that document?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what is that document?
- 12 A. It's a data sheet for the 512-megabit
- 13 synchronous DRAM.
- Q. And if I could ask you to locate CX-2410,
- 15 please.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you recognize that document?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What is that document?
- 20 A. That's a data sheet for the 512-megabit DDR
- 21 SDRAM.
- Q. And if I could ask you to locate CX-2408,
- 23 please.
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recognize that document?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. And what is that?
- 3 A. It's a data sheet for the 256-megabit double
- 4 data rate SDRAM.
- 5 Q. Now, is CX-2408 the data sheet for one of the
- 6 products in which you were the design manager?
- 7 A. This is the first 256 DDR SDRAM that we brought
- 8 into the market, which was a design that was performed
- 9 under my supervision, yes.
- 10 Q. Within CX-2408, if I could ask you to turn,
- 11 please, to page 5.
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. There's a caption at the top that reads
- "Block Diagram." Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Could you please explain your understanding of
- what is illustrated on page 5 of CX-2408.
- 18 A. It's a basic sketch, basic functional building
- 19 blocks of a DRAM that explains to somebody who is using
- 20 the DRAM what the essential functional blocks for DRAM
- 21 are.
- On the left side it's mostly memory array and
- 23 how the address is applied to the memory arrangement to
- 24 get data out. On the right side it's the output
- 25 circuitry, how well the data will be conveyed from the

- 1 internal array to the external bits.
- 2 Q. Now, does the block diagram on page 5 of
- 3 CX-2408 show a delay lock loop or a DLL?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is that DLL located on the chip?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 10 Q. Dr. Peisl, if I could ask you to please keep
- 11 CX-2408 open to page 5.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. In the meantime I've handed you a document
- 14 marked JX-57. Do you recognize that document?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. And what is that document?
- 17 A. It's the JEDEC standard specification of double
- data rate SDRAM dated June 2000. It's from the JEDEC
- 19 Web site.
- Q. And I'd like to ask you to turn now within that
- JX-57 to page 8, please.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you could place that page side by side
- 24 with page 5 of CX-2408.
- 25 A. Yes.

Q. Actually looking at first on JX-57, page 8,

- 2 does that functional block diagram contain a delayed
- 3 lock loop or a DLL?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is that DLL on chip?
- 6 A. Yes. It's part of the standard.
- 7 Q. And if you could compare, please, page 8 of
- 3 JX-57 to page 5 of CX-2408, what, if any, are the
- 9 differences between those two pages?
- 10 A. There are very few differences and there's no
- 11 difference in the functional description of the
- building blocks of the memory. There's a little
- 13 difference on the JEDEC side because there's a
- 14 generator depicted as well. It's a driver, but that
- 15 has nothing to do with the functional description.
- Q. And with respect to the identification of a
- 17 DLL or delay lock loop on the two block diagrams, is
- 18 there any significant difference between the two
- 19 diagrams?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, in CX-2408
- 22 to page 9.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And can you please explain what is depicted on
- 25 page 9 of CX-2408?

1 A. Page 9 describes the bits in the mode register

- 2 operation, meaning the bits on the address lines that
- 3 have to be set in order to perform -- to make the chip
- 4 perform a certain function.
- 5 Q. Now, are you familiar with the technology known
- 6 as programmable CAS latency?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And on page 9 of CX-2408, is there a depiction
- 9 of programmable CAS latency?
- 10 A. Yes. It's the bits of the addresses A6 through
- 11 A4 which have to be set in a certain manner in order to
- 12 program a certain CAS latency.
- 13 Q. Now, are you familiar with the technology known
- as programmable burst length?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And is programmable burst length depicted on
- 17 page 9 of CX-2408?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Where is that depicted on page 9 of CX-2408?
- 20 A. Burst length are the lowest addresses, meaning
- 21 A0 to A2. There are three bits, meaning eight
- 22 possibilities for the various burst lengths that can be
- set, and the specified burst length of the double data
- rates were 2, 4 and 8 and it specifies which bits have
- 25 to be set in which manner in order to achieve the 2, 4

- 1 or 8 burst length.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, in JX-57 to
- 3 page 13.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And on page 13, I'd like to direct your
- 6 attention to the diagram appearing in the lower
- 7 left-hand part of that page, above the caption
- 8 Figure 1: Mode Register Definition.
- 9 Do you see that diagram?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Can you please explain your understanding of
- 12 what's depicted in that diagram?
- 13 A. It's the same mode register definition as in
- 14 the Infineon specification. It specifies which address
- bits have to be set in the mode register mode in order
- 16 to determine the burst length, the CAS latency and
- 17 other operation modes.
- 18 Q. If you could again place page 13 in JX-57 next
- 19 to page 9 of CX-2408.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And with respect to the mode register diagram,
- in particular the depiction of programmable CAS
- latency, what, if any, are the significant differences
- 24 between the depiction of programmable CAS latency in
- 25 JX-57 and the depiction of programmable CAS latency in

- 1 CX-2408?
- 2 A. The only difference I see is that there are
- 3 more optional CAS latencies in the JEDEC specification
- 4 because JEDEC is usually providing a broader
- 5 specification. But the -- there is essentially no
- 6 difference between the two tables.
- 7 Q. And with respect to programmable burst length,
- 8 what, if any, are the significant differences between
- 9 the depiction of programmable burst length in JX-57
- and the depiction of programmable burst length in
- 11 CX-2408?
- 12 A. There's no difference at all.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, in CX-2408
- 14 to page 21.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. At the page being captioned toward the top
- 17 reading: Consecutive Read Bursts CAS Latencies Burst
- 18 Length Equals 4 or 8. Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Could you please explain your understanding of
- 21 what is depicted on page 21 of CX-2408.
- 22 A. It's an essential description, essential
- timing diagram of the depiction of how CAS latencies
- 24 are being defined, meaning that a CAS latency defines
- 25 the time period or number of periods between when an

1 address and a command -- read command has been set and

- 2 to the point where the data are coming out of the
- 3 memory.
- 4 Q. Now, with respect to the data coming out of the
- 5 memory, is the data coming out of the memory on just
- 6 the single rising edge of the clock, the falling edge
- 7 of the clock, or on both?
- 8 A. In the double data rate it's on the rising and
- 9 falling edge of the clock.
- 10 Q. Is that the same as a dual-edge clock?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And is that depicted in the diagram on page 21
- 13 of CX-2408?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, in JX-57 to
- 16 page 23.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And there are -- the diagrams here are both
- 19 captioned at the bottom of the page Consecutive Read
- 20 Bursts Required CAS Latencies.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Can you please explain your understanding of
- what is depicted on page 23 of JX-57?
- 25 A. It's the very same picture that has just been

1 discussed. It's a very generic description of the

- 2 definition of CAS latency, read command and address,
- 3 how many blocks do we have to await for the data.
- 4 Q. With respect to the transmission of the data,
- on page 23 of JX-57, is that data being transmitted on
- 6 just the rising edge of the clock or both the rising
- 7 and falling edge of the clock?
- 8 A. Both, the rising and falling edge of the clock.
- 9 That's the essential of the DDR standard.
- 10 Q. Now, comparing the timing diagrams on page 23
- of JX-57 with the timing diagrams on page 21 of
- 12 CX-2408, and I'm not particularly interested in the
- 13 transmission of data on the rising and falling edge of
- 14 the clock, but with respect to that feature, are there
- 15 any significant differences between the timing diagrams
- in JX-57 and the timing diagrams in CX-2408?
- 17 A. No. They are identical.
- 18 Q. And by the way, if I could turn briefly back to
- 19 CX-2404 -- do you still have that in front of you?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Is that product JEDEC-compliant?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. If we were to do a similar analysis comparing
- 24 that to the JEDEC standard, the analysis would be
- 25 similar?

1 A. There would be no differences between them.

- 2 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to
- $3 \quad CX-2403.$
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is that product also JEDEC-compliant?
- 6 A. Fully, 100 percent.
- 7 Q. And if we were to do a similar comparison
- 8 between that data sheet and the JEDEC standard, would
- 9 that analysis be similar?
- 10 A. It would be the same analysis, no differences.
- 11 Q. And if I could ask you to locate CX-2410 in
- 12 front of you, please.
- 13 Is that product JEDEC-compliant?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And if we were to do a similar analysis between
- 16 that data sheet and the JEDEC standard, would that
- 17 analysis be similar?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Dr. Peisl, I'd like to come back to your role
- 20 as director of technical marketing of standard
- 21 memories, if we could. And again, I believe you said
- you held that position from August of 1999 until
- 23 September of 2000; is that right?
- A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Now, in your position as director of technical

1 marketing of standard memories, did you have a staff

- 2 who reported to you?
- 3 A. Did I have -- excuse me?
- Q. Did you have a staff that reported to you?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And what was the size of your staff?
- 7 A. Around eight people.
- 8 Q. What functions did they represent?
- 9 A. They were mostly field application engineers,
- 10 technical people who were located usually at the
- 11 customer's organization or customer's location.
- 12 Q. What was the role of these field engineers?
- 13 A. Their job was to validate and to qualify the
- 14 Infineon DRAMs at the customer location on the customer
- 15 platforms. PC, laptop and server platforms.
- Q. And you mentioned that they were located at the
- 17 customer.
- 18 Can you give some examples of customers at
- which your staff members were located?
- 20 A. The field application engineer for Dell was
- 21 located in Austin, Texas.
- The field application engineer for Compag was
- or is still located in Houston in Texas.
- 24 The field application engineer for IBM is
- located in Raleigh, North Carolina.

1 Q. How did you supervise your staff if they were

- located in various areas around the country?
- 3 A. By flying a lot and by teleconferences and
- 4 video conferences.
- 5 Q. Now, in your job as director of technical
- 6 marketing of standard memories, did you personally
- 7 interface directly with customers in that job?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What customers did you have direct contact
- 10 with?
- 11 A. HP, Dell, IBM, Compaq, Sony, to name a few.
- 12 Q. And how frequently did you meet directly with
- 13 customers?
- 14 A. Approximately every two months to quarterly.
- 15 O. Could you please explain in a little more
- detail why customers needed the support of you and your
- 17 technical marketing group.
- 18 A. Customers have different platforms. IBM or HP
- 19 or Dell typically produce several laptops, several
- 20 servers, several PC desktop platforms a year, and they
- 21 want to -- we want to sell our memory to them, so my
- job was to make -- to ensure that our parts were fully
- 23 technically -- technically fully compatible with the
- 24 requirements on the motherboards of our customers, so I
- 25 provided kind of technical support, provided

- 1 specifications, answered questions about
- 2 specifications, provided presentation material.
- 3 Q. Now, were you doing this support work with
- 4 respect to products that Infineon was already selling
- 5 in the marketplace or products that were anticipated to
- 6 be introduced in the future or both?
- 7 A. Mostly products that had been new, meaning that
- 8 we wanted to introduce them into new platforms.
- 9 Products that had been in the marketplace we usually
- 10 qualified on new boards. That was a portion of the
- 11 business as well. So it's essentially both.
- 12 Q. And I believe you had also referred earlier to
- providing samples. Do you recall that?
- 14 A. I'll give you an example. HP wants to qualify
- 15 a new laptop platform. They were asking for samples
- 16 typically in the quantities of hundreds. They would
- 17 build them -- would build up approximately five pilots
- 18 or systems, would run extensive software tests which
- 19 would emulate all the possible software the end user
- 20 is using on that laptop and would watch whether there
- 21 are any -- anything in regards to the memory would
- happen.
- 23 If so, our job was, of our field application
- 24 engineers and my job, is to resolve those issues.
- 25 O. Now, I believe that among the applications you

1 mentioned were PCs, laptops and servers; is that

- 2 right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. If we could start with PCs, when you were the
- 5 director of marketing for standard memories, did you
- 6 personally work with customers to assist them in using
- 7 the Infineon DRAM products in personal computers?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And focusing particularly on personal
- 10 computers for the moment, why did customers need
- 11 assistance from you in putting that into their
- 12 personal computers?
- 13 A. Usually when we send new parts to a customer,
- 14 because of the JEDEC specification and the interface
- definition, in most of the cases the parts didn't
- 16 exhibit any failure. You just put them in, either in
- direct form or in PCs it's usually in module form,
- onto the motherboard in the memory and start
- 19 performing your tests, and if all the tests are
- 20 passing, then the part is qualified and I would say
- 21 these people will start selling to this particular
- 22 platform end customer.
- 23 If there are failures for whatever reasons,
- 24 noise related, temperature related, anything which
- 25 usually happens as a marginality outside of the

1 specification, then we were there to assist them to

- 2 alleviate that failure or provide a work-around.
- 3 Q. Would it be fair to say that memory would have
- 4 to interface with a number of other components that
- 5 were in a personal computer?
- A. Yes. Memory is interfacing with a number of
- 7 components on the motherboard.
- 8 One is of course the direct interface is the
- 9 controller chip or the Northbridge chip, but there were
- other components as well, like the modules. Memories
- are coming on modules and particularly in PCs going
- onto the motherboards. It's the wiring on the
- motherboards. There are a multitude of motherboards
- 14 out there which all have a different layout, meaning
- that there's different characteristics for the DRAMs
- 16 that has to be tested.
- 17 BIOS as well is an issue. BIOS is the software
- 18 that sets up the system in a working mode and sometimes
- 19 we had a problem with the BIOS.
- 20 So let me see. And other peripheral components
- 21 on the motherboard as well.
- So it's essentially motherboard, modules,
- 23 BIOS, controller, all these chips had somehow an
- 24 indirect or a direct influence on the DRAM
- 25 functionality.

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1 Q. Now, with respect to the role of you and your

- 2 group, what role, if any, did you have with respect to
- 3 ensuring the memory interface with each of those
- 4 components?
- 5 A. Yes. It was our job to make sure that we had
- 6 tested our DRAM with all the possible configurations,
- 7 with all the controller chips that were available, all
- 8 the major motherboard configurations. This essentially
- 9 determines our know-how to let me know where we might
- 10 have a weakness or not.
- 11 Q. I guess what I'm trying to focus on is whether
- your group and you personally were focused on memory
- interface with any particular component or whether you
- were focused on memory interface with all the
- 15 components you listed.
- 16 A. We were focusing of course on the memory
- interface to all the components because we couldn't
- 18 predict where a weakness would occur, so we had to know
- 19 all the different influences.
- Q. Now, let's turn for a moment to laptops.
- 21 Did you also assist customers in working with
- 22 Infineon memory products in laptops?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And what, if any, differences were there in
- operability issues with laptops as compared with

- personal computers?
- 2 A. There were obviously some differences because a
- 3 laptop is usually of a smaller form factor and one
- 4 major difference is as well that on laptops different
- 5 modules are used, being used. It's a smaller form
- 6 factor for the modules called SODIMM or a small-outline
- 7 DTMM.
- Those were the major differences, but there
- 9 were no basic functional differences between the PCs
- 10 and the laptops.
- 11 Q. The differences you just mentioned, did they
- have any impact on the work that you were doing in
- terms of enabling customers?
- 14 A. Potentially yes, hopefully not.
- 15 O. If we could turn next to servers and when you
- 16 were Infineon's director of technical marketing for
- 17 standard memories, did you personally work with
- 18 customers to assist them in using Infineon memory in
- 19 server applications?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now, what customers did you work with with
- 22 respect to server applications?
- 23 A. The major server companies, HP, Sun, IBM and I
- 24 started a little bit working with Dell. Dell was not
- 25 quite a server family back then.

1 Q. Again, compared with the work that you were

- 2 doing to enable customers with respect to personal
- 3 computers, what, if any, were the differences with
- 4 respect to work you were doing on servers?
- 5 A. There were some differences. Servers -- some
- 6 server vendors do not use modules. They solder the
- 7 DRAMs directly into the motherboard. Typically the
- 8 server boards are bigger. Servers are simply bigger
- 9 devices. They have wider buses typically as well which
- 10 requires more memory. Servers typically have much more
- 11 memory than a desktop has. And server people -- server
- development engineers usually take more time. Their
- 13 platforms have a very long lifetime, five to eight
- 14 years, compared to desktop, which is usually only two
- 15 to four years.
- So they -- it took them a longer time designing
- 17 a new generation of DRAMs or brand of DRAMs, so their
- 18 whole qualification process was longer.
- 19 Q. Focusing first on the function of servers, if
- you will, you described some of the types of components
- 21 within a personal computer that memory has to interface
- 22 with.
- In a server, would memory be interfacing with
- 24 similar components?
- 25 A. Correct. With all the same components that I

- 1 mentioned before.
- 2 Q. Now, you also referred to the long life of
- 3 servers. What, if any, implications would that have on
- 4 the way in which servers use memory?
- 5 A. One of the implications, for instance, is that
- 6 a server design engineer would typically not design an
- 7 interface that is going to be replaced in the near
- 8 future over the next one or two years.
- 9 As an example, today a server platform could
- 10 not be designed with synchronous DRAMs, although the
- 11 synchronous DRAM is still available, but it will be
- 12 replaced by the double data rate SDRAMs, so typically
- they will use double data rate SDRAMs or even in
- designing now double data rate II SDRAMs.
- 15 This was done in order to ensure that over the
- lifetime of the product, of the server, which is
- typically five to eight years, all the components can
- be supplied by the whole industry by several
- 19 suppliers.
- That's one major difference. Other differences
- 21 are more stringent requirements regarding reliability,
- 22 again pertaining to the lifetime of the product, and
- 23 electrical characteristics like increased noise
- 24 security, something like that.
- Q. Now, in your position as director of technical

1 marketing of standard memories, did you have occasion

- 2 to discuss JEDEC standards with customers?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. With how many customers did you have such
- 5 discussions?
- 6 A. With all of them.
- 7 Q. Based on those discussions, did you come to
- 8 have an understanding of whether Infineon's customers
- 9 attached any importance to JEDEC's standards?
- 10 A. Yes. It was of utmost importance to them.
- 11 And -- and the reason for that is the customers --
- MR. STONE: Your Honor, I object. This would
- 13 go into hearsay. I think all that is relevant at this
- 14 point, if it's relevant at all, is this witness'
- 15 understanding, which he just testified to. His going
- into an answer that says "And the reason for that is
- 17 the customers" I think is going to --
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll strike that portion of the
- 19 answer.
- MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, based on your work as director of
- 23 technical marketing of standard memories and on your
- 24 interaction with staff and with customers, what was
- your understanding of why Infineon's customers wanted

- 1 JEDEC-compliant products?
- 2 A. The customers wanted to ensure that their
- 3 systems, their platforms and servers, laptops and
- 4 desktops, were sold at the best price and the best
- 5 delivery situation, so they were looking essentially
- for two major features.
- 7 One was the multisourcing, which JEDEC is
- 8 ensuring. Because of the specified interface, they
- 9 make sure that you have several DRAM vendors and
- 10 several other vendors because they're all working
- 11 towards the same interface.
- 12 And the second issue is the interoperability.
- 13 They of course wanted to make sure that our parts work
- 14 together with all the other components in the system.
- 15 So this was the major concern of the customer.
- 16 Q. I believe that you referred to multisourcing in
- 17 connection with cost.
- 18 What, if any, is the relationship between
- 19 multisourcing and cost?
- 20 A. Typically our customers have three or four, up
- 21 to six or seven DRAM suppliers. A very simple economic
- 22 law says: The more suppliers you have, the lower you
- 23 can drive the cost.
- Q. Now, based on your understanding, what, if any,
- 25 was the relationship between JEDEC's standard and

- 1 multiple sources?
- 2 A. JEDEC essentially ensured that it had multiple
- 3 sources because everybody in the industry, every major
- 4 DRAM company or every DRAM company and every controller
- 5 company designed towards the agreed-upon JEDEC
- 6 standard. It is -- okay.
- 7 Q. And you also referred to interoperability. Car
- 8 you explain briefly what you meant by that?
- 9 A. Interoperability between that the DRAM works
- 10 flawlessly together with all the components in the
- 11 system. It's not only one chip that the DRAM is
- interfacing with but all the other components on the
- motherboard, the position on the motherboard, the
- 14 particular layout on the motherboard, other components
- on the modules, for instance, like registers.
- You have to make sure that your part is fully
- 17 compliant with all the specifications of the other
- 18 chips. This is why everybody is working towards the
- 19 JEDEC specification. That's the common denominator.
- 20 O. Now, when you held the position of director of
- 21 technical marketing for standard memories, did you come
- to have an understanding of the Intel PC100 or PC133
- 23 specification?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. Now, what was your understanding of the Intel

- 1 PC100 or PC133 specification?
- 2 A. Intel's PC100 and PC133 specification
- 3 essentially described some additives or addendums to
- 4 the synchronous DRAM spec and it was JEDEC
- 5 specification and it was later on added into the JEDEC
- 6 specifications.
- 7 Typically, Intel is doing very extended tests
- 8 of a new system, for instance, containing the
- 9 synchronous DRAM interface and it just happens that
- 10 they -- some things come up which have been overseen
- 11 before and they will be added to the spec, and that is
- 12 what Intel did.
- 13 O. Were you aware of any inconsistency between the
- 14 JEDEC standards and the Intel specification?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And by the way, when you were the director of
- 17 technical marketing for standard memories, did you ever
- 18 have any discussions with customers concerning the
- 19 Intel PC100 or PC133 specifications?
- 20 A. I cannot remember if this was still an issue
- 21 back when I assumed that position in 1999. I think
- 22 back then most of the issues had been already cleared
- 23 up on JEDEC level. But essentially what I told
- 24 customers is what I just told you before. It's an
- 25 add-on to the synchronous spec and eventually it got

- 1 into the JEDEC common specification as well.
- Q. Well, at the time, for example, you had
- 3 discussions with customers concerning the JEDEC
- 4 standards, did you also have discussions concerning
- 5 the Intel PC100 or PC133 specifications?
- 6 A. I believe so, yes.
- 7 Q. Did you have an understanding of whether your
- 8 customers were focused on the JEDEC standards or on the
- 9 Intel specifications or on both?
- 10 A. They were -- wanted essentially to know what
- 11 the differences are, and my job was to explain that
- they aren't really differences, but the Intel spec was
- 13 an addendum to the -- it included some of the
- 14 parameters which had to be specified, so it was not
- 15 exclusive. It was an addendum.
- Q. You've testified with respect to standardized
- memory, but today in your current job you sell
- 18 specialty parts that are not JEDEC-compliant; is that
- 19 right?
- 20 A. This is correct.
- 21 Q. Now, do you sell any of these specialty parts
- for the same uses as JEDEC-compliant standard memory?
- 23 A. Partially yes, but mostly no.
- Q. Can you explain some of the uses of the
- 25 specialized memory?

