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- JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
- Before we start this morning, any housekeeping
- 5 chores?
- MR. STONE: We have none, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: If not, then, Mr. Stone, at
- 8 this time you may call your next witness.
- 9 MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 At this time we call Dr. Betty Prince.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: And Dr. Prince, would you
- 12 please come toward the bench and the court reporter
- 13 will swear you in.
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- 15 Whereupon --
- 16 BETTY PRINCE
- a witness, called for examination, having been first
- 18 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- MR. BURT: My name is Scott Burt with
- Jones Day. I'm here both representing Dr. Prince and
- 21 MOSAID Technologies on which she is a board member.
- 22 Both Dr. Prince and MOSAID have filed in camera
- 23 motions. I understand you have now just ruled on
- 24 those?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Oh, yeah. That was done, you

- 1 know, six weeks ago probably.
- 2 MR. BURT: Okay.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I assume you got a copy.
- 4 MR. BURT: I did not, which is why I asked.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I don't know if at the time you
- 6 were the acting attorney. Perhaps -- I assume you got
- 7 a copy.
- 8 Did counsel get copies?
- 9 MR. STONE: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 MR. DAVIS: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: I will have to go back. I
- 12 will check with my office. As a matter of fact, I
- should have you check with my office because I'm
- 14 hardly there anymore. And you can check and I'm sure
- 15 you can access a copy. In fact, you might want to do
- 16 that right now. Maybe we should take a ten-minute
- 17 break.
- 18 As I recall, I did not allow any in camera
- 19 treatment for any of her evidence. Is that correct?
- 20 MR. STONE: The one contested issue was the
- 21 slides of the Samsung presentation and you ruled that
- 22 would not be given in camera treatment.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Right.
- 24 MR. STONE: I think there were some other
- 25 MOSAID documents that neither side opposed. If you

- 1 want, we can pull the order.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Why don't we do that and just
- 3 get this resolved before we get started so you will be
- 4 apprised.
- 5 MR. BURT: I appreciate it.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Let's go off the record and
- 7 we'll take a minute and try to get this issue ironed
- 8 out.
- 9 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: At this time you may proceed
- 11 with your inquiry of the witness, Mr. Stone.
- MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Good morning, Dr. Prince.
- Are you here pursuant to a subpoena?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. And let me ask you if you could pull the
- 19 microphone closer to you. That would be helpful.
- 20 A. Is that better?
- 21 O. That is better.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. And you're not here happily I take it either?
- A. I'm here because it's my civil duty to be
- 25 here.

1 Q. I appreciate the fact that you're here.

- 2 And you've never testified in a trial or a
- 3 hearing like this before, have you?
- 4 A. No, sir.
- 5 Q. Could you briefly tell us your educational
- 6 background, Dr. Prince.
- 7 A. Yes. I have a bachelor's in physics and math,
- 8 a master's in physics and math, an MBA in international
- 9 marketing and a doctorate in physics with a
- 10 dissertation -- or in finance -- excuse me -- that was
- interdisciplinary finance and business. It was in
- 12 chaotic modeling of exchange rates.
- Q. And when did you obtain your Ph.D.?
- 14 A. 1987.
- Q. Where do you presently reside?
- 16 A. In Leander, Texas.
- 17 Q. And what's that near?
- 18 A. Austin.
- 19 O. Okay. And how are you currently employed?
- 20 A. I run a small consulting company. We do
- 21 memory -- technical services for the semiconductor
- 22 memory industry.
- Q. And what's the name of that company?
- 24 A. Memory Strategies International.
- Q. How long have you been running Memory

- 1 Strategies International?
- 2 A. Since 1994, late '93, early '94.
- 3 Q. And could you briefly give us -- go back to
- 4 your first full-time employment if you would, and I'll
- 5 walk you through your employment history, if you could
- 6 tell us your first full-time employment.
- 7 A. In the electronics industry?
- Q. In the electronics industry.
- 9 A. Okay. My first full-time employment was in
- 10 1972 and this was with Fairchild Semiconductor in
- 11 California.
- 12 Q. And how long did you stay with Fairchild?
- A. I was with Fairchild until late '75, early '76.
- 14 Q. And then what was your next position?
- 15 A. I was at RCA Semiconductor in Ohio.
- 16 Q. And how long were you at RCA?
- 17 A. Six months.
- 18 Q. And then what was your next position?
- 19 A. I went to Motorola in Austin.
- 20 Q. And how long were you at Motorola?
- 21 A. I was with Motorola until 198' -- late '85,
- 22 early '86, and I was in Austin until 1980, they had me
- in Scotland until 1983, and then I was back in Austin
- 24 for two years.
- Q. And then did you leave Motorola?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What was your next position?
- 3 A. I was on sabbatical for a year. I was still
- 4 working for Motorola during 1985, finishing my
- 5 doctorate, and then I worked for Philips in Eindhoven
- 6 in The Netherlands.
- 7 Q. How long did you work for Philips in
- 8 The Netherlands?
- 9 A. Until 1990. And in 1990 I went to
- 10 Texas Instruments and left there in late '93.
- 11 Q. And that's when you formed Memory Strategies
- 12 International?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And have you written several books?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is it up to five at the moment?
- 17 A. Well, if you count my dissertation which was
- 18 published, it's probably six, but it's five in this
- 19 industry.
- 20 O. And so five books in the area of memories?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Are you active in the IEEE?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Could you tell us briefly what the IEEE is.
- 25 A. It's the professional organization for