1 A. Examples are the reduced latency DRAM. This

- 2 will be sold to customers like -- customers like Cisco
- 3 or others in that area.
- 4 My graphics DRAMs are being sold to graphics
- 5 companies. Examples are NVidia and ATI.
- And cellular DRAM will be sold to phone
- 7 companies. Examples are Motorola and Kyocera.
- This is what I mean, the traditional PC
- 9 companies are a little different than the customers I
- 10 typically sell to. But as an example, the mobile RAM,
- 11 for instance, I sell to HP, Dell and IBM as well, so
- 12 it's a mixture.
- 13 O. Now, I believe you testified that Infineon does
- sell a small volume of specialty parts for use --
- 15 specialized parts for uses similar to those of
- 16 standardized parts?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And can you explain what some of those uses
- 19 are?
- 20 A. It's used in cellular phones, in PDAs, switches
- 21 and routers, graphics cards, those kinds of
- 22 applications, not directly related to PC, laptops or
- 23 servers.
- Q. Now, how does the price of specialty DRAMs
- compare to the price of standardized DRAMs?

1 A. It's higher compared with the same density.

- 2 Q. Now, why would a customer purchase a
- 3 specialized part for a use similar to a use of a
- 4 standardized part if the price is higher?
- 5 MR. STONE: Objection, Your Honor. I don't
- 6 know that this witness can testify to why different
- 7 customers make the decisions they make in terms of
- 8 choosing what products to purchase. I think he can
- 9 only testify to what as someone trying to sell them
- 10 the product thinks are the reasons that might influence
- 11 them or what he understands may influence --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, response?
- 13 MR. OLIVER: I'll rephrase it, restate it.
- 14 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 15 Q. What is your understanding with respect to why
- 16 a customer would purchase a specialty part for a
- 17 particular use that may be similar to use of a
- 18 standardized part?
- 19 A. I'll give you an example. Customers need
- 20 specialized parts for specialized applications where
- they can't use the JEDEC-compliant parts.
- 22 A very simple example, for instance, a cell
- 23 phone. When you use a standard part, the battery
- 24 lifetime is in the order of one day. If you use the
- 25 mobile RAM, which has much lower power of the same

1 interface, but battery life can be extended to over

- 2 three to four days, so that's why they use this
- 3 specialized part and pay more for this part in this
- 4 particular application.
- 5 Typically what customers pay for is either very
- 6 low power or high speed, higher speed or lower power
- 7 than the JEDEC-compliant parts.
- 8 Q. Now, in your position as director of technical
- 9 marketing for standard memories, were you also
- 10 responsible for Rambus RDRAM?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what were your responsibilities with
- respect to RDRAM?
- 14 A. Rambus was, besides synchronous and double data
- 15 rate, my third product family that I had to validate
- 16 the product. What I validated in particular was the
- 17 144-megabit Rambus DRAM from Infineon.
- 18 Q. So in other words, this is an Infineon-produced
- 19 product?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. An Infineon-produced RDRAM memory device?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. And what do you do to support customers with
- respect to the 144-megabit RDRAM product?
- 25 A. I validated the Rambus DRAM with the -- to make

1 sure that the Rambus DRAM works together with the

- 2 controller, which came from Intel. It's a validation
- 3 process that had been set up by two companies
- 4 essentially, which was Rambus and Intel.
- 5 My job was to make sure that the 144-megabit
- 6 worked flawlessly in the Rambus applications.
- 7 Q. As part of your responsibilities, did you ever
- 8 explain to customers the benefits of the 144-megabit
- 9 RDRAM product?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what benefits did you explain to
- 12 customers?
- 13 A. The Rambus product was obviously much higher in
- speed and it had a narrower, a smaller pin count, which
- saves some costs on the system level.
- Q. And as part of your responsibilities, did you
- 17 ever explain to customers any of the disadvantages of
- 18 RDRAM?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And what disadvantages of RDRAM did you explain
- 21 to customers?
- 22 A. That RDRAM had a higher cost, which was -- and
- 23 a higher price which was based on the higher cost
- 24 structure because the chip was bigger than the standard
- 25 DRAM and there were increased test costs because of the

- 1 speed, as an example.
- 2 It was a new package as well and some other
- 3 items that added to the cost of the product.
- 4 Q. Did you ever express any preference to
- 5 customers toward either SDRAM or RDRAM?
- A. No. And essentially it's the customer's
- 7 decision which controller is being designed into a
- 8 particular motherboard and that dictates the usage of
- 9 the memory.
- 10 Q. Well, with respect to any particular uses, did
- 11 you ever recommend to customers that they use either
- 12 SDRAMs or RDRAMs for any particular uses?
- 13 A. No. The customers usually know -- have done
- 14 the system evolution before and their system -- their
- 15 system evolution in order to determine what memory
- 16 works best for them. They usually have a very clear
- opinion what they want, and me, as a supplier company,
- we have a very clear view that we supply every chip
- 19 that we can produce that a customer wants. We are not
- 20 giving recommendations.
- 21 Q. So you just support what the customer chose?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Did you ever hear any feedback from customers
- 24 concerning Infineon's RDRAM design?
- 25 A. Yeah. Some of the feedback was --

1 MR. STONE: Objection, Your Honor. This is

- 2 hearsay and it has no purpose unless it's being offered
- 3 for the truth and so I object on the grounds it's
- 4 hearsay.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Response?
- 6 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, it does go to the
- 7 issue of this witness' understanding but also goes to
- 8 the company's understanding.
- 9 They have made allegations that there was some
- 10 type of a conspiracy, that Infineon and other companies
- 11 were conspiring to keep RDRAM off the market, and I
- think this witness is testifying very much the
- opposite, and I believe that this testimony will
- 14 indicate that not only were they trying to support
- 15 their customers, but their customers were responding
- 16 favorably.
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: Overruled. I will hear the
- answer to the extent it goes to his personal knowledge
- 19 and understanding.
- 20 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 21 Q. Dr. Peisl, do you recall the question?
- 22 A. You were asking me about the customer feedback
- 23 from Rambus?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- A. For Rambus products?

1 Typically, we had relatively only a small

- 2 number of problems during the validation of the Rambus
- 3 parts. The feedback was usually rather positive.
- 4 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 8 Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a document marked
- 9 CX-2428. Do you recognize this document?
- 10 A. I recognize some portions of it, pages.
- 11 Q. How is it that you recognize certain pages or
- 12 certain portions of this document?
- 13 A. What we typically do at Infineon is that
- 14 several groups have presentations where they aggregate
- 15 information and other groups like me or the technical
- 16 marketing side, I extract some of the foils that I find
- 17 useful to present to customers.
- 18 Q. Could I ask you to look at this document and
- identify the pages that you recognize.
- 20 A. I recognize page 1 and 2, page 4 and page 9.
- 21 Yes, essentially.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn then, please, to
- 23 page 4.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. This is one of the documents that you had --

- one of the pages you had seen before?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And I'd like to focus on your understanding in
- 4 the 1999 to 2000 time frame.
- 5 What was your understanding of what was being
- 6 depicted on this page at that time?
- 7 A. My understanding was that it showed the
- 8 timeline for the engineering samples, qualification
- 9 samples and mass production. This is important
- information for the customer so that they know when
- 11 they can obtain the parts from -- those parts from
- 12 Infineon.
- 13 O. Now, is this information that you actually
- 14 presented to customers?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And can you please explain for us what you
- would have told customers with respect to this page?
- 18 A. I would have told them this is our schedule.
- 19 If you want to order engineering samples for a certain
- 20 module like 64 megabyte or so, these are the dates we
- 21 plan to produce or sample those modules. Please give
- 22 me your idea, how many modules you want.
- 23 My job was to, from the customer base, to
- 24 collect all the requirements, requests for the modules,
- and convey it back to the factory.

1 Q. Now, if I could direct your attention to the

- 2 next to last line: Intel validation is scheduled for
- 3 early 9-99. Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What was your understanding of what that
- 6 referred to?
- 7 A. The Intel validation ensured -- this was
- 8 exactly my job, what I did -- the Intel validation
- 9 ensured that the part was fully compliant with the
- 10 Intel controller Rambus specification and that our part
- 11 was working flawlessly in the chip -- in a system where
- 12 the controller chip was an Intel Rambus chip.
- 13 Q. Now, the Intel validation, was that, in your
- mind, was that important?
- 15 A. What's that?
- 16 O. The Intel validation that's referred to in the
- 17 next to last line, in your mind, was that important?
- 18 A. That was important to the customers who used
- 19 the Rambus DRAM, yes.
- 20 Q. Now, was it important for Infineon to obtain
- 21 that validation?
- 22 A. Of course.
- Q. And why is that?
- A. Because our -- we are supplying DRAMs to the
- 25 industry and the -- our customers were expecting us to

1 provide the chips when they needed to ramp the

- 2 platforms and fulfill our promises.
- 3 Q. Now, did Infineon in fact obtain Intel
- 4 validation of its 144-megabit RDRAM part?
- 5 A. Yes. We passed the validation.
- 6 Q. Do you recall when you passed that validation?
- 7 A. Not exactly, but it was in late 1999. It was
- 8 around that time frame.
- 9 Q. So more or less the time frame that was
- 10 anticipated by this document?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 9
- 13 of CX-2428.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, is this also one of the pages that you
- recall having seen in 1999 or 2000 time frame?
- 17 A. Yes. I presented this page to customers.
- 18 Q. Now, again, based on your understanding in that
- 19 time period, what did you understand this page to be
- 20 depicting?
- 21 A. This page describes the relative, expressed in
- 22 percentage points, cost adder of Rambus DRAM in
- reference to a x16M synchronous DRAM in a TSOP package
- 24 and it describes the different components of the cost
- 25 adder.

1 Q. Now, with respect to the term "cost adder,"

- 2 what was your understanding of what that meant?
- 3 A. Cost adder means that it was for us, Infineon,
- 4 as a DRAM supplier, more costly to produce this part in
- 5 reference to a standard SDRAM part. This of course
- 6 finds some expression in the price. And customers were
- 7 very interested in the portions of the cost adder in
- 8 order for them to understand what the cost adders were,
- 9 how would they come down over time. It's a very
- 10 important assessment of the customers to determine to
- 11 choose one technology over another.
- 12 Q. Now, with respect to the cost adders coming
- down over time, what did you explain to customers?
- 14 A. I did explain that, what is depicted on the
- 15 foil. Once we go in the density of generations, 64M,
- 16 128M, 256M, which is in parallel on the timeline, time
- scale as well, the cost adders would go down from
- around 55 percent to 20 percent.
- 19 Q. Now, if I could direct your attention to the
- 20 box on the right-hand side of the page, what was your
- 21 understanding of what was depicted in that box?
- 22 A. It was the different components that
- 23 constituted the cost adder, which is mostly all of the
- 24 components that we -- cost components that we have in
- 25 producing DRAM chips.

1 Q. If I could direct your attention first to die

- 2 size, what was your understanding of what was meant by
- 3 "die size"?
- 4 A. Die size is the chip area with which a certain
- 5 density can be produced.
- 6 Q. And based on your understanding, why was die
- 7 size a cost adder for the RDRAM?
- 8 A. Die size is a cost adder -- Infineon, as every
- 9 other DRAM company, is a wafer company. We produce
- 10 wafers. And the more chips we can sell off a wafer,
- 11 the more revenue we make, so our tendency is to make a
- 12 chip smaller in order to get more chips off the wafer,
- so increasing a die size or a chip size means that we
- 14 increase our costs.
- 15 O. Now, with respect to the next item, process,
- 16 what was your understanding of what that term referred
- 17 to?
- 18 A. My understanding was that process, the Rambus
- 19 process, because of the high speed requirements, had
- 20 some adders in the standard DRAM process, some better
- 21 control and higher-performing transistors which added
- in additional process steps, adding to the cost.
- Q. Now, the next item, yield loss, what was your
- 24 understanding of what that term referred to?
- 25 A. Yield loss is the same thing. Typically we

- 1 have a yield, meaning that all -- all of the chips on
- 2 the wafer perform the specification. Obviously some
- 3 fall out, for instance, because they're too slow, for
- 4 example. Because of the high performance requirements
- of Rambus chips, the yield loss was higher as compared
- 6 to the standard synchronous SDRAM.
- 7 Q. The next item is assembly. Can you please
- 8 explain your understanding of what that item referred
- 9 to?
- 10 A. Rambus chips had to be assembled in a BGA, ball
- 11 grid array package, which at that time '99 and
- 12 2000 were more costly than the standard TSOP plastic
- package, so producing the Rambus product added some
- 14 assembly cost or packaging cost.
- 15 Q. The next item is test. Can you please explain
- 16 your understanding of what that term referred to?
- 17 A. The Rambus chips were running at higher
- 18 frequencies, meaning that the standard testers that we
- 19 used for synchronous parts could not be used for
- 20 testing Rambus products. We had to invest in new
- 21 testers, high-speed testers, in order to be able to
- 22 test the Rambus parts. That's resulting in added cost
- 23 as well.
- Q. The next item is RIMM, R-I-M-M. What was your
- 25 understanding of what that referred to?

1 A. RIMMs are the modules where the Rambus chips

- 2 are assembled on, and RIMM development was new as well,
- 3 was a separate product line, a new package which could
- 4 not be used for anything else, so that was another
- 5 additive cost factor.
- Q. And the final item, other RDRAM specific
- 7 costs, what was your understanding of what that
- 8 referred to?
- 9 A. The Rambus product line was simply a very
- 10 separated line. Other costs that are hard to figure --
- 11 to factor in are, for instance, that you can't use the
- 12 Rambus tester for something else or the RIMM module
- 13 line for something else, it can be used only for this
- 14 part, so we had some overhead in the manufacturing
- 15 facilities producing Rambus.
- This is not pertaining to the synchronous parts
- because they became a dynamic issue between chip
- 18 generations, for instance.
- 19 Q. And I believe that you testified that you
- 20 explained to customers that these various cost adders
- 21 would come down 55 percent to 20 percent as densities
- 22 increased.
- 23 Did you explain to customers any time frame or
- time scale over which you expected that, those cost
- adders to come down?

1 A. Yes. I described essentially the time frame

- which is depicted here, which means back in 1999, in
- 3 two or three years they would come down 50 to
- 4 20 percent, and this gives the customer an indication
- of the tendency how the price will develop.
- 6 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 9 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 10 Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a document marked as
- 11 CX-2451. Do you recognize this document?
- 12 A. Yes. The most portion of it I've used in my
- 13 presentations. I have not used --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: He's not asked you, sir, if you
- 15 employed it. He just wants to know if you've seen it,
- so you've answered that.
- 17 THE WITNESS: If I've seen it? Yes.
- 18 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 19 Q. Okay. If I could ask you to turn, please, to
- 20 page 6, the page with the caption DDR DRAM. It has a
- 21 magnifying glass in the right-hand side. Do you see
- that page?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, the caption there reads "DDR/PC266 does
- 25 require" and then the first bullet point "its own

- 1 chipset." Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Can you please explain your understanding in
- 4 the 1999 time frame as to what was meant by that
- 5 phrase?
- 6 A. Chipset or, as a synonymous word for that,
- 7 controller, chip DRAM controller chip, are the chips
- 8 that are produced by companies like Intel and AMD over
- 9 the years and they are the main chip interface to the
- 10 DRAM.
- 11 What this sentence means here, that you cannot
- 12 use the chipsets or the controller chips, you cannot
- use the same existing chips for both SDR and DDR
- 14 interfaces, you need a new chip in order to be able to
- interface to a DDR memory.
- 16 Q. Then the next bullet point underneath that
- reads "a new motherboard." Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And can you please explain again your
- 20 understanding of, in the 1999 time frame, what was
- 21 meant by that bullet point?
- 22 A. The understanding was that a new DRAM interface
- like DDR needs a different layout of motherboards,
- 24 needs different components of the motherboard, needs a
- 25 different design of the motherboard, needs different

1 modules on the motherboard for the interfaces where the

- 2 DRAM is interfacing, needs, for instance, a new BIOS as
- 3 well, so it's a new development.
- 4 Q. If I could direct your attention then to the
- 5 last line of the page, it says, "But customers are
- 6 saying that DDR is easier to implement than direct
- 7 Rambus." Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And again, did you have an understanding in
- 10 the 1999 time frame of what was meant by that
- 11 sentence?
- 12 A. DDR was an evolutionary concept in regards to
- 13 SDR on JEDEC level. Several features of SDR had been
- 14 taken over into DDR, so it was more or less a logical
- step for the industry committee to go from SDR to DDR
- and this is meant by the engineering word "easier."
- 17 Several of the components of the controller
- 18 design of the BIOS, all the previous elements that I
- 19 mentioned before, had to be changed in the transition
- 20 from SDR to DDR, but the changes were evolutionary or
- 21 incremental and not revolutionary. That led the
- 22 customer -- led them to the opinion that it was simply
- less costly and easier to implement a DDR solution in
- 24 contrast to a direct Rambus solution.
- 25 O. If I could ask you to turn next, please, to

- 1 page 9 of CX-2451.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Could you please explain your understanding in
- 4 1999 time frame of what was being depicted on this
- 5 page.
- A. This page describes the differences between
- 7 Rambus and double data rate based on our understanding
- 8 back then in 1999. It describes the different features
- 9 where we thought -- or where the customers thought and
- 10 we thought as well as Infineon that double data rate
- 11 was superior to Rambus.
- 12 Q. If I could direct your attention to the first
- bullet point in each of the columns, under Rambus it
- 14 reads "proprietary standard of Rambus/Intel" followed
- by arrow "payment of royalties"?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. On the double data rate side it reads "open
- 18 standard, "arrow, "no royalties."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Again focusing on the 1999 time frame, what was
- your understanding of what was meant by those bullet
- 23 points?
- 24 A. Based on the experience of all the standards
- 25 that had been standardized at JEDEC, all of the

1 standards had been open, meaning they were free, could

- 2 be used by everyone without any royalty payments. And
- 3 JEDEC meetings and the procedures of the JEDEC meetings
- 4 ensured that standards are open.
- 5 Q. With respect to the left-hand column, the
- 6 bullet there reading "proprietary standard of
- 7 Rambus/Intel payment of royalties, " do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What was your understanding of what was meant
- 10 by that bullet point?
- 11 A. My understanding was that Rambus was charging
- 12 royalties for every company who were producing their
- parts, the direct Rambus interface.
- 14 Q. And did you have an understanding of what parts
- were subject to Rambus royalties?
- 16 A. Were subject to royalties?
- 17 Q. To Rambus royalties?
- 18 A. Their 144-megabit direct Rambus parts. They're
- 19 the parts with the direct Rambus interface.
- MR. OLIVER: May I approach?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 23 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a document marked as
- 25 CX-2457. Do you recognize this document?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is this document?
- 3 A. This document is a summary of product marketing
- 4 about chipset driver road maps and the influence on the
- 5 customer side.
- 6 O. And CX-2457 was created by Intel
- 7 representatives; is that correct?
- 8 A. No. It's created by Infineon representatives
- 9 and summarizes our view of the road map.
- 10 Q. Thank you. I misspoke.
- 11 Can you explain why Infineon was following
- 12 chipset driver road maps at this time?
- 13 A. The job of product marketing at Infineon is to
- 14 find out what Intel and other chipset vendors intend to
- 15 produce in a controller or chipset, chipsets, in the
- 16 future with which interface.
- 17 It has two major effects on our company. The
- 18 one is of course which products we should develop in
- 19 order to interface with those controllers and which
- 20 products should we develop when -- in order to be ready
- 21 when the, for instance, Intel chipsets or VIA or AMD
- 22 chipsets come out. That was one portion of it.
- The other portion is our customers, HP, Dell,
- 24 et cetera, are looking do they have the same
- 25 information and trying to ramp their own platforms

1 accordingly. It was a very important issue for us in

- 2 order to determine approximately which DRAMs we should
- 3 produce and develop in the near future.
- Q. I'd like to follow up on a couple of points on
- 5 this page just to be certain that the record is clear.
- 6 You said one function of following the chipsets
- 7 is so that Infineon would know which products to
- 8 produce; is that right?
- 9 A. Which DRAM products to produce.
- 10 Q. Okay. Can you explain that in a little more
- 11 detail, please?
- 12 A. I'll give you an example. On the -- on page 4,
- on the left side is an Intel P6/P3 bullet there and it
- 14 says that this particular chipset will be produced with
- 15 two RIMMs per channel. This is a signal for us that we
- 16 have to have RIMM development ready or RIMM validation
- by then and that our customers most probably want to
- 18 have RIMMs or Rambus chips interfacing with this
- 19 process at that time.
- Q. And the reference to RIMM that you just made,
- 21 that's a reference to the Rambus module; is that
- 22 right?
- 23 A. That was just one reference, yes. And it
- 24 pertains to the SDRAM and DDR interfaces as well. It
- was just an example.

1 Q. Now, going back to your earlier answer, I

- 2 believe that you also said something to the effect that
- 3 Infineon was following this so it would know which
- 4 chipset models would follow its DRAMs. Did I
- 5 understand you correctly?
- A. What we do when we see a chipset road map and
- 7 we have seen, for instance, back at that time Intel had
- 8 two chipset road maps. One was going the Rambus
- 9 direction. One was going to the SDR Rambus. It is an
- important information for us to know what they have to
- 11 produce both kinds of DRAMs, the Rambus parts and the
- 12 SDRAM parts, so that information for the development
- 13 which chips to produce.
- 14 In the interim, it's very good information for
- 15 the salespeople as well because they know, for
- instance, that this chipset from Intel or whatever
- other company is ready and most probably IBM or HP or
- 18 whatever will use that and the use will need to have
- 19 those memories.
- We are working -- our salespeople are usually
- 21 working on an allocation basis, meaning they try to
- 22 match -- get as much chips they can in order to satisfy
- their customer, so this is an essential part of the
- 24 information.
- MR. OLIVER: May I approach?

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a document marked as
- 5 CX-2455. Do you recognize that document?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. And what is that document?
- 8 A. It's a description of the Infineon product road
- 9 maps in the second half of 1999 time frame issued at
- 10 that time and it depicts the product road map for the
- 11 next two years.
- 12 Q. Now, if I could ask you to turn, please, to
- 13 page 5 in CX-2455.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And again focusing on your understanding in the
- 16 1999 and 2000 time frame, what was your understanding
- of what was depicted on page 5 of CX-2455?
- 18 A. It described the engineering samples,
- 19 qualification samples and ramp of mass production of
- 20 the Rambus DRAMs that we produced.
- 21 And as a side comment, there's a mistake on
- that foil. The right half should read 2001, not 2000.
- 23 Q. If I could direct your attention to the
- 24 left-hand side, there's a number that reads 144M. Do
- you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Is that the 144-megabit RDRAM part that you've
- 3 testified about earlier today?
- 4 A. Exactly. Yes.
- 5 Q. And can you please explain what the black bar
- 6 to the right of that means?
- 7 A. What it should be the kind of symbolism in our
- 8 road map is that we ramp the product starting beginning
- 9 second quarter of 2000 and for each full production
- 10 level that we want to achieve by the end of the second
- 11 quarter of 2000 this is the ramp. Then we intend to
- 12 produce the product through the first quarter of
- 13 2001 and then we ramp down in towards the second
- 14 quarter of 2001.
- Q. And if I could direct your attention below
- that, there's a line that reads 288M. Do you see
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And what did that refer to?
- 20 A. That is the same description for the
- 21 288-megabit Rambus DRAM.
- Q. In other words, the follow-on product?
- 23 A. The production would start in the first quarter
- 24 of 2001. There is a triangle and a circle in there.
- 25 The triangle depicts first engineering samples, which

1 means first working silicon, of a 288-megabit Rambus

- 2 DRAM which was delivered or could be ordered by
- 3 customers in the second quarter of 2000.
- 4 And qualification samples meaning samples of
- 5 better quality, samples that can be used in order to
- 6 qualify a platform, which were available at the
- 7 beginning of 2001. Usually shortly after the
- 8 qualification samples we start mass production.
- 9 Q. Now, did Infineon intend the 288-megabit RDRAM
- 10 product to replace the 144-megabit RDRAM product?
- 11 A. That was the idea. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now, the explanation you've given me this
- morning, is that similar to the explanation that you
- 14 gave to customers at the time?
- 15 A. I did it the very same way, yes.
- 16 O. Excuse me?
- 17 A. I did it the very same way.
- 18 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 7
- 19 of CX-2455.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And again focusing on the 1999 to 2000 time
- frame, can you please explain your understanding of
- what was being depicted on page 7 of CX-2455?
- A. That described our DDR DRAM road map route,
- 25 128-megabit, 256-megabit and 512 megabit. We have been

1 starting with the 256-megabit DRAM followed by the

- 2 128-megabit and then followed by the 512-megabit DDR
- 3 DRAM.
- 4 Q. Again, is this a slide that you used in your
- 5 customer presentations?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. The 256-megabit part that is depicted on the
- 8 page, is that the part for which you were the design
- 9 manager?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, next to the 256-megabit part over the bar
- indicating the ramp-up it reads "limited volume
- availability." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Can you please explain your understanding in
- 16 1999 to 2000 time frame what was indicated by that?
- 17 A. We had unintentionally or what -- we had not
- 18 planned enough volume capability for the first DDR
- 19 part, meaning that we had only a limited amount of test
- 20 lists and minimum amount of wafer starts in order to
- 21 produce this product.
- Usually when we add this little sentence to a
- 23 product road map it should signify to the customer that
- we don't have unlimited supply, which we usually have
- 25 with all of the other products.

1 Q. Did Infineon want to limit the volume of that

- 2 product?
- 3 A. We wanted the opposite, but we didn't have all
- 4 the money to create the tools, et cetera, so we were
- 5 still in a growth rate back then.
- 6 Q. If I could direct your attention to the first
- 7 product, the 128M, I assume that's 128-megabit
- 8 product?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And the ramp-up bar to the right of that is
- 11 striped or shaded, it's not fully dark.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. What was your understanding at the time of what
- was indicated by that?
- 15 A. What was it?
- 16 Q. What was your understanding at the time what
- was meant by the fact that the bar was not solid but
- was striped or shaded?
- 19 A. It was a product that product marketing
- 20 intended to produce, but from an operations and from a
- 21 development side we hadn't procured all the resources
- 22 yet. As I mentioned before, we were still in the
- growth phase, in a huge growth phase at that time,
- 24 1999-2000, so our indication to the customer was, yes,
- 25 we do intend to do that product, but we simply don't

- 1 know now yet, we don't have all the resources yet.
- 2 Q. Was that an indication that volume of that part
- 3 might also be limited?
- 4 A. I wouldn't think so. The limitation of volume
- 5 would usually come either because we didn't have
- 6 enough resources, we had only one fab back then, one
- 7 fabrication site, all the products competed in there,
- 8 and we did build several fab -- subsequent fabrication
- 9 sites in order to release -- reduce the demand or
- 10 customer demand. That's the only thing we could do
- 11 it.
- 12 Q. I also see in the various bars it reads "JEDEC
- 13 COMP." Do you see that?
- 14 A. JEDEC compatible, yes.
- 15 Q. What did that refer to?
- A. It referred to the fact that all the DDR parts
- that we produced were complying with the JEDEC
- 18 specification.
- 19 Q. By the way, focusing again on the 256-megabit
- 20 part, if I recall your earlier testimony, this is the
- 21 part in which the design work started in early 1998; is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. This is correct.
- Q. And this page here indicates that ramp-up and
- 25 mass production is expected in the second quarter of

- 1 2000; is that right?
- 2 A. This is correct.
- 3 Q. With full volume production occurring first in
- 4 the third quarter of 2000; is that right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And do you recall whether the actual production
- 7 of the 256-megabit part followed the projections in
- 8 this document?
- 9 A. I believe so, yes.
- 10 Q. Now, Dr. Peisl, at some point did you learn
- 11 that Rambus was asserting patent rights against
- 12 companies that manufactured or used SDRAMs?
- 13 A. It was public news more or less in somewhere in
- 14 the first half of -- I forget the exact date -- in the
- 15 2000 year time frame. There was an Internet news, as
- 16 we call it, what we get on the e-mail, that there was a
- 17 dispute between Rambus and Hitachi.
- 18 MR. OLIVER: May I approach?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a document marked
- 23 CX-2459. This is an e-mail from Willi Meyer and the --
- 24 some of the caption is in German, but the date there is
- 25 March 13, 2000; is that right?

1 A. This is correct, March 13, 2000. At 6 o'clock

- 2 in the evening.
- Q. And if you look at the cc line, you're one of
- 4 the recipients of this e-mail; is that right?
- 5 A. Yeah. I'm down there in the third to last
- 6 line, Martin -- Peisl, Martin, Infineon Technologies
- 7 Corporation.
- 8 Q. If I could direct your attention to the second
- 9 to last paragraph of this e-mail.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Actually, before I do that, let me direct your
- 12 attention toward the top. It reads there "JEDEC
- highlights 6 to 9 March 2000." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Was this an e-mail from Willi Meyer concerning
- the JEDEC meeting in March of 2000?
- 17 A. Yes. That was his summary report.
- 18 Q. And if I can direct your attention to the next
- 19 to last paragraph, it reads, "Rambus versus Hitachi
- 20 case is considered a serious threat to the whole
- 21 industry."
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall whether you learned of the Rambus
- 25 suit against Hitachi in this e-mail or whether you

1 already knew of that at the time you received this

- 2 e-mail?
- 3 A. I don't recall specifically if I have learned
- 4 it from off that e-mail. I would suspect that I saw it
- 5 on the Internet before.
- 6 Q. But in any event, would it be fair to say --
- 7 A. Or around that time frame.
- 8 Q. But in any event, would it be fair to say that
- 9 around March of 2000 or so is when you learned --
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. -- of the Rambus lawsuit against Hitachi?
- Now, at the time that you learned of the Rambus
- lawsuit against Hitachi, you were still in your
- 14 position of director of technical marketing for
- 15 standard memories; is that right?
- 16 A. This is correct.
- 17 Q. Now, if you look at the next to last paragraph,
- 18 starting the second line, it reads, "AMI-2 president
- 19 Desi Rhoden was asked by Hitachi to present
- 20 work-around at JEDEC, which he did; Micron also
- 21 presented frequency selection in lieu of latency
- 22 programming."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. Now, at the time that you learned about the

1 Rambus lawsuit against Hitachi, did you recommend that

- 2 Infineon go back to JEDEC and seek a revised SDRAM or
- 3 DDR SDRAM standard to work around the Rambus patents?
- 4 A. No, I did not recommend that.
- Q. Why not?
- A. In 2000, the advancements of the SDR and DDR
- 7 specifications had already reached a degree that the
- 8 complete industry, the DRAM industry, motherboard
- 9 industry, the components industry, the module industry
- 10 and the controller industry, has reached -- had reached
- 11 a level of implementation of the JEDEC-related
- 12 standards that it would have been very hard and very
- 13 costly and I would say near impossible to go back and
- 14 to implement any substantial changes back in the
- 15 2000 time frame.
- 16 Changes typically in specifications can be
- implemented only in the very early phase of discussion
- 18 but not in a very late phase where it would be very
- 19 painful, and this is a sentiment for costly to change
- 20 everything, and I'm again not talking alone for us as a
- 21 DRAM supplier, I'm talking for the whole industry and
- the customers as well.
- 23 Q. Based on your understanding in the
- 24 March 2000 time frame, why did you understand it would
- 25 be costly for the industry to try to change standards

- 1 at that time?
- 2 MR. STONE: Your Honor, there's no reasonable
- 3 basis for his understanding to be relevant to this
- 4 case. He's expressed his understanding. This is a
- 5 disguised way to get opinion testimony in from someone
- 6 who has not been qualified to give an opinion. We let
- 7 him testify that in his understanding it would be
- 8 costly, but now to go into the basis is really an
- 9 effort to get him to testify as an expert, which he's
- 10 not.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Response?
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I'm asking the
- 13 understanding and the foundation why it is that he did
- 14 not recommend to Infineon that Infineon go to JEDEC to
- try to have the standards changed.
- MR. STONE: My response to that, Your Honor, is
- there's simply no relevance to that. He's expressed it
- 18 in conclusory terms. We understand his view. But the
- 19 details that influenced his thinking are not relevant
- 20 to this case unless they're coming in in an effort to
- 21 prove that that is in fact the case, and if it is
- 22 trying to prove that that's in fact the case, this
- 23 witness has not been qualified as an expert.
- And I didn't mean to say he's not an expert in
- 25 his field, and I apologize, Dr. Peisl, if I suggested

1 that, but he's not an expert with respect to --

- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 3 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, in the year 2000 time frame, in your
- 5 position of director of technical marketing for
- 6 standard memories within Infineon, you've described
- 7 quite a bit about what you've done with respect to
- 8 customers, interfacing customers.
- 9 Did your position carry any particular
- 10 responsibilities within Infineon?
- 11 A. Yes. Within Infineon I was a critical member
- of the chain bringing a product onto the market. My
- task was to ensure the technical validity of our chip
- 14 and the technical -- 100 percent technical
- 15 functionality of all our chips in all the platforms.
- Q. Would it be fair to say that you learned a fair
- amount about customers' needs through your job?
- 18 A. Absolutely. I'm -- I am daily together now and
- 19 back then as well for the standard products, most of my
- 20 e-mails come from customers.
- Q. Now, within Infineon, what, if anything, did
- you do with the information that you were learning from
- 23 customers?
- A. The usual how we treat customer requests is try
- 25 to answer them ourselves. That's our role as the

1 North American dependency of Infineon. When we need

- 2 help, usually containing more data or data that we
- don't have, we redirect the customer requests to our --
- 4 to the experts in our Munich headquarter.
- 5 Q. With respect to your interaction with
- 6 customers, did you ever learn anything with respect to
- 7 future customer plans or future customer needs?
- 8 A. Yes. Part of my responsibilities encompassed
- 9 presenting the road maps and getting the feedback from
- 10 the customers to our road maps, so what we have been
- 11 frequently discussing with customers is, as you saw
- before, we are introducing synchronous product at that
- time, a DDR product, a Rambus part, does that comply
- 14 with your road maps or is there any recommendation you
- 15 can give to us as a supplier in order to meet your
- 16 needs.
- Q. Now, within Infineon, what, if anything, did
- 18 you do with information of that sort you learned from
- 19 customers?
- 20 A. I forwarded it to the corresponding people that
- 21 needed to work with this information and collected that
- 22 information on a worldwide basis. I was collecting the
- 23 customer and the enabler feedback from North America.
- 24 There was customer feedback from Asia as well. They
- 25 all came together at our headquarters and then all this

1 information then resulted into the positions, which

- 2 product would be made when and which production plans
- 3 are being pursued and how many wafers are being,
- 4 et cetera.
- 5 So it's essentially the production planning.
- 6 Other issues that we talked with our customers
- 7 as well of course all the technical issues regarding
- 8 the JEDEC standards and the technical parameters in
- 9 conjunction with that.
- 10 Q. So would it be fair to say then that you were
- 11 one source of information from customers back to
- 12 headquarters of Infineon?
- 13 A. I would say I was the main technical source of
- 14 information for all technical problems back to the
- 15 headquarter in Germany, correct.
- 16 Q. Now, with respect to the time period around
- 17 March 2000 when you did not recommend that Infineon go
- 18 to JEDEC and seek to have the JEDEC standards changed,
- 19 what, if any, role in your thinking did your
- 20 understanding of the customer cost structure have?
- 21 A. We had been making presentations as has been
- demonstrated before about cost structures of our chips
- 23 to the customers. The customers essentially -- any
- 24 impact of changes usually are very painful in the
- 25 industry and the customers try to minimize changes, so

one of the interests and one of their -- one of my

- 2 tasks as a technical manager was to ensure that the
- 3 amount of technical changes were kept to a minimum and
- 4 the customers were satisfied with the standards that
- 5 they got.
- 6 It would be very painful -- Infineon couldn't
- 7 do anything on their own in changing parameters or
- 8 changing anything on the standards side because we
- 9 were -- we wouldn't -- we are only a part of the
- industry, and back then we weren't a big player in the
- 11 industry, and so any discussions with customers --
- 12 customers usually want to have a lot of things. They
- want to have the fastest chip at the lowest cost, and
- 14 my job was to explain to them why that wouldn't work
- and why any changes in the specifications, for
- 16 instance, regarding speed or power would require JEDEC
- 17 consensus before, which could not be driven by Infineon
- 18 alone but would have to be driven by the whole
- 19 industry.
- 20 Q. Focusing again on your understanding in March
- 21 of 2000, what was the basis of your understanding that
- 22 a change in the standard would be costly to the
- 23 customers?
- 24 MR. STONE: Again, Your Honor, this is the same
- 25 issue. It's an effort -- he's told us what his

1 understanding is. When he tries to get into the basis,

- 2 he's really trying to offer for the truth his opinions,
- 3 and he has not been designated as an expert. So it's
- 4 essentially the same objection to what is essentially
- 5 the same question.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, I'm going to
- 7 overrule that and I'm going to hear the answer to that
- 8 question.
- 9 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 THE WITNESS: The impact on the customers on
- 11 changing of standards are huge. One reason for that
- is -- I mean, there are essentially three huge impacts,
- and one is on the customer side, one is on Infineon or
- on any other supplier's side, and one is on the JEDEC
- 15 side as well.
- On the customer side, as I mentioned before,
- 17 the server design engineers and the server system
- 18 architects design in a system for several years,
- 19 meaning that they have to rely upon the fact that
- 20 standards are being changed and in particular that not
- 21 something is being deducted from an existing standard
- 22 because that could make the whole server architecture
- inoperable or working on less performance. And this
- 24 depends on every individual architecture. There could
- 25 be, theoretically, a case where some architectures are

1 disadvantages -- disadvantaged and some are not, like,

- 2 for instance, HP versus Sun or something like that.
- 3 So the customers' main concern was of course
- 4 that standards are not being changed and they're not
- 5 deducted any features going out of the standard. One
- 6 could add standards, and that was the frequent
- 7 discussion that we had with our customers, if they want
- 8 to have other features, but again it was -- Infineon
- 9 couldn't do that alone. We would sometimes propose
- something at JEDEC and try to get the industry
- 11 consensus on that.
- 12 Any change, particularly any deduction of
- 13 standard, if you -- it's very hard to change the rules
- in the middle of the game. When you have offered
- 15 certain options, certain features set to the customers,
- 16 we have no control which customer is using which
- 17 feature.
- 18 We had discussed the mode register set before.
- 19 There are numerous combinations of possibilities out
- 20 there. We do not know what our customers use. They --
- 21 for sure they use many of these combinations and we
- 22 have no control over that because it's optional.
- So to go back from that is very hard and would
- 24 require redesign of systems, of platforms, at the
- 25 customer base on the server platforms, et cetera, which

- 1 is a huge amount of cost.
- 2 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 3 Q. With respect to your testimony concerning
- 4 removal of features, can you give an example? Can you
- 5 give any examples of what you have in mind?
- A. Removing of features, for instance, as the
- 7 flexibility of choosing the burst length. As we know,
- 8 that, for instance, AMD and Intel-based controllers are
- 9 using different burst length, so removing one would
- 10 disadvantage one of the companies, which would be --
- 11 create a noncompetitive situation.
- 12 Q. Was it your understanding that that would be
- more difficult to do in 2000 than in the early 1990s?
- 14 A. In 2000, it would, for the reasons I just
- explained, would have been nearly impossible because
- there's a huge disparity first and a huge impact to do
- 17 that.
- 18 Back in the year 1992 or whatever, early '90s,
- 19 when the SDRAM standard was designed, it would have
- 20 been relatively easy to implement that, because once
- 21 you have your predicaments ready in order to -- you
- 22 give the designers a certain amount of options, they
- 23 usually live with that.
- 24 So back then, yes, it was relatively easy to
- 25 implement; eight years later to change an existing

- 1 standard is near impossible.
- 2 Q. You also made a reference to JEDEC focusing
- 3 again on your understanding in the March of 2000 time
- 4 period. Was there something about JEDEC that caused
- 5 you to conclude that you should not recommend that
- 6 Infineon seek to have JEDEC change the standard?
- 7 A. JEDEC is traditionally a very slowly moving
- 8 consortium, and there's a reason for that, because
- 9 there's so many companies involved, it's basically the
- 10 whole industry that produces parts for the PC and the
- laptop and the server business, so to try to reach
- 12 consensus at JEDEC, based on my experience, have been
- incredibly hard and tough.
- 14 In the last decade, essentially there were only
- 15 two standards that emerged for SDR and DDR, and that
- 16 was one of the issues. And the other issue is it's of
- 17 course a consensus-driven consortium, meaning that if
- 18 somebody at Infineon has a great idea or is driven by a
- 19 customer to have a great idea and it's proposing,
- there's no quarantee that this proposal will be
- 21 implemented like that at JEDEC level. There will be
- lots of discussion and in many cases it's watered down
- and modified, et cetera, to that extent.
- 24 But Infineon does not have the power to change
- 25 standards. That was one of the other reasons why I

- 1 didn't recommend that, anything.
- 2 Q. Focusing still on the March 2000 time period
- 3 when you did not recommend Infineon go back to JEDEC to
- 4 seek to get the standard changed, you were talking
- 5 about some of the work the companies had already done.
- 6 Now, obviously the SDRAM standard had been around quite
- 7 a bit longer than the DDR SDRAM standard.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Why didn't you recommend that Infineon go back
- 10 to JEDEC and seek to have the DDR SDRAM standard
- 11 revised?
- MR. STONE: Your Honor, this question has
- 13 already been asked and answered.
- 14 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I'm simply trying to
- 15 clarify as to whether the answers he had given
- 16 previously would apply equally to the DDR standard as
- 17 well as to the SDRAM standard.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll hear the question.
- 19 MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 THE WITNESS: For DDR, the developments have
- 21 been advanced quite a bit already. As I testified
- 22 earlier, we started development of the SDR in early
- 23 1998, so in 2000 there was already a lot of movement in
- 24 design in the industry to design chips towards the DDR
- 25 standard.