1 electrical engineers and -- electrical and electronic

- 2 engineers.
- 3 Q. And does the IEEE publish a journal?
- 4 A. They publish many journals.
- 5 Q. Is one of the journals they publish called
- 6 Spectrum?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And have you been active from time to time in
- 9 writing articles for Spectrum?
- 10 A. Yes. Actually Spectrum is the overall, the
- 11 general magazine for the IEEE.
- 12 Q. I have placed a binder in front of you,
- Dr. Prince. I'm going to give a copy of this same
- 14 binder to complaint counsel.
- And I'd like you if you would to turn to the
- 16 first document in your binder, which is RX-329. It
- 17 will also come up on the screen, so whichever place is
- 18 easier for you to review it.
- 19 A. This is pretty much out of focus. 329?
- 20 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 21 Do you have that document in front of you?
- 22 A. I do, but the print is very small. Let me go
- down one more level of glasses.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 2 be hard to read and you might need to take my word for
- 3 it, but in the lower right-hand corner there's a date
- 4 which is October 1992?
- 5 A. Yes. I see it.
- Q. Okay. Were you involved in October of 1992 or
- 7 the preceding months in putting together a collection
- 8 of articles that appeared in the IEEE Spectrum?
- 9 A. Yes, I was.
- 10 Q. What was the purpose of that collection of
- 11 articles, if you can share that with us, please?
- 12 A. Well, I was on the technical advisory board for
- 13 the IEEE Spectrum and we tried to -- since this was a
- 14 general magazine, we tried to present issues that were
- 15 current in issues of the magazine, and one of the
- issues that was current at the time was the fast DRAMs,
- and I had been asked to pull together a magazine of
- 18 articles on fast DRAMs.
- Q. And how did you go about doing that? Did you
- 20 contact potential authors?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. How did you select the authors? What were your
- 23 criteria?
- 24 A. There were various fast DRAMs that were in the
- 25 press at that point and I selected the ones that

- were -- had the widest publicity.
- 2 Q. How long have you been active in the area of
- 3 memories?
- 4 A. Since 1978.
- 5 Q. And at each of the different companies you've
- 6 worked at since 1978, have you been involved with
- 7 memories in each of those companies?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. How much of your work has been in the design
- area, how much has been in marketing, how much has been
- in other areas, if you can generalize?
- 12 A. I've never been in the design of memories. I
- 13 have -- I was in process engineering and product
- 14 engineering for three years and then I was -- it's
- easier to go back by company.
- 16 At RCA I was product engineer for the
- 17 microprocessor memory line.
- 18 At Motorola the first two years I had the
- 19 static RAM -- the first year I had the static RAM
- 20 line. I was product engineer for the static RAM line.
- 21 And then I was international marketing manager for the
- 22 DRAM line, and this entailed design, helping get the
- 23 DRAMs designed into customers in the international
- 24 regions.
- From '80 to '83 I was European marketing

- 1 manager for Motorola, and that was why I was in
- 2 Europe, and I was helping to get the European
- 3 customers designed in, and also Motorola was bringing
- 4 their factory in Scotland up in memories and I was
- 5 helping get this underway doing some product
- 6 management work.
- 7 At Philips, I was originally strategic
- 8 marketing manager for memories, which is sort of an
- 9 overall person they have in each of the product areas,
- and then I was business manager for the Mega project,
- which was a European project to bring up Philips and
- 12 Siemens, which is now Infineon, in DRAMs and static
- 13 RAMs.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And at TI I was new product manager for the
- 16 DRAM line.
- 17 Q. For the which line?
- 18 A. At TI I was new product manager for the DRAM
- 19 line and flash.
- O. Was the article that we've marked as
- 21 Exhibit RX-329, was this one of the articles that you
- 22 asked someone to prepare for the edition of this
- 23 IEEE Spectrum that was addressing fast DRAMs?
- A. Yes, apparently it was, although I don't
- 25 actually remember the specific article.