1 Changing an existing standard just in general

- 2 and even an emerging standard like DDR and even a lot
- 3 of people have thought about DDR-II back then, like
- 4 server people, which I explained before that they are
- 5 using much longer designing cycles, is very painful and
- 6 it's not competitive because it would advantage some
- 7 companies who incidentally are designing in that
- 8 direction of the change already and it would
- 9 disadvantage other companies who are not designing in
- 10 that direction.
- So the JEDEC committee is very hesitant to go
- 12 back and deduct something from existing standards.
- 13 Adding to standards is always okay because the
- 14 standard is compatible, but not deducting. And at
- 15 that time, 2000, a lot of the DDR stuff was already
- finalized and we had been ramping our first DDR
- 17 product then.
- 18 O. You've referred to the work that Infineon had
- done on DDR.
- 20 Again, based on your understanding as director
- of technical marketing in the 1999 and 2000 time frame,
- 22 had Infineon customers done work on products
- incorporating DDR SDRAM memory?
- 24 MR. STONE: Your Honor, he's not qualified to
- 25 testify to what customers have done.

1 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, that was his job

- 2 function.
- 3 MR. STONE: It's based on hearsay. It's based
- 4 on what they told him. And that's -- we don't have a
- 5 chance to cross-examine the ultimate source, so it's
- 6 hearsay and it denies us the right to cross-examine
- 7 customers as to what they've actually done.
- 8 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, it's based on his
- 9 work, what did customers do to standardize the memory.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Let's be very careful as
- 11 exactly where we're going here on this line of
- 12 questioning, Mr. Oliver.
- I mean, I'm not going to let it -- I'm not
- 14 going to let in just broad hearsay, but this is part of
- his job, so I'm going to entertain his answer, but
- let's try to stay as far away as we can from anything
- other than his personal knowledge in this area.
- 18 MR. OLIVER: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Based on my experience with the
- 20 customers, the customers had progressed in their
- 21 designing of platforms and have SDR and DDR quite a bit
- 22 already. There were DDR chipsets available. SDR
- 23 chipsets were numerous by all suppliers. And all of
- them had built in the components that I mentioned
- 25 before, modules, motherboards, BIOS, that comprise a

1 wonderful computer platforms comprising. And it would

- 2 have been very painful for the customers to change
- 3 that.
- It would not have affected only us as a DRAM
- 5 supplier; it would have affected all the other
- 6 suppliers as well. Motherboards would have to be
- 7 redesigned, controller would have to be reissued and
- 8 BIOS would have to be rewritten. It's all a very
- 9 costly issue.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Thank you. I pass the witness,
- 11 Your Honor.
- MR. STONE: Can I ask a few questions before we
- 13 break for lunch?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Go ahead.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. STONE:
- 17 Q. Hello, Dr. Peisl. How are you?
- 18 A. Good.
- 19 Q. If you're responsible for the good weather, if
- 20 you brought it from California, we all thank you.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: That's only good I think for
- 22 today and tomorrow it's more like Cleveland.
- THE WITNESS: I apologize for that.
- 24 BY MR. STONE:
- 25 O. I'm afraid that gives us some sense of

- 1 Dr. Peisl's travel schedule back.
- 2 Dr. Peisl, in March of 2000, you got this
- 3 e-mail from Mr. Meyer about the Hitachi lawsuit and you
- 4 didn't recommend to JEDEC that they change the
- 5 standards.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you go to any JEDEC meetings after that?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Did you hear what happened at JEDEC about
- 10 whether recommendations were made to change the
- 11 standards or not?
- 12 A. No. As an explanation, back then, my JEDEC --
- I was very interested in JEDEC when I was a design
- manager because that's the front portion. Back then, I
- was responsible for validating existing products into
- 16 platforms and so I was less interested in JEDEC.
- Q. So in March of 2000, if you had wanted to
- 18 change the JEDEC standards, that would have been
- something outside of your job?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. In March of 2000, after you heard about the
- 22 Hitachi lawsuit, what did you recommend that Infineon
- 23 do?
- A. Nothing.
- 25 O. Okay. You knew at that time that products

1 being manufactured by Infineon infringed Rambus

- patents, didn't you?
- 3 A. No, I did not know that.
- 4 Q. You knew that you manufactured the same
- 5 products that Hitachi manufactured, didn't you?
- 6 A. This is correct.
- 7 Q. If the Hitachi products infringed, yours
- 8 infringed; correct?
- 9 A. If the Hitachi product had infringed, yes, then
- 10 yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. So then did you make a recommendation to
- investigate whether the products infringed?
- 13 A. No. That was not my job.
- Q. Okay. Did you recommend anything?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Didn't you in September of 2000 convene a
- meeting in Munich, Germany of your competitors to
- discuss, among other things, Rambus' patents?
- 19 A. In September 2000 I was in Munich, this is
- 20 correct. I did not discuss with my competitors about
- 21 Rambus patents.
- 22 Q. There was a meeting that lasted, which you
- told us in your deposition, you attended for several
- hours where one of the discussions was Rambus'
- 25 patents. Is your testimony -- have you changed that

- 1 testimony now?
- 2 A. No, I don't change that.
- 3 Q. Okay. There was a meeting; right?
- 4 A. It was privileged. Privileged.
- 5 Q. No, no. I'm not asking you about what was
- 6 said yet. We're going to get into whether it's
- 7 privileged.
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. But I just want to establish, you had a
- 10 meeting; correct?
- 11 A. We had a meeting.
- 12 Q. Yes.
- And people were there from Hynix?
- 14 A. This is correct.
- 15 Q. And people were there from Micron?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And people were there from Infineon?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And what other companies had people there?
- 20 A. Intel and Samsung.
- Q. Okay. And some of them brought their own
- 22 lawyers; correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And the group of people who were there was a
- consortium, wasn't it, that had a name?

- 1 A. It was the ADT consortium.
- 2 Q. And the ADT consortium is not a corporation?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. As far as you know, it's not; right?
- 5 A. I think it is not, yes.
- Q. Yes.
- 7 And you were the person in charge of technical
- 8 issues for ADT; am I right?
- 9 A. This is correct.
- 10 Q. And you wanted to talk about whether there were
- 11 ways to design products that would not infringe on the
- 12 Rambus patents, didn't you?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. And at this meeting one of the purposes was to
- 15 talk about the Rambus patents; correct?
- 16 A. I don't recall that specifically.
- Q. Well, what was the purpose --
- 18 A. Outside -- I want to be specific. Outside
- 19 privileged conversation.
- Q. It's not for you, Dr. Peisl, it's not for you
- 21 to decide what is privileged and what is not. We will
- 22 undoubtedly argue that issue here today. Your lawyer
- is here; right?
- This is Infineon's lawyer who's here; correct
- 25 (indicating)?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So if we get to a question where he
- 3 thinks that I'm asking you for privileged information,
- 4 you can be assured that he will jump to his feet and
- 5 we'll argue the issue before Judge McGuire and he'll
- 6 decide.
- 7 So I don't want you to leave things out of your
- 8 answer that you think are privileged.
- 9 A. I want to be very specific in my explanation.
- 10 We had technical meetings with the ADT meetings,
- 11 partially with attorneys and partially without
- 12 attorneys. Without attorneys they were technical
- meetings only where we never discussed any
- 14 circumvention of Rambus patents. With attorneys I
- 15 considered as privileged information.
- Q. But with attorneys -- I'm only asking for the
- 17 general subject matter -- while the attorneys were
- 18 present, one of the topics discussed, one of the
- 19 topics -- I don't want to know what was said; I just
- 20 want to know topics -- was designing products that
- 21 would not infringe on the Rambus patents; correct?
- MR. KOVNER: Your Honor, my name is Mark Kovner
- 23 with Kirkland & Ellis, representing Infineon, and I am
- 24 going to object to this question as getting into
- 25 privileged information.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone?
- 2 MR. STONE: Your Honor, the subject matter of a
- 3 conversation, the general subject matter, is not
- 4 privileged, and to the extent that there's an assertion
- 5 that it is privileged, I think prior answers in the
- 6 deposition have largely revealed at least as much as
- 7 I'm now asking since my questions are based upon
- 8 testimony that this witness gave at a deposition on
- 9 March 13, 2001.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you want to proffer that at
- 11 this time?
- MR. STONE: I'd rather just get the testimony
- here today. I don't think the general subject matter
- 14 is privileged. I'm trying not to have to pull out the
- 15 transcript and impeach the witness, but if need be, I
- 16 guess that's what we can do.
- I think the issue of the general subject being
- 18 discussed is not --
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: To this point I agree. That's
- 20 overruled on the issue of privilege on this question.
- MR. KOVNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Do you have the question in mind, Dr. Peisl?
- A. Can you please repeat it?
- 25 MR. STONE: I'm going to ask the reporter to

1 read it back since we just argued about it, if you

- 2 don't mind.
- 3 (The record was read as follows:)
- 4 "QUESTION: And at this meeting one of the
- 5 purposes was to talk about the Rambus patents;
- 6 correct?"
- 7 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. And you can answer that yes or no, and that's
- 9 all I'm asking for at this point.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And am I also correct that each of the
- companies brought their own lawyers with them?
- 13 A. As far as I remember, some brought lawyers.
- Q. You had your own lawyer from Infineon?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did anyone sign a joint defense agreement in
- 17 connection with that meeting?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. At that time had anyone filed a lawsuit
- 20 against Infineon for infringement of the Rambus
- 21 patents?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. You know that later there was an Infineon
- 24 lawsuit with Rambus; correct?
- 25 A. Yes. I don't know --

1 Q. At the time of the meeting, was that lawsuit

- 2 going on?
- 3 A. That, I don't know. I wasn't --
- 4 O. Have you ever heard of a Rambus lawsuit against
- 5 Intel for infringing patents?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Have you ever heard of a Rambus lawsuit against
- 8 Samsung for infringing patents?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. There's no doubt in your mind, is there, that
- 11 at the time of the meeting, September of 2000, some of
- 12 the people in attendance had not been sued by Rambus
- for infringement, had they?
- 14 A. I don't know that.
- 15 Q. Some haven't, as far as you know, even been
- sued today, have they?
- 17 A. I don't know that either.
- 18 Q. Did someone advise you in advance of the
- 19 meeting that all of these different companies could get
- 20 together and talk about Rambus patents and that it
- 21 would be protected from discovery by virtue of the
- 22 attorney-client privilege?
- MR. KOVNER: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- that question as invading the attorney-client
- 25 privilege.

JUDGE McGUIRE: That one, Mr. Stone, I'm going

- 2 to sustain.
- 3 BY MR. STONE:
- 4 Q. Let me rephrase.
- 5 Did you have an understanding at the time you
- 6 had this meeting that the discussions would not be
- 7 subject to discovery?
- 8 A. The discussions would not?
- 9 Q. Did you have an understanding prior to the
- 10 meeting that when you all went into the meeting that no
- one would ever be able to learn what was discussed?
- MR. KOVNER: Your Honor, I'm going to make the
- same objection. That understanding could only come
- 14 from an attorney.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: We're walking a very fine line
- 16 here, Mr. Stone.
- MR. STONE: My point, Your Honor --
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: And to the extent that I am
- 19 going to be asked to rule, I'm going to err here on the
- 20 side of caution.
- 21 MR. STONE: My point, Your Honor, is this one,
- 22 and let me just make my point and maybe we all -- I
- just wanted to get this out so we could all think about
- it over the lunch hour, if I could.
- This was a meeting attended by companies who do

- 1 not have a basis for asserting a joint defense
- 2 privilege. There's no signed agreement. We've asked
- 3 in discovery for documents which would have revealed
- 4 it. It has never been produced. The witness has
- 5 confirmed today that he doesn't know of any joint
- 6 defense agreement.
- 7 When competitors get together in that context
- 8 and have a meeting, there's no joint privilege that
- 9 attaches. They can't assert work product because the
- 10 litigation was not pending then against many of the
- 11 companies, it's not pending today against some of them,
- and there's no joint interest that allows them to
- assert a joint attorney-client privilege.
- 14 So to that extent there is no basis for his
- 15 assertion, or really his lawyer's assertion -- I don't
- 16 mean, Dr. Peisl, to put you on the spot -- for the
- 17 assertion of a privilege that would attach here. If
- 18 there is additional foundation that would support a
- 19 joint defense privilege, it has been withheld from us
- 20 in discovery and this witness at least has not provided
- 21 it in response to the questions I made.
- That's the issue we'd like to pursue. I don't
- 23 know whether it's appropriate to try to argue it today,
- 24 whether it's appropriate to try to brief it. My
- 25 preference is to resolve it as quickly as we can. But

1 I don't think there's any basis for the assertion of

- 2 the privilege with respect to this --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you have anything in
- 4 response to that, counselor?
- 5 MR. KOVNER: Yes, Your Honor. A couple
- 6 points.
- First, my understanding is that Infineon and
- 8 others have asserted privilege with respect to this
- 9 meeting for a very long time and this is the first time
- 10 I'm hearing these particular arguments.
- 11 Number two, being an antitrust lawyer for a
- long time, I know that case law does not require a
- joint defense agreement to be in writing and the
- 14 absence of a written joint defense agreement doesn't
- 15 somehow erase any possible privilege that could attach
- to a meeting at which, it has become clear through
- discovery that has been allowed, legal advice was
- 18 sought collectively by the folks who attended that
- 19 meeting. And the seeking of that legal advice from a
- 20 lawyer is in fact privileged. Whether done
- 21 collectively or individually.
- MR. STONE: I don't contend that a joint
- 23 defense agreement necessarily needs to be in writing,
- 24 Your Honor, but I asked the witness if he had an
- 25 understanding of what was said at the meeting was

1 something that could not be recovered or could not be

- discovered, and counsel objected that that was
- 3 privileged.
- Well, if there was an oral joint defense
- 5 agreement, the witness' understanding would have been
- 6 because an agreement was made among the companies
- 7 present and he'd be able to tell me that there was an
- 8 agreement made.
- 9 Counsel's invocation of the attorney-client
- 10 privilege for that foundational question proves my
- 11 point. There was no oral or written joint defense
- 12 agreement. These were competitors who got together and
- 13 talked about a strategy, and there's no privilege that
- 14 attaches and you don't create a privilege just by
- bringing your lawyers to the meeting.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. One last crack at
- 17 it, counsel. Do you want to speak to those last
- 18 comments?
- 19 MR. KOVNER: Yes. I believe that, quite
- 20 frankly, mischaracterizes the meeting, at least as I
- 21 understand it. This was not -- this was a meeting at
- 22 which a lawyer was asked to come and brief a group of
- folks with respect to certain issues and to provide
- 24 some advice with respect to those issues. The seeking
- of that advice and the providing of that advice both

1 are attorney-client privileged regardless of whether

- 2 there was some written --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Who's the client here in that
- 4 circumstance? Who's the client?
- 5 MR. KOVNER: The clients are the companies that
- 6 sought the advice. There is no single client.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, I'm going to rule
- 8 that these conversations were privileged and I'm not
- 9 going to let you go into it.
- 10 MR. STONE: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 Can I just have a few more questions on the
- last memo, and then we can take a lunch break?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure.
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- 15 O. In March of 2000, when you learned about the
- 16 Hitachi lawsuit, did you make any recommendations about
- 17 taking a license from Rambus?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You knew a license had been obtained by others
- in the industry; correct?
- 21 A. No. What license are you referring to? Rambus
- 22 direct license?
- Q. No. A license to use Rambus patents in
- 24 connection with the manufacture of noncompatible DRAM,
- 25 that is, DRAM that was not RDRAM.

1 A. I'm not sure that I was aware of that in 2000.

- 2 Q. You became aware of that at some later point in
- 3 time or not?
- 4 A. No. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Could we bring up RX-1613.
- 6 This is a better copy -- you can highlight the
- 7 second to the last paragraph -- this is just a somewhat
- 8 cleaner copy of the e-mail that Mr. Oliver showed you,
- 9 and I want to direct your attention to the second to
- 10 the last paragraph on the first page of RX-1613, which
- 11 talks about Rambus versus Hitachi.
- 12 This is the e-mail that you received at about
- the time you learned about the lawsuit; correct?
- 14 A. This is correct.
- 15 O. Did you, in your role as the director of
- technical marketing, make any inquiries to determine
- 17 whether or not the products that Infineon was selling
- 18 to its customers might infringe on the Rambus patents?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. You were using marketing materials that said
- 21 the Infineon products wouldn't result in the payment of
- 22 any royalties, weren't you?
- 23 A. I did not.
- O. You did not use that?
- 25 A. I did not, any specific foils that, to my

1 recollection, that stated IT infringements of our

- 2 products.
- Q. Well, let's look at CX-2451 at page 9.
- 4 Do you have that page in front of you on the
- 5 screen?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you see on the right-hand side it says
- 8 "double data rate open standard no royalties"?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Wasn't this a document you told us when
- 11 Mr. Oliver asked you questions that you used with
- 12 customers?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And didn't you mean, when you said "no
- 15 royalties," no royalties?
- 16 A. I meant no royalties.
- 17 Q. No royalties had been paid on DDR?
- 18 A. That's my understanding of the JEDEC
- 19 standard.
- Q. And after March of 2000 when you understood
- 21 that Rambus had asserted infringement, you asserted
- 22 that royalties might have to be paid on DDR; correct?
- A. Royalties might have to be paid? Yeah, I'm --
- I'm not in a position to judge that or to tell that to
- 25 my customers because I, first of all, didn't know the

1 compliance with JEDEC standards often have royalties

- paid on them, don't they?
- 3 A. I don't know that.
- 4 Q. Do you know that they don't?
- 5 A. No, I don't know that either.
- 6 Q. In the time that you were the director of
- 7 technical marketing, late '99 through late 2000, did
- 8 you make any inquiry to determine whether the Infineon
- 9 DRAM products, SDRAM and DDR, do or do not infringe any
- 10 Rambus patents?
- 11 A. No, I did not make any inquiry.
- 12 Q. And do you have any view on that one way or the
- 13 other?
- 14 A. A view?
- 15 Q. A view? An opinion?
- 16 A. Based on the experience --
- 17 MR. OLIVER: Objection.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you mean as of today or at
- 19 that point in time?
- MR. STONE: As of today.
- 21 THE WITNESS: At that point?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, objection?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection. Calls for opinion and
- 24 also calls for a legal conclusion.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.

- 1 BY MR. STONE:
- 2 Q. Let me see if I can rephrase it.
- 3 Do you have an understanding today --
- 4 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. It still
- 5 calls for an opinion. It stills calls for a legal
- 6 conclusion.
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, he hasn't asked the
- 8 question yet. He just said, "Do you have an
- 9 understanding today."
- 10 MR. OLIVER: I'm sorry. I thought he was
- 11 repeating the question.
- 12 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Do you have an understanding today, Dr. Peisl,
- 14 as to whether or not Infineon's DDR SDRAM and SDRAM
- products could potentially require the payment of
- 16 royalties because they infringe Rambus patents?
- 17 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. Calls for
- 18 a legal conclusion.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- BY MR. STONE:
- 21 Q. Okay. Dr. Peisl, what is the basis for your
- 22 opinion as set forth in this document that we have on
- 23 the screen in front of you that no royalties are due on
- 24 DDR SDRAM?
- MR. OLIVER: Objection.

1 Could we have a time frame on this, please.

- 2 BY MR. STONE:
- 3 Q. We didn't have -- it's the same time frame you
- 4 gave Mr. Oliver when you answered questions about this
- 5 document, whatever it was. Same time frame,
- 6 Dr. Peisl.
- 7 What's the basis for your opinion?
- 8 A. My opinion, based on the experience and based
- 9 on the history of DRAM interfaces at JEDEC, is that all
- 10 the interfaces that had been standardized at JEDEC with
- 11 the long history before, starting fast page mode, EDO,
- 12 et cetera, synchronous DRAM and double data rate DRAM
- did not require Infineon or any other DRAM vendor to
- 14 pay royalties to somebody.
- Q. What royalties were paid by Siemens to
- 16 Texas Instruments in connection with those DRAM
- 17 products?
- 18 A. I don't know that.
- 19 Q. What royalties are paid by Siemens to Intel
- with respect to those products?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. Have you made any effort to determine what
- 23 royalties are actually paid on DRAM products
- 24 manufactured by Infineon to various companies
- 25 throughout the world?

1	A. No.
2	MR. STONE: Now would be convenient,
3	Your Honor, if you'd like a lunch break.
4	JUDGE McGUIRE: It's about ten minutes after.
5	We'll convene until 1:30, and this hearing is in
6	recess.
7	(Whereupon, at 12:08 p.m., a lunch recess was
8	taken.)
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- 2 (1:33 p.m.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, you may proceed.
- 4 MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, as you saw, my passion gets the
- 7 better of me, so I'm going to try to move to another
- 8 subject and keep my voice calmer and see if we can get
- 9 through this.
- 10 Let me ask you if you would to look at -- I did
- 11 put two other documents in front of you, but I'm going
- 12 to ask you to look at a couple others first and I'm
- going to go to the subject of road maps.
- 14 And earlier, Mr. Oliver had shown you a road
- 15 map that was labeled the road map RDRAM and it's 2428,
- and I think I put that on the top of the stack on the
- 17 left side, if that's 2428.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. And this contains various schedules for when
- things will be anticipated to happen; correct?
- 21 A. It contains schedules for our production
- 22 plans.
- Q. And were you the person who prepared these
- schedules or did someone else?
- 25 A. Somebody else.

- 1 Q. Do you know who prepared it?
- 2 A. It's a group that we call product marketing.
- 3 Q. And do you know about when this document was
- 4 prepared?
- 5 A. It's prepared on a continuous basis. When this
- 6 particular one prepared -- was prepared I don't know.
- 7 Typically the lifetime of those sheets are two months,
- 8 in that order, plus or minus one month.
- 9 Q. Can you give us an estimate in terms of what
- 10 quarter of what year this document was prepared by
- 11 looking at it in any fashion?
- 12 A. I would estimate it was prepared in the first
- or second quarter of 1999.
- Q. Turn if you would to page 9.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. You were asked some questions about the "cost
- adder" page, which is page 9 of this exhibit, earlier;
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Who prepared this cost analysis that is shown
- 21 here?
- 22 A. I don't know the name of the persons. I know
- that some groups within Infineon have looked at all the
- various cost scenarios for all the different chips.
- 25 Cost is a very important factor for us.

1 Q. Now, if this was prepared in the first part of

- 2 1999, the numbers shown on this chart, page 9 of
- 3 Exhibit 2428, aren't actual costs actually incurred,
- 4 are they?
- 5 A. Would have incurred already in 1999, that's
- 6 what you're saying?
- 7 Q. Yes, that's what I'm saying.
- 8 A. Yes. Possible.
- 9 Q. I mean, aren't these projected costs, what
- someone expects will happen in the future?
- 11 A. This is correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. And do you know whether the actual costs
- that were incurred by Infineon are the same as what was
- projected on page 9 of Exhibit 2428?
- 15 A. I do not know that.
- 16 Q. Thank you.
- 17 Let me ask you now if you'd look at
- 18 Exhibit 2455, which is the Infineon product road map
- 19 SDRAM.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And can you estimate for us a date when this
- document was prepared?
- 23 A. My estimate would be second or third quarter in
- 24 1999.
- Q. Okay. And turn if you would to page 5 of this

- 1 document.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In the first or second quarter of 1999, did you
- 4 expect that there would be any limitations on the
- 5 quantity of RDRAM that could be produced because of
- 6 difficulties in obtaining testers?
- 7 A. No. I was not involved in the production
- 8 planning, and the quantity planning, I don't know
- 9 that.
- 10 Q. Mr. Oliver pointed out to you that if you look
- 11 at page 7, which is the DDR page, you saw that sort of
- dotted figure and the heading Limited Volume
- 13 Available?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And was that -- what was the reason there was
- 16 limited volume availability for DDR, as you understood
- 17 it?
- 18 A. As I understood it, it was because we had
- 19 limited production tools in order to produce that
- 20 part. I don't recall whether it was wafer or test
- 21 parts, but it was limited production tool. The reason
- I called it in this case rather than in other cases is
- because I designed this chip. I had more vested
- 24 interest in it.
- 25 Q. And you had at the time, the first couple of

- 1 quarters of 1999, only a single fab; is that right?
- 2 A. In the first quarter of '99, we had Dresden and
- 3 I think -- I'm not entirely sure in which state --
- 4 Richmond and Promise (phonetic), which are our other
- 5 two fabs. I think we had essentially only one major
- 6 facility up and running.
- 7 Q. And the production capacity of that facility
- 8 would be changed from one product to another product
- 9 depending on how the company wanted to utilize that
- 10 capacity; is that correct?
- 11 A. Our production volume or capabilities are
- 12 usually changed or aligned to our customers' needs,
- 13 meaning that our customers -- we work on prediction of
- 14 how many SDR, how many DDR parts, how many Rambus parts
- 15 they want to buy, and therefore we plan production
- 16 accordingly or try to plan it.
- 17 Q. Well, do you know what it was in the first or
- 18 second quarter of 1999 that limited the production
- 19 capacity of DDR, if in fact it was limited, but didn't
- 20 limit the production capacity of RDRAM?
- 21 A. I don't know that specifically. I was not in
- 22 production at that time.
- Q. And the testers you talked about earlier that
- 24 are used for RDRAM that were expensive because they
- 25 needed to test at higher speeds, are those testers in

- 1 use today by Infineon?
- 2 A. I believe so, but that's speculation. I don't
- 3 know that.
- Q. Do you know whether or not those same testers
- 5 are used to test DDR parts?
- A. I don't know that.
- 7 Q. Could you test the DDR 256-meg part that you
- 8 worked on with the testers which were then being used
- 9 for single data rate SDRAMs?
- 10 A. I cannot answer that question. I'm not
- 11 technically set -- competent enough to answer that
- 12 question. It's not an easy question. It depends on
- many factors.
- 14 Q. Let me ask you then if you would look at
- 15 Exhibit 2451.
- Was this a document that you would use with
- 17 customers?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And were the other two exhibits we've just
- 20 looked at ones that you also would use with customers?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. In your presentations of DDR, was it a part of
- your presentation to tell your customers that the DDR
- 24 part that Infineon was marketing was JEDEC-standardized
- or JEDEC-compliant?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Does it say that anywhere in this document,
- 3 Exhibit 2451, that the product is JEDEC-compliant?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. Where is that?
- 6 A. That's on page 13. And on page 14.
- 7 Q. And on page 13, if we could bring that page up,
- 8 where does it say it's JEDEC-compliant?
- 9 A. It says that with the smiling face under the
- 10 DDR column in the open industry standard row.
- 11 Q. And weren't PC133 and PC266 considered to be
- 12 open industry standards?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. And those were Intel standards?
- 15 A. As I said before, the Intel standard was not
- 16 necessarily seen as a -- and it was not an Intel
- 17 standard. It was an Intel proposal for a specification
- 18 which was brought onto the JEDEC committee then
- 19 afterwards and being standardized. It was not seen as
- 20 a contradiction. It was seen as something -- some
- 21 additional boundary conditions that the chips had to
- 22 comply to.
- 23 Q. The original JEDEC standard was not adopted
- 24 until after Intel had created PC133, was it?
- 25 A. That, I don't know.

1 Q. The original JEDEC standard didn't have

- 2 sufficient criteria to enable products manufactured in
- 3 compliance with that standard to ensure
- 4 interoperability, did it?
- 5 A. No. I cannot answer that with yes or no, that
- 6 question.
- 7 Q. Okay. So when it says here "open industry
- 8 standard," that's what you think in these materials is
- 9 a reference to JEDEC?
- 10 A. On page 13 and on page 14 it's stated
- 11 explicitly.
- 12 Q. Correct. There it says JEDEC standard;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Now, does it on page, for example, page 2 refer
- 16 to PC100?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And then does it on page 5 talk about PC133 and
- 19 PC266?
- 20 A. This is correct.
- 21 Q. And is it your testimony that the Intel
- 22 criteria that were added were added to an existing
- 23 JEDEC standard?
- 24 A. That would be my understanding.
- 25 O. And the Intel criteria -- do you know whether

- 1 they were necessary in order to ensure
- 2 interoperability?
- 3 A. No. That, I don't know.
- 4 Q. Was this particular document that we're looking
- 5 at now, 2451, used in an effort to persuade customers
- 6 that what they should purchase were SDRAMs and DDRs
- 7 rather than RDRAM?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Was it an effort to show that the DDR product
- 10 had favorable attributes and the Rambus product had
- 11 some unfavorable attributes?
- 12 MR. OLIVER: Could I simply ask for
- 13 clarification. Is it this witness' understanding or
- 14 this --
- MR. STONE: Yes.
- 16 JUDGE McGUIRE: Restate, Mr. Stone.
- 17 BY MR. STONE:
- 18 Q. Dr. Peisl, when you used this document, did you
- 19 use this document to portray positives of DDR and
- 20 negatives of Rambus or RDRAM?
- 21 A. I would not use it in that way. I produce -- I
- 22 presented this chart to customers as a summary of facts
- 23 that we had known, technical facts, other facts, in
- 24 order to present the status, in order not in order of
- 25 persuading them in one direction or the other.

1 Q. One of the things you told us about was the

- 2 packaging you used for RDRAMs. Do you recall that?
- 3 A. It's BGA. It's different than the standard
- 4 used at that time.
- 5 Q. And look at page 9, if you would. And we can
- 6 bring that up.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. On the left-hand side it has CSP. Is that the
- 9 same --
- 10 A. It's the same as BGA.
- 11 Q. Okay. And then by comparison, the DDR product
- 12 used the TSOP packaging; correct?
- 13 A. This is correct.
- Q. Now, DDR-II -- which operates at a faster speed
- 15 than DDR, doesn't it?
- 16 A. This is correct.
- 17 Q. -- what packaging will it use?
- 18 A. BGA.
- 19 Q. It will use the BGA?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And I asked you about this earlier and I just
- 22 want to be clear. I asked you about the "no royalties"
- 23 portion of the DDR, but let me ask you for just a
- 24 moment about open standard.
- 25 Is it your understanding that the JEDEC

1 standards, that is, the written standards, are

- 2 available to anybody who wants them?
- 3 A. To anybody who is part of the JEDEC community,
- 4 which is essentially the whole industry, yes.
- 5 Q. So if you join JEDEC, you can have a copy of
- 6 the standards?
- 7 A. This is correct.
- 8 Q. And you don't have to pay anything extra on
- 9 beyond your membership fee to get those standards?
- 10 A. Besides the membership, correct, yeah.
- 11 Q. And then once you start to manufacture a
- 12 JEDEC-compliant part, you may or may not need to pay
- royalties to someone in order to manufacture it?
- 14 A. I'm not aware of that.
- 15 O. Okay. Do you know whether or not there's a
- 16 JEDEC patent policy that talks about reasonable and
- 17 nondiscriminatory licenses?
- 18 A. Yes, there is a JEDEC patent policy.
- 19 Q. And do you know when it uses "reasonable" in
- 20 that context, do you know that "reasonable" includes
- 21 things other than just free?
- 22 A. I'm not on the business side or I wasn't on the
- 23 business side with those chips, so I don't know -- I
- 24 cannot define "reasonable."
- 25 Q. Okay. Thank you.

1 Let me ask you to look at -- I've put a

- 2 document in front of you. I just had it up there
- 3 earlier. There's two documents. Let me hand a copy to
- 4 Mr. Oliver of both of them.
- 5 Which ones -- the smaller one is on top? Let's
- 6 look at that one first. That's 2463, CX-2463, if we
- 7 could bring that up.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And do you recognize this document?
- 10 A. Portions of it. I have seen some of the
- 11 foils.
- 12 Q. And at the outset, let me just ask you, who is
- 13 Peter Eckelmann, whose name is listed on the front
- 14 page?
- 15 A. Peter Eckelmann was, in the late '90s and early
- 16 2000, a strategic product marketing manager based in
- 17 Munich.
- 18 O. And if we see a date on the left-hand side of
- 19 the first page, do you see where it says 00-08-22?
- 20 Would that indicate to you that the date was meant to
- 21 be August 22 of 2000?
- 22 A. This correct.
- Q. And that was at the time you were the
- 24 technical product manager -- the director of technical
- 25 marketing?

1 A. Yeah, that's correct. It was just about my

- 2 transition phase, but I was still in that job.
- Q. Look if you would at page 2 of this document.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is this one of the foils you've seen before?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And was this meant to indicate that at a prior
- 8 point in time the DRAM memory road map was a straight
- 9 line?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And you went from page mode to fast page mode
- 12 to extended data output -- is that what EDO stands for?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 0. -- and then to SDRAM?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. Now, was the change from extended data output
- 17 to SDRAM one that involved huge costs? You used the
- 18 words "huge costs" earlier today.
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And why weren't there huge costs associated
- 21 with that change?
- 22 A. It essentially comprised only a change in the
- 23 electrical characteristics how DRAM was driven. It did
- 24 not encompass any changes that were costly, costly
- 25 things that you would have to have changed the

1 architecture of the DRAM or the test landscape because

- 2 you are testing at higher frequencies. Those are
- 3 changes that require lots of costly changes -- costly
- 4 repurchasing of tools and equipment and learning.
- 5 Q. Now, you did go with -- from EDO to SDRAM, you
- 6 went from asynchronous to synchronous; correct?
- 7 A. This is correct.
- 8 Q. And when you went from EDO to SDRAM, you did
- 9 increase the speed, didn't you, the frequency?
- 10 A. In relative terms, a little bit, yes, correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. And did the number of pins change?
- 12 A. I don't recall that, but my assumption would be
- 13 yes.
- Q. And they certainly weren't backward compatible,
- were they?
- 16 A. No. They're not.
- 17 Q. And were the voltage levels different?
- 18 A. I'm not entirely sure. Could have been, yes.
- 19 Q. Look if you would then at page 3, and let me
- 20 ask if this is one of the foils that you had seen
- 21 before.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And was this intended to portray the change in
- 24 the straight-line path that had turned into a maze
- after the introduction of PC100?

- 1 A. This is correct.
- Q. And it shows here the first step to the right
- 3 of PC100 is a branch up to the top which is labeled
- 4 "SLDRAM"?
- 5 A. This is correct.
- 6 Q. Is that intended to reflect or refer to the
- 7 product being designed by a group at some points in
- 8 time called SyncLink?
- 9 A. This is correct.
- 10 Q. And you were involved with SyncLink, weren't
- 11 you?
- 12 A. No, I was not.
- Q. Didn't you supervise some of the people who
- 14 attended SyncLink?
- 15 A. This is correct.
- Q. And who did you supervise who attended
- 17 SyncLink?
- 18 A. The person I can remember was Josef Schnell.
- 19 Q. Were you asked by your boss to attend a couple
- 20 of JEDEC meetings to touch on or learn about the status
- 21 of SyncLink?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did SyncLink ever result in the production of a
- 24 product?
- 25 A. Not to my knowledge.

1 Q. So so far as you know, the reason there's a

- 2 stop sign there by SLDRAM is the product never came to
- 3 fruition?
- 4 A. This is correct.
- 5 Q. Now, were there -- did you understand there to
- 6 be huge costs associated in going from PC100 to
- 7 SLDRAM?
- 8 A. I was not in -- into this SLDRAM in that topic
- 9 in detail in order to be able to answer that question.
- 10 Q. Were there huge costs associated in going from
- 11 PC100 to the first RDRAM product that you see on this
- 12 chart which is labeled "CRDRAM"? That's concurrent
- 13 RDRAM; correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And were there huge costs in going to
- 16 concurrent RDRAM?
- 17 A. I cannot answer that either. I did not make
- any investigations in regards to that.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether any of the transitions
- 20 shown on page 3 of Exhibit 2463 involve huge costs like
- 21 you described earlier?
- 22 A. The virtual channel is a costly proposition
- 23 because it's kind of an architecture that is quite
- revolutionary, meaning that it's significantly
- 25 different from PC100 in regards of how the chip, DRAM

1 chip architecture works and how in -- as well in

- 2 regards to the testing capabilities, frequency.
- 3 The second one I would identify as a huge cost
- 4 difference is direct RDRAM or Rambus.
- 5 Q. Any others?
- 6 A. In the very same way. It's a different
- 7 architecture and it's higher speed, meaning it's more
- 8 costly to produce.
- 9 Q. And are there any others on this sheet that you
- 10 would describe as having huge costs?
- 11 A. EDRAM -- and I'm not entirely sure what that
- 12 means -- is that enhanced DRAM? I don't know. I
- 13 cannot comment on EDRAM at all.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. DDRs are -- usually are not -- are solutions
- that are not much higher in cost than PC100 or PC133.
- Q. Okay. And Infineon did invest the money into
- 18 producing direct RDRAM, did they not?
- 19 A. This is correct.
- Q. When was the decision made at Infineon, if you
- 21 know, to begin work on DDR-II?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Any estimate for us that you feel comfortable
- 24 with?
- 25 A. The estimate would be 2001.

1 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor. He

- 2 testified he doesn't know.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 4 BY MR. STONE:
- 5 Q. Look if you would at page 5 of this particular
- 6 road map.
- 7 And is this document that we're now looking at
- 8 as Exhibit 2463 a document that was used with
- 9 customers?
- 10 A. No. I don't think so.
- 11 Q. This was a document that was used internally at
- 12 Infineon, wasn't it?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Look if you would at page 5 of
- 15 Exhibit 2463.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Is this a foil you've seen before?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Look if you would at pages 10 and 11 and tell
- 20 me if you've seen those pages before.
- 21 A. I did not see page 10 or 11 before.
- 22 Q. You have not seen those before?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Look if you would at the next exhibit
- 25 that I have up there, which is 2427.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: CX-2427?
- MR. STONE: CX. I'm sorry, Your Honor.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 4 BY MR. STONE:
- 5 Q. Have you seen some or all of the foils that
- 6 make up this document before?
- 7 A. I don't believe I have seen any of the foils
- 8 before.
- 9 Q. Okay. Let me not ask you that then.
- 10 Earlier, Mr. Oliver showed you four product
- specifications, Exhibits CX-2404, CX-2403, CX-2410 and
- 12 CX-2408. Do you recall those?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And these are the product specifications
- 15 provided to customers?
- 16 A. This is correct.
- 17 O. And sometimes called data sheets?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And in these four documents, do you know
- 20 whether in these four documents there's any reference
- 21 as to whether any of the products meet any particular
- 22 JEDEC standard?
- 23 A. Yes.
- O. And which one is that?
- 25 A. In document 2410.