- 1 Q. Let me ask you about whether at the time,
- October of 1992 -- there's a statement in the article,
- 3 and I just want to ask you if this is what you
- 4 understood to be commonly discussed within the
- 5 industry.
- And we can bring it up on the screen. It might
- 7 be easier to read.
- If you go to the left-hand column, the very
- 9 bottom, first full paragraph, the bottom full paragraph
- 10 on the left-hand column.
- I'm sorry. I'm being inarticulate, Matthew.
- 12 Go to the left-hand column and the bottom full
- 13 paragraph.
- Is your screen still waving again?
- 15 A. It never was waving. It's simply out of focus,
- 16 but I can read the material.
- 17 Q. Okay. My question is simply whether it was
- 18 the general discussion within the industry in the 1992
- 19 time frame that the accepted dynamic RAM architectures
- and solutions had by that time been pushed to their
- 21 limits.
- 22 A. Let me read what it says.
- Q. Certainly.
- 24 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- A. And what was your question?

1 Q. Was that generally accepted within the industry

- 2 as you understood it in 1992?
- 3 A. Yes, in that the industry was dominated by the
- 4 computer companies and computer companies needed faster
- 5 DRAMs.
- Q. Could you -- if you turn to the next page,
- 7 page 2 of this particular article, RX-329, over on the
- 8 right-hand column, under the first big heading there,
- 9 you'll see a discussion of the word -- of the concept
- of throughput. It's about midway down that paragraph.
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Can I ask you if you could just help us
- 13 understand what throughput means.
- 14 A. Throughput was a synonym for data rate, and the
- 15 data rate is the amount of data that moves down the bus
- in a given period of time.
- 17 Q. And is that a combination of the -- would that
- 18 be measured in sort of bits per unit of time?
- 19 A. If you were a DRAM person, but it actually was
- 20 measured in megabytes per unit of time because of the
- 21 systems we've been talking about.
- 22 Q. And then let me ask you if you would to turn to
- 23 the third page of this article, and there's a
- 24 discussion that begins in the left-hand column of
- 25 something called interleaving.

1 And would you explain if you could interleaving

- 2 to us briefly.
- 3 A. Actually I'm not sure that I had focused on
- 4 this particular description of interleaving before.
- 5 Interleaving generally meant that you were
- 6 effectively widening the data bus so that you were
- 7 getting more data through any given amount of time.
- Q. And how was that done, if you can do it in
- 9 general terms?
- 10 A. Well, you could either make the data -- you
- 11 could either make the bus wider, in which case you got
- 12 a higher data rate because more data was coming down
- 13 the pipe at one time, or you could have it broken into,
- 14 say, two buses and interleave them in time so that you
- are getting twice as much data down the bus at one
- 16 time.
- 17 Q. And one final question, if you would just help
- 18 us understand, there's a mention in the right-hand
- 19 column in about the third full paragraph of something
- 20 called clock skew?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Could you help us understand what clock skew
- 23 means.
- 24 A. The problem here was that as signals -- if you
- 25 have a signal edge, as it travels down the wire, it

1 becomes slightly out of phase with where it was when it

- 2 started. So for instance, if you have a very large
- 3 chip, the phase of the clock at one side of the chip
- 4 might not be the same as the phase on the other side of
- 5 the chip.
- 6 MR. STONE: Your Honor, we'd offer RX-329.
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Objection?
- 8 MR. DAVIS: No, sir.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered.
- 10 (RX Exhibit Number 329 was admitted into
- 11 evidence.)
- 12 BY MR. STONE:
- 13 O. If you would now turn to the second article in
- 14 your binder, Dr. Prince, which is RX-330.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Was this another one of the articles that was
- 17 part of the collection of articles on fast DRAM that
- 18 you put together for the October 1992 Spectrum?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And do you know the author of this particular
- 21 article?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Is he someone you have worked with?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And what's his name, if you could help us with

- 1 that?
- 2 A. Roelof Salters.
- 3 Q. And at the time was he at Philips?
- 4 A. He is still at Philips and he was then.
- 5 Q. And had you worked with him when you were at
- 6 Philips?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. STONE: Your Honor, at this time we'd offer
- 9 RX 330.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 12 (RX Exhibit Number 330 was admitted into
- 13 evidence.)
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Let me ask -- I'm going to try to move this
- 16 along, so skip one if you would, Dr. Prince, and go to
- 17 RX-333.
- Do you have that one in front of you?
- 19 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Now, is this an article -- you'll note that
- 21 there seems to be several articles under the general
- 22 title of Fast Interfaces for DRAMs, and it appears that
- 23 the first one you coauthored; is that right?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And was this an article in toto that was part