- 1 Q. Yes. Where's the reference?
- 2 A. It refers to the JEDEC standard for the SSTL 2
- 3 interface.
- 4 Q. And can you give us a page number, or where are
- 5 you reading that?
- A. Oh, excuse me. It's in the right half of the
- 7 document in the fifth line from the bottom.
- 8 Q. Yes. Okay.
- 9 Could you bring it up. I'm sorry. It's
- 10 CX-2410, and if you go to the right-hand column, in the
- lower half, the second to last paragraph, if you could
- 12 bring that up.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 So it's now on the screen where it says: All
- inputs are compatible with the JEDEC standard for
- 16 SSTL 2 and all outputs are SSTL 2 class II compatible?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 O. And does that refer to whether or not the DDR
- 19 SDRAM meets any of the criteria or standards set out in
- 20 the JEDEC specification Exhibit JX-57 that Mr. Oliver
- 21 showed you earlier?
- 22 A. That's a portion of it, yes.
- Q. And other than the inputs and outputs being in
- 24 compliance with an SSTL standard, is there anything in
- 25 CX-2410 that tells us whether the DDR SDRAM meets all

of the DDR SDRAM specifications set out in

- 2 Exhibit JX-57?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. Where is that?
- 5 A. You mean for the SSTL 2 interface?
- Q. No. I mean for the rest of the product
- 7 itself.
- 8 A. Oh, the rest of the product? Yeah, I would
- 9 have to go through that page by page. We did that this
- 10 morning on a few pages. But it essentially tells you
- 11 that there's no major difference between this document
- 12 and the JEDEC document.
- 13 Q. And just so I understand, what we did this
- 14 morning is we looked at a particular page in the data
- 15 sheet for the product and compared it to a particular
- page in the specification and saw that they were more
- or less the same; correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. But nowhere in this document, CX-2410, did we
- see this morning a specific reference to the entire
- 21 product meeting any JEDEC standard, did we?
- 22 A. You're asking me now to look --
- Q. No, Dr. Peisl, I'm not asking you to look
- 24 through it. I'm sorry.
- This morning when we looked through it no one

1 pointed out anyplace in the document where it says here

- 2 it says in the document this product meets a particular
- 3 JEDEC standard?
- A. You mean an explicit sentence?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. I don't know that. It's not on the first page.
- 7 Q. And let me ask you this question.
- 8 Infineon manufactures 128-megabit SDRAM as
- 9 described on CX-2404, doesn't it?
- 10 A. We manufacture this product, correct.
- 11 Q. And do you manufacture it in compliance with
- 12 the data sheet?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And as to each of the four sets of -- as to
- 15 each of the four data sheets we looked at, CX-2404,
- 16 CX-2403, CX-2410 and CX-2408, Infineon manufactures a
- 17 product that's in compliance with each of those data
- 18 sheets: correct?
- 19 A. This is correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. Earlier today you were asked some
- 21 questions about the 256-megabit SDRAM that you worked
- 22 on the design of.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And you also worked on a 256-megabit DDR SDRAM;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. When you ultimately went into production, did
- 3 you manufacture both parts on the same die?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you manufacture both on the same wafer?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay. Was there any way in which the
- 8 manufacturing of the two parts was done together?
- 9 A. I believe that we have a 512M SDR and DDR chip
- 10 that both interfaces on one chip.
- 11 Q. So can you explain what that means?
- 12 A. It means that the 512M chip is designed in a
- way that can operate as well as a synchronous DRAM as
- 14 well as a double data rate SDRAM.
- 15 Q. So the same product can be operated one way or
- 16 another; it's an option?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. Were there what you would describe as huge
- 19 costs in creating the ability to operate it as either a
- 20 double data rate or a single data rate?
- 21 A. No. The reason for that is because synchronous
- 22 DRAMs and double data rate SDRAMs, because of their
- 23 similarity in architecture, usually take or require the
- 24 same basic chip architecture and some different I/O
- 25 circuits so -- which can be done optionally very easily

- 1 without any die penalty costs.
- 2 Q. When you were working on the 256-megabit SDRAM,
- 3 before you went into production, were there two
- 4 complete mask changes, as you recall it?
- 5 A. I believe so.
- 6 Q. And were there several minor mask changes as
- 7 well?
- A. I believe so, too, yes.
- 9 Q. And could you explain to us what a minor mask
- 10 change is as compared to a complete mask change.
- 11 A. A minor mask change is -- does usually contain
- 12 changing of the upper levels of the silicon. Upper
- 13 levels are usually metal, aluminum layers, which
- 14 contain the wiring, so what you want to do with a
- minor change is either disconnect some circuits or
- 16 connect some circuits or try to alleviate tiny
- differences between circuits. That's what you
- 18 typically do.
- 19 Q. In the memory array itself, for example, is
- 20 that something that you generally think of as being in
- 21 a lower layer?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you have any understanding as to why when
- 24 the original JEDEC standard for SDRAM was adopted it
- included programmable CAS latency?

- 1 A. Why? No, I don't know that.
- 2 Q. And were you ever asked your opinions on
- 3 whether it should or shouldn't include it at the time?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. And would your answers be the same with respect
- 6 to variable burst length?
- 7 A. Correct. I don't know that.
- 8 Q. When did you first hear about the idea of
- 9 using dual-edged clocking or double data rate on an
- 10 SDRAM?
- 11 A. It must have been in the late '90s, in the
- 12 second half of the '90s, when we started to look at the
- 13 first DDR implementation on one of our chips, which was
- 14 the first 256M SDR you were referring to. Because that
- 15 had both SDR and DDR on one chip as well, but DDR did
- 16 not make it into production.
- Q. Does JEDEC certification by itself ensure that
- the parts will be sold at low cost?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 O. And wasn't burst EDO standardized at JEDEC?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And were burst EDO parts ever commercially
- 23 available at low cost?
- A. I do not believe so.
- 25 O. Isn't the cost driven by the number of

1 producers and the supply and demand for the product?

- 2 A. I'm not a complete expert in that field, but I
- 3 would say yes, in that direction.
- Q. And isn't one of the key purposes of standards
- 5 to ensure interoperability that I can, if I'm a
- 6 computer manufacture, I could buy a part made by
- 7 Infineon or buy a part made by Micron or Hynix or
- 8 Samsung and any of those parts would work equally well
- 9 in my product?
- 10 A. That's the idea, correct.
- 11 Q. The designers at Infineon, like you did for a
- 12 while, often start with a set of specifications or a
- standard when they start designing, don't they?
- 14 A. They start with a set of specifications that
- 15 are not yet final or --
- 16 Q. No. They just start with a set of
- 17 specifications.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And oftentimes don't they start with a set of
- 20 specifications that haven't quite been made final yet
- 21 by JEDEC?
- 22 A. This is correct.
- Q. In your experience, don't they like to start
- about a year ahead of the standard becoming final?
- 25 A. That's approximately right.

1 Q. Okay. You mentioned in your current position

- one of the products that you're involved with is a
- 3 product that's a reduced latency DRAM?
- 4 A. This is correct.
- 5 Q. Is that known as RLDRAM?
- 6 A. This is correct.
- 7 Q. Are there specifications for that product?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Who developed those?
- 10 A. Infineon started to develop the specification.
- 11 We worked together with all of our customers to refine
- 12 the specification and we pulled in Micron as a second
- source in order to work on the specification.
- 14 O. So after -- is it correct that after Infineon
- had done a lot of the work on the product in order to
- 16 ensure the availability of a second source, they
- 17 entered into an arrangement with Micron where they
- shared that specification with Micron so it could also
- 19 produce the same part?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And was the purpose of that, as you understood
- 22 it, to ensure that there would be at least two sources
- of supply so that customers would know they could
- 24 count on at least two different places to get the
- 25 product?

- 1 A. This is correct.
- 2 Q. Okay. And in your experience in selling the
- 3 RLDRAM or in marketing the RLDRAM product, do you have
- 4 an understanding as to whether two sources of supply
- 5 brings the price down as much as if you had three or
- four sources of supply?
- 7 A. I cannot answer that question.
- Q. I'm going to switch time periods with you now
- 9 if I can. Let me go back to the early '90s.
- 10 You first learned about Rambus sometime in the
- 11 early '90s, didn't you?
- 12 A. I believe so. Yes.
- 13 O. And you understood at that time that at least
- 14 the Rambus business model that was then being talked
- 15 about was a model in which Rambus would not produce
- 16 product but it would license technology?
- 17 A. That, I understood, yes.
- 18 Q. And you expected, didn't you, that when you
- 19 learned about the Rambus business model that Rambus
- 20 would be getting patents to cover its technology if it
- 21 could get patents?
- 22 A. Yes. I believe so.
- Q. You yourself have invented some things that
- have gotten patents, haven't you?
- 25 A. If I have patents?

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. Yes, I have patents.
- Q. And what's important to you in the patents
- 4 you've gotten is the description of the invention
- 5 rather than the claims?
- 6 A. I cannot answer that. How the patent process
- 7 works at Infineon is that somebody as an engineer has
- 8 an idea --
- 9 Q. I'm going to interrupt you, Dr. Peisl. I don't
- 10 mean to be impolite.
- 11 A. I cannot answer that question.
- 12 Q. Let me just ask my next question because I'm
- trying to stay out of privileged areas.
- 14 A. All right.
- 15 O. In the process of you obtaining patents as an
- inventor, wasn't it your practice to read the
- description of the invention when it was presented to
- 18 you but not to read the claims that were drawn up by
- 19 the lawyers?
- 20 A. Was it practice.
- Q. Wasn't that what you did?
- 22 A. No. I read the whole invention once I got it.
- Q. Including the claims?
- 24 A. Everything.
- Q. Okay. I'm going to -- let me just show you

1 your deposition and see if we can understand something.

- 2 Give me one second.
- May I approach, Your Honor?
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: You may.
- 5 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Dr. Peisl, I've handed you a copy of your
- 7 deposition transcript from a deposition taken on
- 8 January 5, 2001 in the litigation between Rambus and
- 9 Infineon, and I want to direct your attention if I can
- 10 to pages 53 and 54 of this deposition, and I want you
- 11 just -- I'm going to just -- go ahead and take the
- 12 rubber band off.
- 13 If you'd look down at the bottom at line 20 on
- page 53 and just read to yourself from line 20, page 53
- through line 13 of page 54.
- 16 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Having had a chance to read it, let me see if I
- 19 can frame my question a little better and maybe I'll
- 20 clear up any ambiguity that there was earlier.
- Before the patents that issued to you were
- 22 actually issued, was it your practice to read the
- written description but not the claims?
- A. The written description but not the claims.
- 25 I cannot answer that question because I don't

1 recall in detail what my patent lawyer had sent back to

- 2 me once I had filed for a patent. I don't know if
- 3 there were description and claims or only description.
- 4 I don't recall that.
- 5 MR. STONE: Your Honor, may I read from
- 6 page 53, line 20 through to page 54, line 1?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes. Proceed.
- 8 BY MR. STONE:
- 9 Q. All right.
- 10 "QUESTION: Before the patent first issued, did
- 11 you know what the claims were?
- 12 "ANSWER: No.
- "QUESTION: It was the written description of
- 14 the invention that was important to you; is that
- 15 right?
- 16 "ANSWER: Yes."
- 17 That's all I had on that document for the
- 18 moment, Dr. Peisl. If you want to drop it on the
- 19 floor, it's okay with me. I'll figure out a way to
- 20 pick it up.
- 21 Did the group that you were working in in the
- time period 1989 through 1992 from time to time receive
- 23 European patent applications to review?
- 24 A. Yes. I believe so.
- Q. And those applications came to you from a

- 1 Mr. Norbert Kempfle?
- 2 A. "Kempfle."
- 3 Q. "Kempfle"?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And he was an attorney at Infineon, or Siemens
- 6 at the time; correct?
- 7 A. That was my understanding.
- 8 Q. And you assume, don't you, that one of the
- 9 applications that you would have been given to review
- in that time period would have been the European
- 11 application that Rambus filed?
- 12 A. That's an assumption, yeah, I would assume
- 13 that.
- Q. Let's bring up if we can PO-1, which is a page
- 15 from the Infineon privilege log.
- And I want to draw your attention just to the
- 17 last two entries, Dr. Peisl, entries number 73 and 74.
- 18 And maybe we can just highlight -- do you see the date
- is August of '94 on both of them?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I have a hard copy, if I may approach?
- 22 A. I can read it. It's fine.
- 23 Q. You can read it okay?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And the Mr. Kempfle that is listed there under

1 Recipient, that's the person you would receive

- 2 applications from?
- 3 A. This is correct.
- 4 Q. And then the author who's listed there,
- 5 Willibald Meyer, is a person often referred to as
- 6 Willi Meyer?
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. And he was a JEDEC representative?
- 9 A. I believe so at that time, yes.
- 10 Q. And I don't want you to go into the substance
- of anything. I just want to ask you whether you have
- 12 ever seen either the draft memorandum or the memorandum
- 13 that is under -- that is described in the description
- 14 column for entries 73 and 74.
- 15 A. No, I have not seen those documents.
- 16 Q. And those descriptions, for the record,
- 17 describe -- at the last sentence of each one says, "The
- 18 only issued or pending Rambus patent mentioned is U.S.
- 19 Patent Number 5,243,703," don't they?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. Let me show you if I might a document
- 22 that's previously been admitted I believe, which is
- 23 RX-285-A.
- 24 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. STONE::
- Q. Directing your attention, Dr. Peisl, to
- 3 RX-285-A, you're one of the addressees of this
- 4 document, aren't you?
- 5 A. This is correct.
- 6 Q. And the people who wrote it, Willi Meyer is
- 7 W. Meyer, is one of the authors; correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And who is N. Wirth -- or what was the position
- 10 N. Wirth held at the time?
- 11 A. I don't know what his exact position was. He
- 12 was either in the design or in the test area, in the
- development.
- 14 Q. And do you know the positions of the other
- 15 persons or some of the other persons listed as the
- 16 addressees?
- 17 A. Dr. Beinvogl, who I reported to back then, was
- 18 I think heading the 16 megabit project. I'm not
- 19 entirely sure, but I think so. P stands for project
- 20 management.
- 21 Mr. Eichrodt I do not remember. I think he was
- the leader of the development group.
- Mr. Fink was in sales.
- Dr. Horninger was in the development group as
- 25 well. He was heading the design groups.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Does he have to go through all

- these things, Mr. Stone?
- MR. STONE: No, Your Honor. I want to draw his
- 4 attention again.
- 5 BY MR. STONE:
- 6 Q. Can you tell us who Dr. Schumacher -- the
- 7 position he held at the time? That's the third man
- 8 from the bottom.
- 9 A. He was the head of the marketing group.
- 10 Q. And then was he promoted later?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. To what position?
- 13 A. To CEO now.
- Q. CEO of the company today?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- Q. And at the time that -- you'll see this
- document was written in 1992 and on the first page
- 18 under Summary, the second sentence says, "In order to
- 19 eliminate this data transmission rate bottleneck" -- do
- 20 you see that phrase?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. In 1992, were you aware of something in this
- 23 field that was referred to as a data transmission rate
- 24 bottleneck?
- 25 A. I cannot remember that.

1 Q. Okay. Look if you would at the second page of

- 2 this document.
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. At the bottom of the first paragraph, you'll
- 5 see where it says, "IBM is experimenting with a
- 6 100-megahertz toggle mode, Mitsubishi developed a
- 7 ten-nanosecond cached DRAM and Rambus invented an
- 8 integrated memory storage concept with a potential of
- 9 500 megahertz."
- 10 Do you see that reference?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. At the time, was it your understanding that the
- toggle mode experimented with by IBM and the Rambus
- 14 concept were two different things?
- 15 A. I cannot remember that. There were many
- 16 different technical concepts flying around.
- 17 Q. Turn if you would to the third page, and you'll
- 18 see this is a -- let me ask you this.
- What was LUNA, L-U-N-A, all in caps? What was
- that meant to refer to?
- 21 A. Excuse me?
- Q. If you go back to the first page -- I'm sorry
- 23 to move you around.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. The very last word on the first page is LUNA.

1 A. We have code names for our chips and the 16

- 2 DRAM was called LUNA.
- 3 Q. And that was the 16-bit SDRAM, if you know?
- A. No. It was the 16-megabit SDO -- excuse me --
- 5 EDO.
- Q. Okay. And now, look if you would at page 3.
- 7 And I apologize for jumping around.
- 8 Under the heading Bank Interleaving, it says,
- 9 "Similar to the Rambus, the plan is to divide the
- 10 memory chip into at least two separately addressable
- and time-staggered banks to be operated."
- Do you see that reference?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you recall at the time that the Rambus
- proposal as you understood it in 1992 was for two banks
- 16 to be interleaved?
- 17 A. I don't recall that.
- 18 Q. And then finally if you would look at page 5?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. At the bottom of the page you'll see the last
- 21 sentence says, "For these reasons, the overall
- 22 additional costs pertaining to DRAM are estimated as
- follows," and then it lists five companies and five
- 24 different numbers. Do you see that?
- 25 A. I see that.

Q. Was it ever your understanding that competitors

- of Infineon or Siemens would compare their relative
- 3 cost data so that you could put a chart like this
- 4 together?
- 5 A. I don't know where those numbers come from.
- 6 Q. Up above in the paragraph under Architecture --
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And you've seen this document, haven't you,
- 9 before?
- 10 A. I cannot remember -- I might have seen it, but
- I have forgotten it. It's ten years ago, eleven years
- 12 ago.
- 13 Q. Okay. Look if you would at -- it says, the
- 14 second sentence right at the top: "The original idea
- 15 behind the SDRAM is based on the principle of a simple
- 16 pulse input IBM toggle pin and the complex Rambus
- 17 structure. From it, NEC (Rambus licensee) was the
- 18 first to suggest a streamlined public domain version."
- Do you see those two sentences?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you recall any discussions about the subject
- of those two sentences in the 1992 time frame?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Do you have any recollection of that issue
- 25 other than what's written here on the document itself?

1 A. No, I don't have any recollection. From my

- 2 current point of view, this seems to be basically
- 3 plainly wrong.
- 4 Q. Were you involved in discussions with IBM in
- 5 the 1992 time frame about the development of SDRAM?
- 6 A. There were discussions about the 16M
- 7 generations which were to be -- or which our contract
- 8 said that we would codevelop with IBM and there were
- 9 some discussions about the future generations of
- 10 16-megabit DRAM, discussions about the interfaces.
- 11 Q. And let me show you a document, RX-286-A.
- May I approach, Your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- 15 Q. And I should -- Dr. Peisl, the A on these last
- 16 two -- the reason these last two documents have an A
- 17 after the exhibit number is because these are the
- 18 English translations of documents originally written in
- 19 German, and while you would be nimble with the German
- 20 version, the rest of us might be relatively --
- 21 A. Better in English. Trust me.
- Q. So if you would look at 286-A. This is a --
- 23 tell me if I'm correct that this is a memo written to
- the people on the distribution list by Willi Meyer.
- 25 A. This is correct.

Q. And it refers, does it not, to a telephone

- 2 conference that was held between Gordon Kelley of IBM,
- 3 yourself and Mr. Meyer?
- 4 A. This is correct.
- 5 Q. And if you would turn to the second page where
- 6 it says Rambus?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And after the Rambus and colon, it says:
- 9 "Visited key in-house IBM users. IBM is still keeping
- 10 its eye on Rambus. Rambus has announced a claim
- 11 against Samsung for U.S. dollars 10 million due to the
- 12 similarity of the SDRAM with the Rambus storage device
- architecture. For that reason, IBM is seriously
- 14 considering to preemptively obtain a license as soon as
- 15 possible (at an introductory price)."
- Do you see that paragraph?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you have a recollection of discussing this
- with either Mr. Kelley or Mr. Meyer in 1992?
- 20 A. Not in particular.
- 21 Q. Do you have a recollection -- I'm sorry?
- 22 A. This seems to be information coming from IBM or
- 23 Gordon Kelley.
- 24 Q. And do you recall at that time if when you --
- 25 that you did anything, if you were -- let me rephrase

- 1 it.
- 2 Do you recall doing anything to find out what
- 3 the basis would be for a claim against Samsung by
- 4 Rambus?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. In the ordinary course of events, you would
- 7 have received a copy of this e-mail, wouldn't you?
- 8 A. Yes, I would.
- 9 Q. And so would the other people who are listed as
- 10 being briefed?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And let me just then bring up on the screen in
- 13 front of you RX-289.
- 14 Let me just ask you, do you recall seeing this
- 15 chart at a presentation given by Mr. Meyer?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. What's the date?
- MR. STONE: May 6, 1992, Your Honor.
- 18 THE WITNESS: No, I do not recall that chart.
- 19 BY MR. STONE:
- 20 Q. Then I will not spend any time with it. Thank
- 21 you.
- One of the JEDEC meetings you attended was the
- 23 meeting on July 21, 1992; isn't that right?
- A. July -- I'm not sure about July. I think I
- 25 attended a meeting in 1992. Was it the Dallas

- 1 meeting?
- 2 Q. This was the Denver, Colorado meeting.
- 3 A. The Denver meeting.
- 4 O. And you recall attending a meeting in Denver?
- 5 A. I recall having been in Denver and Dallas. I'm
- 6 not so sure about the dates anymore.
- 7 Q. Okay. Let me show you a copy of JX-13.
- 8 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. STONE:
- 11 Q. Denver, Dallas, they all look alike.
- 12 A. I should show you my travel schedule.
- 13 Q. I would not want to see it. I appreciate
- 14 that.
- Take a look at the first page of JX-13 if you
- 16 would, and about three-quarters of the way down the
- 17 list of attendees you'll see your name and Siemens, as
- 18 best we can see this bad copy.
- 19 A. Yes. Correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. And you don't have any reason to think
- 21 that you weren't at this meeting if you're shown on the
- 22 attendees?
- 23 A. I was at the meeting.
- Q. You were at the meeting. Okay.
- 25 And then look if you would at the fourth page

- 1 of the document.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Item number 4 under Patent Issues, it says,
- 4 "Chairman Townsend showed the patent policy and the
- 5 tracking list (see attachment A)."
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And at least at some of the meetings you
- 8 attended, was it the case that Mr. Townsend would show
- 9 on an overhead copies of documents which were the
- 10 patent policy as he talked about it?
- 11 A. Yes. Mr. Townsend or in the later meetings
- 12 Mr. Kelley.
- Q. And if you would, look at pages 14, 15 and 16
- of this document.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Are those three pages what you understood to
- be the patent policy as it was presented at this
- 18 meeting?
- 19 A. This is an example for me of page 14.
- 20 Q. And then look if you would at pages 15 and 16.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Still in the 1992 time period, Dr. Peisl, I
- want to show you another document, RX-321.
- 24 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. STONE:
- 2 Q. The date on this document I believe is
- 3 September of '92. You'll see that in the lower right
- 4 corner just above where it says "W. Meyer"?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And in 1992, was there a corporate reporting
- 7 relationship between you and Mr. Meyer?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Were you -- what were your two respective
- 10 positions at this point in time?
- 11 A. Willi Meyer was heading the group that took
- 12 care of the JEDEC affairs for Siemens and I was
- 13 heading a group -- I was by myself. I was at that
- 14 time in Burlington in Vermont. I was responsible for
- 15 the transfer of the IBM 16-megabit product back to
- 16 Siemens.
- 17 So we had occasional contact with each other.
- 18 Q. And why were you involved in the discussions
- 19 with the conference call we looked at earlier with
- 20 Mr. Gordon Kelley? Because he was part of the team
- 21 that you were working with at IBM to transfer their
- technology to Siemens?
- 23 A. Part of the discussions that we had back then
- for the 16-megabit level was of course to watch where
- 25 the industry, meaning the JEDEC-driven industry, is

1 going in regards to future interfaces, so part of my

- 2 interest was of course to see where the discussions
- 3 with any new interface would be going to. This is the
- 4 reason I suspect why I wasn't in that telephone
- 5 conference at all because it didn't have to do anything
- 6 directly with my job.
- 7 Q. And were one of the companies you were
- 8 interested in watching Rambus?
- 9 A. Not of the companies but the interface.
- 10 Q. Was one of the interfaces you were interested
- in watching the Rambus-developed interface?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall having seen this particular
- document, Exhibit RX-321, before?
- 15 A. No, I do not recall having seen that before.
- 16 Q. Turn if you would -- I just want to see if I
- can refresh your recollection at all. I'm not going to
- 18 belabor this point.
- 19 Turn if you would to the second page. And the
- 20 third from the bottom bullet point says, under the
- 21 heading Rambus Pros and Cons, it says "deadly menace to
- the established computer industry."
- Do you see that reference?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that something you -- is that type of

- 1 description something that you heard Mr. Meyer or
- 2 Mr. Kelley or others apply to Rambus in the 1992 time
- 3 frame?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. In the document that we were looking at earlier
- 6 this morning, right before the lunch break -- and if we
- 7 can just bring it up again if we could, RX-1613. You
- 8 may not have a copy.
- 9 A. Okay. I remember this document, yes.
- 10 Q. And if you would just look at the second to
- 11 last paragraph. You'll remember we looked at this
- 12 before. This is a document dated March of 2000 and
- 13 you'll see here the "Rambus versus Hitachi case is
- 14 considered a serious threat to the whole industry."
- 15 You see that that's written there; correct?
- 16 And you got a -- that's correct?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You have to answer that, sir.
- 18 You can't just shake your head.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- BY MR. STONE:
- 21 Q. Thank you, Dr. Peisl.
- 22 And in March of 2000, had you heard a
- 23 reference to Rambus or its litigation as being a
- 24 serious threat to the whole industry other than in
- 25 this memo?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Do you know -- let me phrase it this way.
- I've now shown you two documents that refer to
- 4 in one case the Rambus case being a threat to the
- 5 industry, in another case to Rambus being a deadly
- 6 menace to the industry. That idea, that Rambus was a
- 7 threat to the industry, have you seen other documents
- 8 as well as these that describe Rambus that way?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you ever, after you received
- 11 Exhibit RX-1613, the March 2000 e-mail from Mr. Meyer,
- did you ever write back to him and in any way object to
- 13 his description of the Rambus-Hitachi case as a serious
- 14 threat to the whole industry?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Look if you would at the third page of the
- exhibit -- I did give you a hard copy -- of RX-321,
- 18 under the heading Alternatives.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. In the 1992 or 1993 time frame, did you ever
- 21 discuss with Mr. Meyer or Mr. Kelley what alternatives
- there were for the computer industry, other than the
- 23 Rambus interface?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 O. And did you ever talk with anybody at IBM or at

1 Infineon about making the Rambus technology in the

- public domain?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Let me ask you to take a look at RX-488-A.
- 5 May I, Your Honor?
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. STONE:
- 8 Q. Directing your attention to 488-A, again, this
- 9 is an English translation of the original in German.
- 10 Where it's under to -- under the "to" line
- 11 where it says Mr. Penzel, do you know Mr. Penzel's
- position at the time, which is March of 1994?
- 13 A. I do not know what Mr. Penzel's position was in
- 14 March of 1994, no.
- 15 Q. And have you seen this document before?
- 16 A. No, I have not seen this document.
- 17 Q. If you look at the last paragraph -- and let me
- 18 just see if it jogs your recollection at all -- in the
- 19 March 1994 time frame you were still in Burlington,
- 20 Vermont; correct?
- 21 A. March of 1994? I was actually in Paris,
- 22 Essonnes in Paris.
- 23 Q. Oh, working on the production side?
- A. Working on ramping up the 16-megabit in
- 25 production, at the production site.

1 Q. Okay. So your communications then with

- 2 Mr. Meyer, were they less after you went to Paris?
- 3 A. I had very little communication with him back
- 4 then in that time frame because my tasks were
- 5 different.
- Q. Did you ever hear him express to you anything
- 7 about Rambus being a memory system rather than just a
- 8 memory itself?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And did you ever hear him express to you that
- 11 someday all computers would have to be built using the
- Rambus technology, or words to that effect?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Under the "from" line in this document it has
- "HL ST E DER." Do you see that at the very top?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you tell us what that means?
- 18 A. HL is the German word "halbleiter," which is
- 19 semiconductor.
- 20 ST -- I don't remember.
- E is the German word "entwicklung," which is
- development.
- 23 And DER, I think I recall that it was standing
- 24 for derivatives.
- 25 Q. And so would that be a particular group within

- 1 the company?
- 2 A. In my understanding, it was a department that
- 3 looked at a certain portion of designs with particular
- 4 interfaces, derivative interfaces.
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 I think you mentioned earlier when I asked you
- 7 that one of the reasons you went to JEDEC was to find
- 8 out more about SyncLink; correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Did Gil Russell have a role on behalf of
- 11 Infineon and SyncLink, if you know?
- 12 A. I believe so, yes.
- 13 O. And did Alexander Benedix have a role?
- 14 A. I believe so, too, yes.
- 15 Q. At the time either of them had a role in
- 16 SyncLink, did either of them report to you?
- A. Mr. Gil Russell reported to me, but I'm not
- 18 entirely sure whether that was in the time frame --
- 19 within the time frame of SyncLink or not.
- 20 Q. And did you have any reporting relationship
- 21 with Mr. Benedix?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. And that's B-E-N-D-I-X; right?
- A. B-E-N-E-D-I-X. "Benedix."
- Q. After -- is it correct that SyncLink had

1 started up and was an ongoing organization before

- 2 Siemens or Infineon became involved?
- 3 A. I don't recall that.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever look at any of the minutes
- from any of the SyncLink meetings?
- 6 A. I do not recall that either.
- 7 Q. Did you ever see any presentations that were
- 8 made at any SyncLink meetings?
- 9 A. I do not recall any specific ones.
- 10 Q. Were you assigned some level of responsibility
- 11 with respect to SyncLink on behalf of Siemens or
- 12 Infineon?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Why were you asked, if you know, to go to some
- 15 JEDEC meetings to see what you could learn about what
- 16 was going on at SyncLink?
- 17 A. Why I was asked?
- 18 Q. Yeah. Why were you the person asked?
- 19 A. I had an interest in their -- as -- the
- 20 SyncLink -- the SyncLink could have had the potential
- 21 as many other ideas as well to be potential future chip
- 22 interface. My job for -- as an ongoing chip designer
- 23 and looking to next chip generation encompassed that I
- 24 was at least informed about what was going on, and that
- 25 was more for my personal information.

1 Q. And did anybody at Siemens ever tell you that

- 2 Mr. Crisp from Rambus had suggested that the SLDRAM
- 3 product might infringe on Rambus intellectual property
- 4 rights?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Do you recall attending a JEDEC meeting in
- 7 Fort Lauderdale?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And do you recall attending one in about March
- 10 of '97?
- 11 A. 1997, correct.
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 Let me show you -- if I may approach,
- 14 Your Honor?
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 16 BY MR. STONE:
- 17 Q. -- JX-36.
- 18 And directing your attention to the bottom of
- 19 JX-36, you'll see two names that we've just talked
- 20 about, Willi Meyer and Gilbert Russell, Willi Meyer
- 21 listed from Siemens AG and Gilbert Russell from
- 22 Siemens Corporation?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And then if you turn all the way to the third
- 25 page of this document, the third name down you'll see

- 1 is Martin Peise. I think it's misspelled.
- 2 Do you see the third name on the third page
- 3 from the top? P-E-I-S-E?
- 4 A. Oh, yeah. Misspelled as usual.
- 5 Q. Okay. One of the many misspellings I'm sure.
- And that would be a reference to you, wouldn't
- 7 it, given the reference to Siemens and the phone
- 8 numbers?
- 9 A. I was on that meeting, yes.
- 10 Q. Then look if you would at page 6 of this
- 11 document at the very top. And the clip may be in the
- 12 way. I hope it's not.
- 13 At the very top where it says: "Mr. Kelley was
- 14 not present. Mr. Rhoden chaired the meeting in his
- 15 absence."
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you understand the Mr. Rhoden there to be a
- 19 reference to Desi Rhoden?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. And you know him, don't you?
- 22 A. I have talked with him a couple times.
- Q. And then if you would turn to the next page.
- 24 And under the heading 6.6 where it says "NEC DDR
- 25 SDRAM"?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. If you would take a moment and just read that
- 3 paragraph there under 6.6 to yourself.
- 4 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall a discussion at this meeting
- 7 about Rambus patents?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Do you recall anything you did after the
- 10 meeting to go back and talk to anybody at Siemens or
- 11 Infineon about Rambus patents?
- 12 A. I'm pretty sure that I did not do anything at
- 13 that time.
- Q. Have you at any time when Rambus patents have
- 15 come up in the course of any conversations or meetings
- 16 you've attended, have you ever gone back and
- 17 recommended that any action be taken?
- 18 A. It is not my job to recommend any.
- 19 Q. Was it the general practice that at a meeting
- 20 like a JEDEC meeting someone in the group of Siemens
- 21 representatives would write a trip report?
- 22 A. Usually, yes. Correct.
- Q. Let me show you a document marked as RX-893 --
- 24 may I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. STONE:
- 2 Q. -- and ask you if you can identify this
- document as the trip report for the March '97 JEDEC
- 4 meeting that we just looked at the minutes from.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell from looking at this document who
- 7 prepared it?
- 8 A. Who?
- 9 Q. Yes. Who prepared it?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. If you'd look at the first page, alongside
- 12 where it says "attending Willi Meyer, Gil Russell,
- 13 Martin Peisl," if you see across from that it says
- 14 "W. Meyer" and then an Internet address and a telephone
- 15 number?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. Does that suggest that Mr. Meyer prepared this
- 18 or not?
- 19 A. I do not know who prepared that document.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you know whether you did or not?
- 21 A. I cannot remember.
- 22 Q. In the ordinary course, would you have received
- a copy of this trip report if someone else had prepared
- it since you attended the meeting?
- 25 A. Customarily I received those trip reports,

- 1 yes.
- Q. If you look still on the first page, you'll
- 3 notice the first sentence down there under Summary
- 4 says, "The battle between Rambus, SyncLink and DDR
- 5 (double clock DRAM) is still undecided."
- 6 Was it still your understanding in 1997 that
- 7 there was still an ongoing battle between Rambus,
- 8 SyncLink and DDR?
- 9 A. My understanding was that there were several
- 10 competing interfaces on the DRAM market, competing in
- 11 the sense of competing for attentions at the DRAM
- 12 producers and the end customers of course and the
- controller producers in order to be produced, and
- 14 those had been the three, Rambus, SyncLink and DDR.
- 15 Apparently there had been discussions, and I do not
- recall them specifically, but there have been
- 17 discussions about the three interfaces on that
- 18 meeting.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. The reason why I went to that meeting was I
- 21 went to find out the status of SyncLink. That's all.
- 22 Q. Right.
- 23 And if you would look further down in that
- paragraph, it says, "Nobody is happy with the prospects
- of a fabless company controlling the world's computer

- 1 business."
- 2 Do you see that reference?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it your understanding, based on your
- 5 attendance at the meeting and your knowledge of the
- 6 industry in 1997, that the fabless company being
- 7 referred to there is Rambus?
- A. In the context, it seems to be, yes.
- 9 Q. In the next sentence where it says, "MOSAID
- declared the SLDRAM mainly as a commercial defense
- 11 against Rambus," do you see that sentence?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. MOSAID is a company, is it?
- 14 A. MOSAID is a company.
- 15 O. And it had been hired by SyncLink to help
- 16 design the SLDRAM?
- 17 A. I don't know that.
- 18 Q. Did you understand from anything that was said
- 19 at the meeting or from any other source that the main
- 20 purpose of SLDRAM was simply to be a commercial defense
- 21 against Rambus?
- 22 A. I do not recall those discussions.
- Q. Then look if you would at the sixth page of
- this trip report, Exhibit RX-893, if you would.
- 25 And down at the bottom where it says "NEC" --

- 1 I'm sorry. It's page 5. My mistake.
- 2 A. Page 5?
- 3 Q. Yes. Page 6 is blank.
- 4 Look at the discussion across from NEC.
- 5 And I think this refers to what we looked at in
- 6 the minutes a few moments ago at JX-36, paragraph 6.6,
- 7 but it may not. I'm just trying to see if I can jog at
- 8 all what you recall.
- 9 So read if you would what it says there
- 10 alongside NEC.
- 11 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 12 A. I do not recall any specific details of that
- 13 discussion.
- 14 Q. Now, this doesn't help jog your recollection as
- 15 to whether there was a discussion about whether
- 16 something might breach or infringe a Rambus patent?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Finally, Dr. Peisl, to your knowledge, has
- 19 JEDEC -- I'm sorry -- to your knowledge, has Infineon
- 20 ever done anything to try to design around any Rambus
- 21 patents?
- 22 A. To my knowledge, no.
- MR. STONE: Okay. Thank you. No further
- 24 questions.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Stone.

1 Mr. Oliver, would you like to ask any

- 2 questions?
- 3 MR. OLIVER: Could I have just a moment,
- 4 please, Your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure.
- 6 Would the audience like to take a five-minute
- 7 break? We'll take just a quick break. Off the
- 8 record.
- 9 (Recess)
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, you may proceed.
- 11 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no
- 12 questions of Dr. Peisl.
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- 14 MR. STONE: I have two exhibits to move in and
- 15 Mr. Oliver may have had some as well.
- 16 MR. OLIVER: Yes.
- 17 MR. STONE: I'd like to move in the two road
- maps I used, which were CX-2463 and CX-2427.
- 19 MR. OLIVER: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered.
- 21 (CX Exhibit Numbers 2427 and 2463 were admitted
- 22 into evidence.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, Dr. Peisl. Thank you
- very much for your testimony today. You're excused
- 25 from this proceeding.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver?
- 3 MR. OLIVER: I also would like to move in a few
- 4 exhibits if I could, please, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- 6 MR. OLIVER: I have the four data sheets,
- 7 CX-2404, CX-2403, CX-2410 and CX-2408.
- 8 MR. STONE: No objection.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered.
- 10 (CX Exhibit Numbers 2403, 2404, 2408 and 2410
- 11 were admitted into evidence.)
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, how did you
- 13 intend --
- MR. OLIVER: I'm sorry. I have a few more.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm sorry. I thought that was
- 16 it.
- MR. OLIVER: CX-2428, RDRAM road map.
- 18 MR. STONE: No objection.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 20 (CX Exhibit Number 2428 was admitted into
- 21 evidence.)
- MR. OLIVER: CX-2457, chipset driver road map.
- MR. STONE: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 25 (CX Exhibit Number 2457 was marked for

- 1 identification.)
- 2 MR. OLIVER: CX-2455, Infineon product road
- $3 \quad \text{map.}$
- 4 MR. STONE: No objection.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 6 (CX Exhibit Number 2455 was admitted into
- 7 evidence.)
- 8 MR. OLIVER: CX-2459, an e-mail of March 13,
- 9 2000.
- MR. STONE: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 12 (CX Exhibit Number 2459 was admitted into
- 13 evidence.)
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Now, Mr. Oliver, how
- 15 did you intend to proceed this afternoon? And
- 16 actually I'll entertain any comments by opposing
- 17 counsel as to whether we want to go ahead and -- I
- 18 assume you don't have anyone else you're going to call
- 19 this afternoon.
- 20 MR. OLIVER: That's correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll leave it up to the
- 22 parties this afternoon. It's Friday afternoon, and if
- you want to read transcripts, we can go for an hour or
- so. If not, I'm free, whatever the parties' desires
- 25 are.

1 MR. OLIVER: We could do either, Your Honor.

- 2 MR. STONE: I'm comfortable either doing
- 3 some -- I know -- can I confer one moment?
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes. Sure.
- 5 MR. STONE: Your Honor, Mr. Weber tells me that
- 6 they have a logical breakpoint in the Karp deposition
- 7 after about an hour, so could we maybe do an hour of
- 8 that deposition and then break?
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure. Is any of that going to
- 10 pertain to any of the outstanding motions on Karp?
- 11 MR. STONE: No.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. That will be fine.
- MR. OLIVER: If we could have just a moment to
- 14 get organized, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure. Go ahead, Mr. Oliver.
- 16 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- MR. WEBER: Your Honor, while we're getting set
- 18 up, Your Honor, let me, while we're setting up, maybe a
- 19 little background of Mr. Karp, if you'd like?
- 20 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Weber, what was that you
- 21 wanted to say?
- MR. WEBER: While we're getting set up, I'll do
- 23 a couple minutes of background of Mr. Karp. Will that
- 24 be all right?
- 25 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, do you have any

- 1 objection to that?
- MR. STONE: No. As long as he gets it right, I
- 3 have no objection. If he doesn't --
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm sure we'll hear from you
- 5 otherwise.
- 6 MR. WEBER: Mr. Karp is an individual that's
- 7 been acting as an individual in the semiconductor
- 8 industry from his early days. As I understand it, he
- 9 started in the late 1960s.
- 10 He was employed starting as a design engineer
- 11 at Intel Corporation and was involved in developing a
- 12 number of Intel's sort of early products in the '60s
- 13 and '70s.
- 14 As far as this matter is concerned, we are
- 15 really interested in Mr. Karp's employment at two
- specific points in his career, obviously more recently
- in his career.
- 18 From 1990 through 1997, Mr. Karp held
- 19 positions with Samsung, which is the leading DRAM
- 20 manufacturer -- you've heard that name during the
- 21 course of the trial -- and primarily his job titles
- 22 were in the strategic planning and strategic marketing
- 23 area.
- And the clips you'll be seeing and hearing from
- 25 his testimony relate primarily to two aspects of his

1 job at Samsung, one his involvement in negotiating an

- 2 RDRAM license with Rambus, which I think occurred in
- 3 1994, and second his involvement as a participant in
- 4 JEDEC and going to JEDEC meetings throughout the
- 5 1991 to 1996 time period.
- I don't think he went to every meeting in that
- 7 time period, but he was involved actively as a
- 8 participant at JEDEC on behalf of Samsung and that, of
- 9 course, time period coincides with the time period that
- 10 Rambus was a member of JEDEC.
- Mr. Karp left Samsung in 1997 and after a few
- 12 months --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Are you going to make it,
- 14 Mr. Weber?
- MR. WEBER: I hope so. I've got a lot of
- ammunition here to try to get through this here this
- 17 afternoon, but we'd like to get through a little bit of
- 18 the clips of Mr. Karp.
- 19 He left Samsung in 1997, after a brief stint
- 20 as a consultant joined Rambus in the fall of '97. And
- 21 you will recall with Mr. Vincent we had the
- demonstrative. This is the Rambus organizational
- chart 1999 through 1998. I believe this was DX-26, if
- 24 I've got the right number. And you will see Mr. Karp,
- 25 his position was vice president of intellectual

1 property and he reported directly to Jeff Tate, the

- 2 CEO (indicating).
- And in that position Mr. Karp, by the way, was
- 4 not a lawyer. He's not a patent attorney, but he was
- 5 involved, had job responsibilities relating to the
- 6 Rambus portfolio and patent prosecution, and he was
- 7 also involved in putting together a strategic patent
- 8 portfolio or so-called noncompatible licensing
- 9 program.
- 10 MR. STONE: I think Mr. Weber is now getting
- into an area in which the testimony might be somewhat
- in conflict. I think what he's said so far I agree
- with as far as it went, and I think we could dispense
- 14 with a lot of the deposition on the basis of that
- summary, which I'm happy to do. But I think he's now
- 16 getting into an area where we probably ought to let the
- 17 testimony speak rather than Mr. Weber.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good.
- MR. STONE: I'd just like to note another
- 20 individual, Mr. Steinberg, who joined after Mr. Karp,
- 21 who also had a similar title, who was working -- he
- 22 was actually a patent attorney who worked in the same
- 23 area.
- And as I'm sure Your Honor is also aware,
- 25 Mr. Karp's name has come up in connection with some of

1 the pretrial motions relating to the document retention

- 2 program.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Right.
- 4 MR. WEBER: To the best of my understanding,
- 5 Mr. Karp left full-time employment at Rambus in
- 6 mid-2000, but according to our most recent information,
- 7 he's still on the Rambus payroll as a part-time
- 8 consultant.
- And we will start with Mr. Karp's Infineon
- deposition, which is a video marked as CX- -- do you
- 11 have something to say, Greg?
- MR. STONE: I do. But go ahead and finish. I
- just want to respond to the last comment.
- 14 MR. WEBER: Why don't you respond to the last
- 15 comment.
- MR. STONE: Your Honor, I think what the record
- 17 will make clear when we get through all of the Karp
- 18 deposition testimony is that at the present time
- 19 Mr. Karp is reimbursed for time he spends on Rambus
- 20 matters.
- 21 So it would be inaccurate to say he's on the
- 22 payroll; he simply as a consultant is paid on an hourly
- 23 basis for the time he spends. That's his current
- 24 status.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.

1 MR. WEBER: The video clips we're going to

- 2 start with today, Your Honor, are from the Infineon
- 3 deposition of Mr. Karp which was taken in San Jose,
- 4 California, Monday, January 8, 2001.
- 5 And assisting me again will be Hiram Andrews,
- 6 our paralegal, in terms of pulling up the video clips.
- 7 And we will start -- the first clip is page 8,
- 8 line 8 through page 9, line 9.
- 9 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 10 record in open court.)
- 11 MR. WEBER: The next clip will be page 11
- 12 starting at line 6, running through page 13 at line 9.
- 13 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- record in open court.)
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Can we stop the tape right
- 16 there just a moment?
- 17 I'm a little confused here, Mr. Stone. He's
- 18 saying he's getting a check of a certain amount a
- month, and you're telling me he's getting paid by the
- 20 hour.
- 21 MR. STONE: That was at the time that the
- deposition was taken. As you'll hear, by the time we
- get through the fifth volume of the transcript, that
- relationship terminated and he just got to where he was
- 25 paid on an hourly basis.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good. I just wanted to

- 2 clarify it.
- 3 All right. Proceed.
- 4 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 5 record in open court.)
- 6 MR. WEBER: Your Honor, I'm going to try to
- 7 combine two clips at once to move this along more
- 8 quickly.
- 9 We will be reading from page 17, line 5 through
- page 20, line 4, and then immediately after that the
- 11 next clip will be page 20, line 17 through page 21,
- 12 line 11.
- 13 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 14 record in open court.)
- 15 MR. WEBER: The next series of clips starts at
- the top of page 22. It will be page 22, line 1 through
- 17 23, line 1 and continuing on to page 23, lines 13
- 18 through 21. And also page 25, lines 10 through 19;
- page 25, line 25 through 26, line 3; and continuing,
- 20 page 26, line 13 through page 27, line 20.
- 21 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 22 record in open court.)
- MR. WEBER: The next two clips we'll play will
- be page 29, line 22 through page 30, line 22, and we
- will also play a short clip at page 31, line 21 through

- 1 line 24.
- 2 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 3 record in open court.)
- 4 MR. WEBER: The next clip is a several-page
- 5 clip. It starts at page 32, line 18 and continues to
- 6 page 36, line 12.
- 7 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 8 record in open court.)
- 9 MR. WEBER: The next clip is a
- 10 counter-designation by respondent, but we will include
- 11 it in our presentation. It starts at page 37, line 25
- and continues to page 39, line 17.
- 13 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- record in open court.)
- 15 MR. WEBER: Again, next we're going to combine
- some clips in the next presentation. We're going to do
- page 42, lines 7 through line 23, and we're going to
- 18 skip to page 45, line 25, and although there's a series
- of clips there, they're contiguous except for a few
- 20 objections, and so that continues on through page 48,
- 21 line 15, Your Honor.
- (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 23 record in open court.)
- 24 MR. WEBER: Next we have a short clip which is
- page 49, line 14 through page 50, line 9.

1 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the

- 2 record in open court.)
- MR. WEBER: Your Honor, we have our first need
- 4 to have a discussion over an objection.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Go ahead.
- 6 MR. WEBER: Basically we're going to start
- 7 reading -- the next clip starts at page 51, line 15,
- 8 and he's going to start talking about some of these
- 9 papers he found in his garage basically, and one of
- 10 the papers he's going to talk to gets into a hearsay
- 11 issue, and basically he's talking about what a person
- 12 who's actually on Rambus' witness list, a woman named
- 13 Betty Prince, said. It's the testimony -- the first
- 14 mention of her name I think is coming up in the
- 15 next --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, her name has already
- been mentioned. It was just mentioned in the last
- 18 clip.
- 19 MR. WEBER: Right. But he's going to mention
- 20 specifically what Betty Prince told him, which we think
- 21 is hearsay, and that would be at page 53, the answer
- 22 starting at line 9 through 19, so we would object to
- that answer as hearsay.
- 24 MR. STONE: And it's not, Your Honor, being
- offered for the truth of the matter of what she said,

- 1 rather to show the state of mind of the person at
- 2 Samsung -- that was Mr. Karp's role at the time -- his
- 3 state of mind regarding the attitude of companies in
- 4 the industry towards Rambus at the time.
- 5 So it simply goes to show his state of mind.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Weber, if it's not being
- 7 offered for the truth of the matter --
- 8 MR. WEBER: Your Honor, we'll certainly be
- 9 happy to read it in and Your Honor can give it whatever
- 10 weight you feel is appropriate. We don't think it's
- 11 entitled to any weight simply because Mr. Karp is
- 12 recalling what Ms. Prince said and Ms. Prince is on
- 13 their witness list and they can call Ms. Prince.
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, it sounds like hearsay to
- me and I'll just rule on it now.
- 16 MR. STONE: But I'm not offering it for the
- 17 truth.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Go ahead.
- 19 MR. WEBER: Should we go ahead and play the
- 20 clip, Your Honor?
- 21 JUDGE McGUIRE: You're not offering it for the
- 22 truth of the matter and your --
- MR. STONE: No.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: -- objection at this point is?
- MR. WEBER: Hearsay and they have the person on

- 1 their list who can testify to this.
- 2 JUDGE McGUIRE: But if he's not offering it
- 3 for the truth of the matter, how is it a hearsay
- 4 objection?
- 5 MR. WEBER: Well, if he's not offering it for
- 6 the truth of the matter, I'm not sure what it actually
- 7 proves, if anything.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: But what's your objection? If
- 9 it's not on hearsay now, which it cannot be because
- it's not being offered for an out-of-court statement,
- 11 then what's the foundation for your objection?
- MR. WEBER: My objection then would be it's
- irrelevant and its prejudice outweighs the probative
- 14 value.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, how is it relevant?
- MR. STONE: Well, as with the statements we
- heard earlier today from Dr. Peisl, what people were
- 18 saying in the industry is important to understand the
- 19 state of mind of people who were actors in the
- 20 industry.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: But I understand the question.
- 22 But if it asks the question what did she tell you, then
- 23 that's one thing.
- 24 MR. STONE: What -- it's important to -- I
- 25 almost have to tell you what was said in order to give

- 1 you a sense of the issue.
- 2 But what the issue was, Mr. Karp was told
- 3 something about Texas Instruments' views towards
- 4 Rambus. He was at that time a player at Samsung and
- 5 had to decide whether or not to take a license from
- 6 Rambus or not. His state of mind about Rambus and how
- 7 to approach Rambus, it was influenced by what he heard
- 8 from her, as I think Dr. Peisl's conduct today was
- 9 influenced by what he heard from customers about good
- things and bad things about products, which again
- 11 wasn't offered for the truth, just to --
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll hear it on that basis.
- 13 Overruled.
- 14 MR. WEBER: Okay. Well, we'll start then at
- 15 page 51, line 15, continuing through to page 53,
- line 19. And again, for the record, our objection was
- the answer starting at line 9, page 53.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Noted.
- 19 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 20 record in open court.)
- 21 MR. WEBER: The next passage has a similar
- 22 question and answer which we will get into a similar
- objection. We're on page 57 now. We have no objection
- 24 to reading in lines 1 through 8, but then when we get
- 25 to lines 16 through actually at 25 on that page,

1 there's a question and answer again which we think

- 2 called for hearsay about this conversation with
- 3 Ms. Prince.
- 4 MR. STONE: I'll withdraw that, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you.
- 6 MR. WEBER: Okay. But we have no objection to
- 7 playing 57, line 1 through 8, so we'll play that clip
- 8 and then go on to something else.
- 9 Well, we're going to cut out the one after
- that, so let's do 57, line 1 through 8.
- 11 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 12 record in open court.)
- 13 MR. WEBER: Next I think we have a series of
- 14 three clips which we can combine. It will start with
- 15 page 59, line 4 through page 60, line 4, and then the
- 16 clip immediately after that would be page 61, line 6
- 17 through page 64, line 17 and then finally a short clip
- page 64, line 22 through page 65, line 6.
- 19 So if we can play those three clips.
- 20 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 21 record in open court.)
- MR. WEBER: Next we have a long clip that goes
- from page 65, line 11 through page 72, line 21.
- 24 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 25 record in open court.)

1 MR. WEBER: My next two short excerpts are

- 2 excerpts that respondent wanted and we have objections.
- 3 Basically it's the same objection on both of them, that
- 4 it's really irrelevant and beyond the scope of our
- 5 designations. I'd like to see if I can talk Mr. Stone
- 6 into withdrawing them.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: What page?
- 8 MR. WEBER: This would be starting at page 74,
- 9 line 7 through 75, line 8 and then the same objection
- 10 at page 76, line 15 through page 77, line 8.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Stone, did you want to --
- MR. STONE: These simply fill out the picture
- of what he did at Samsung, which complaint counsel
- 14 have brought out at some length. This simply filled
- 15 out the picture of what he did when he got back to the
- 16 U.S.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: How do these prior litigations
- have any pertinence to these issues?
- 19 MR. STONE: The actual litigations so far as I
- 20 know don't have any pertinence to these. Although one
- 21 of the litigations is the one that was the subject of
- 22 the ITC dispute that is the subject of the brief. But
- 23 I don't --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Then I sustain the objection.
- 25 MR. WEBER: Next, Your Honor, we have a short

1 clip, and then I think we're getting into where they're

- objecting to ours, so let's do the one short clip.
- 3 It's actually a series of short clips. It's page 87,
- 4 lines 2 through 5 and then page 87, line 17 through
- 5 page 88, line 5. I don't think there's any objection
- 6 to that, but the next one there is.
- 7 (Whereupon, the videotape was played for the
- 8 record in open court.)
- 9 MR. WEBER: The next excerpt, Your Honor, is at
- page 90, line 3 through line 21 and they have an
- 11 objection.
- MR. STONE: Your Honor, and I don't know if you
- want a chance to rule on the papers to the extent this
- 14 is an effort to use the brief that was filed in the ITC
- 15 case -- that's where we pick up now -- to use the brief
- in the ITC case, which the witness had never seen
- 17 before, so there's no foundation that he's ever seen
- 18 it, but in addition, we think the use of the brief or
- 19 the use of the declaration for that proceeding is
- 20 inappropriate since that is hearsay. If it is being
- 21 offered for the truth, he didn't work for Rambus at the
- 22 time. He worked for Samsung.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Now, this goes as well to your
- 24 pending motion, does it not?
- 25 MR. STONE: It does. And I wondered, given

1 it's four o'clock, if now is a good time to break.

- JUDGE McGUIRE: I think it is because
- 3 obviously I don't want to get into something on that
- 4 now before I decide the pending motion. And I think
- 5 whatever I do there may have impact on what we
- 6 ultimately hear here, so it would be premature for me
- 7 at this time to rule.
- 8 MR. WEBER: Your Honor, may I just respond to
- 9 Mr. Stone briefly?
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure.
- 11 MR. WEBER: This whole deposition has been
- ruled already on April 28 by Your Honor as a party
- admission, so Mr. Karp is in the position of a party
- 14 opponent and basically he's being asked whether he
- agrees with this statement in the brief, so he could
- have been asked the question without the brief and been
- 17 perfectly appropriate.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, that's your argument and
- 19 that's in your current brief as well I believe. Is it
- 20 not?
- 21 MR. WEBER: I think our position in the
- footnote as far as the brief, we're not offering the
- 23 brief as evidence, Your Honor. All we're saying is we
- can take up these objections one by one, so this is an
- example of that.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, again, I think it's

- 2 premature for me to rule until I issue an order on the
- 3 outstanding motion which incorporates your response
- 4 obviously, and then after I issue that order, then we
- 5 can take these up as we need to, but obviously that
- 6 order will have perhaps some impact on these current
- 7 objections.
- 8 MR. STONE: I think it will, Your Honor.
- 9 MR. WEBER: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: So is that it for today?
- 11 MR. STONE: That will be it.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good.
- 13 And I want to say, complaint counsel, I'm
- 14 pleased you were able to take some time this afternoon
- and put this together, and I think that's the kind of
- progress that we need to make when we have these off
- 17 hours. So thank you very much.
- 18 MR. WEBER: We're doing the best we can.
- 19 MR. STONE: We appreciate that as well,
- 20 Your Honor.
- 21 JUDGE McGUIRE: And while we're on this, so
- we're going to be off on Tuesday and Wednesday. Are
- there any other off days in the next two or three weeks
- that anyone has contemplated?
- 25 MR. STONE: The only possible day that we

- 1 talked about the other day was that Friday, June 20.
- 2 And Mr. Oliver and I have been talking about whether or
- 3 not we can fill it, and we have some proposals back and
- 4 forth, and if you could give us a day or so to work
- 5 that out.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes. No, there's no rush. I
- 7 just wonder, if we feel like we're getting beyond our
- 8 schedule, then, you know, I only offered that early on
- 9 in this proceeding with the anticipation we'd be going
- 10 to trial four days a week, five days a week, then on
- 11 occasion maybe the parties would want to take an off
- 12 Friday, but I'm certainly, you know, free to stay in
- hearing in an effort to try to keep the hearing on
- 14 track and under schedule.
- Does it still appear like we're going to get
- this thing done by the end of July? Is that still the
- time frame we're looking at to have this hearing
- 18 completed, or is this going to run into August?
- 19 MR. STONE: I think so. I think Mr. Oliver and
- 20 I have been talking about when complaint counsel expect
- 21 to rest their case, and what he's been trying to do to
- help me out is give me as good an estimate as he can,
- and what I'm going to ask Your Honor to do, and I'll
- 24 ask complaint counsel if they agree, is to then give us
- 25 a date certain to start.

1 It looks like our case would start right after

- 2 the Fourth of July weekend. So what I'm going to do,
- 3 once we make sure it makes sense, is just ask you,
- 4 okay, let's have a date certain so we can start
- 5 scheduling witnesses right after that holiday and maybe
- 6 start on that Tuesday, is what we're currently
- 7 thinking.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: And you anticipated that your
- 9 case in chief would take?
- 10 MR. STONE: Three weeks.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: Three weeks. And then we'll
- 12 come back with complaint counsel's rebuttal no doubt;
- 13 right?
- 14 MR. STONE: So if we're at three weeks, that's
- 15 going to take us --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: That's the end of August.
- MR. STONE: We will end by the end of July, but
- 18 if they have a rebuttal case they want to put on, it
- 19 will put us into August.
- 20 And then while we're on the issue of
- 21 scheduling, without asking for any commitment, we
- 22 probably should fairly soon talk about what you want us
- 23 to do when the evidence closes, should we argue orally
- 24 at the end in a relatively short period of time after
- 25 the end, and then we'll probably have briefing.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: You know what I've always done

- 2 since I've been ALJ, I think what's important to me are
- 3 your opening statements, so I can get a feel as of that
- 4 point in time. You know, when the pleadings come out,
- 5 during the course of the complaint and answer, parties
- 6 tend to change their arguments somewhat, so I want to
- 7 know at the day I open the hearing what your opening
- 8 arguments are.
- 9 As far as closing arguments, to me, that's
- optional with the parties and I would prefer that you
- 11 put the essence of your closing argument in your
- 12 post-hearing brief because that's where it's really --
- that's where you're going to be able to tie up all the
- 14 evidence.
- 15 If the parties choose to sort of close this up
- a little bit at the end of the hearing and make a short
- 17 closing statement, then that's fine with me. But I
- 18 don't anticipate or I'm not going to obligate you to
- 19 make some long closing comment that's going to tie up
- 20 all the evidence that's preceded in this hearing
- 21 because ultimately, as we all know, we're going to have
- 22 to spend some time in going back through this entire
- record, and so I would, you know, prefer it to be in
- your post-hearing briefs.
- 25 And I quess while we're on that topic we ought

1 to take that up a little bit. I think I mentioned at

- 2 the start of this hearing that we are all under some
- 3 pretty tight time frames regarding the post-hearing
- 4 briefing and the time I have to issue an opinion.
- Now, at some point I plan on issuing an order
- on briefing to advise the parties as to what I expect
- 7 in your post-hearing briefs. And the parties probably
- 8 already contemplated that they want to get started on
- 9 that before just the end of the hearing so they won't
- 10 be under this crush.
- 11 So just while we're talking here, maybe the
- 12 parties could give me some idea how much time, you
- 13 know, that they would -- it's how much time you need,
- 14 not how much time you want, how much time do you need
- 15 to get out a quality post-hearing brief. And I'm
- 16 contemplating at this point the parties filing their
- opening briefs and then -- concurrently and then filing
- 18 concurrent reply briefs.
- 19 So you don't have to tell me that today, but I
- 20 want you to think about how much time you need.
- 21 Because part of the problem I think is, if we just say
- you've got X number of days, it's my -- since I've been
- here at the FTC, I've been apprised by my staff and my
- 24 colleague down there that we've been having some
- 25 problems on the post-hearing briefing, you know, from

1 both sides in other cases regarding the accuracy of

- 2 some of these briefs. You know, there will be a
- 3 citation to the transcript or to evidence and that's
- 4 not what it is and it's not the proposition that it's
- 5 been cited for.
- 6 So -- and that may well be because parties are
- 7 under, you know, such a crush of time to put something
- 8 forward that they really don't have or take the time
- 9 to do the sort of proofing that they ought to be
- 10 doing.
- 11 So I want to try to keep that, to the extent
- 12 possible, down during this case, and so that's why I'm
- 13 going to have the parties maybe confer with each other
- 14 and then advise me at some point how much time do you
- 15 need, not to say you're going to get it, but I want you
- 16 to be -- to have that in mind.
- Because ultimately, as everyone knows, all the
- 18 time you've spent on this case, all the hours, it's
- 19 going to come down to those briefs and how you're able
- 20 to organize the evidence and the facts to your
- 21 argument, so that's where I really -- and that's what
- 22 I'm going to count on to ultimately determine the
- 23 outcome of this case.
- So you should be thinking about that already,
- and when you get a chance and you want to talk about

- 1 it, I'll be happy to do so.
- 2 MR. STONE: Well, I think that's a great
- 3 suggestion, Your Honor. We will talk about it. We
- 4 will consult with complaint counsel and sometime in the
- 5 next one to two weeks it serves all of our interests to
- 6 at least put a sort of tentative plan in place if we
- 7 can.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: And again, I don't have to tell
- 9 you all because you've done this for a long time, one
- of the most important things, you know, that as
- 11 advocates that you can offer the court is really tight,
- 12 concise, accurate proposed findings of fact. And if
- they are quality proposed findings, I might well
- incorporate them to some extent or to a great extent
- 15 into my decision, so it behooves each side to be as
- 16 accurate as they can.
- But I know in the past that's been a problem,
- 18 and I'm trying to work through the agency to get some
- of these time frames extended, but I know that's a
- 20 tough task. It's going to take two years to change
- 21 any of these current rules. But -- so we're going to
- 22 do what we have to do, but I want the parties to offer
- 23 me, you know, their highest-quality post-hearing
- 24 briefs.
- 25 So that's all I should say about that at this

- 1 point.
- 2 MR. STONE: I appreciate that, Your Honor.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Does complaint counsel want to
- 5 say anything while we're on this topic?
- 6 MR. OLIVER: Simply other than to reiterate as
- 7 Mr. Stone did that I think it is a very good idea to
- 8 try to set a schedule fairly early to allow us to
- 9 know --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: And also what I intend to do is
- 11 to issue an order on briefing that will put down maybe
- 12 eight or ten different points that I want to make clear
- to the parties and hopefully offer them some guidance
- on what I hope to see in these post-hearing briefs.
- 15 Okay?
- MR. STONE: Thank you.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: If not, this hearing is
- 18 adjourned and we'll convene again on Monday morning.
- 19 Everyone have a good weekend.
- MR. STONE: Thank you.
- 21 (Time noted: 4:15 p.m.)

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