- of that October 1992 collection of articles?
- 2 A. Yes, it was.
- 3 Q. And you wrote with Mr. Foss the first portion
- 4 of this article on the first page?
- 5 A. Yes. Actually Dick had most of the input to
- 6 this. I rewrote it into the appropriate style for the
- 7 magazine.
- Q. And when you say "Dick," you mean Richard Foss?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And he was at the time with MOSAID?
- 11 A. I'm sorry?
- 12 Q. At the time he was with MOSAID?
- 13 A. Yes, he was.
- Q. Okay. And you are still on the MOSAID board?
- 15 A. '92. I was not on the MOSAID board in 1992.
- Q. But you are today?
- 17 A. But I am today.
- 18 Q. Okay. With respect to this article -- well,
- 19 let me ask you just about that.
- How long have you served on the MOSAID board,
- 21 as best you recall?
- 22 A. Six years I believe.
- Q. And have you served on any other boards or
- 24 advisory councils for various companies?
- A. Yes. I've been on technical advisory boards.

1 Q. For which companies, as best you can recall

- 2 them at this time?
- 3 A. Silicon Access Networks, Cavendish Kinetics,
- 4 Cogent Systems. I'm trying to think if there were any
- 5 others. Those are all I think I can bring up.
- 6 O. In these articles where the term "interface" is
- 7 used, could you give us a general description of what
- 8 the "interface" means as it's used in this article.
- 9 A. As it's used in this article, it refers to the
- 10 output -- input and output buffers of the DRAM, and
- 11 what was looked at was the power supply voltage that
- was across the buffers and the voltage levels for the
- 13 swing of the buffer.
- 14 O. And was there at this time -- I notice it's
- 15 mentioned in the portion that I think you wrote -- was
- there at this time an interest in reducing the swing
- 17 voltage?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Why was that?
- 20 A. Two reasons. One was that we were reducing the
- 21 power supply across the buffer, and this was to reduce
- 22 power dissipation, and if you reduce power supply, then
- 23 the swing also has to be reduced.
- And the other was that if you reduced the swing
- and it runs at the same speed, then it doesn't take as

- long to swing and it speeds it up.
- 2 Q. So reducing the swing, everything else being
- 3 equal, would allow you to increase the throughput?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Were there other issues that were being
- 6 discussed in the industry in October of 1992 that
- 7 needed to be addressed to make faster interfaces?
- 8 A. Other than low swing interfaces?
- 9 O. Yes.
- 10 A. Well, you needed to make the interfaces
- 11 themselves low voltage and low swing, but if the
- 12 circuits were as a result running faster, then you had
- 13 to also worry about ground bounce and transmission line
- 14 effects in the system.
- 15 Q. Just, again, I want to keep this at a level
- that we can try to understand, but if you could explain
- 17 to us ground bounce.
- 18 A. Ground bounce. You have to understand what an
- 19 output or an input -- what an output buffer is.
- 20 An output buffer is composed of two
- 21 transistors, one of which is off when the other one is
- 22 on. And when you switch from one of them being off and
- 23 the other one on and back, there's a -- normally when
- 24 it's stable, there's no current or little current
- 25 flowing through it, only leakage.

1 When you switch them for a moment there's a

- 2 spike of current because for a moment both of them are
- 3 on. And when you have that spike of current, then that
- 4 spike of current is from power to ground. And if
- 5 there's any inductance in the ground line, it causes a
- 6 reverse current and it causes a bounce on the current,
- 7 and it's called a ground bounce.
- Q. Were there other issues that were being
- 9 discussed other than the ones you've mentioned -- oh, I
- 10 didn't ask you about transmission line.
- When you say transmission line issues were
- being discussed, could you just briefly explain to us
- what you mean by "transmission line."
- 14 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, there's a lot of
- questions about what was being discussed in the
- industry, and I just wanted a clarification that
- 17 Dr. Prince's testimony is not being asked for the truth
- 18 of the matter.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Would you clarify on that,
- 20 Mr. Stone.
- 21 MR. STONE: It is not. It's simply being asked
- 22 to show what issues were being discussed within the
- industry as Dr. Prince was aware from her various
- 24 positions.
- THE WITNESS: The question was transmission

- 1 line?
- 2 BY MR. STONE:
- 3 Q. Yes, please.
- 4 A. When you have an output buffer swing, it's
- 5 connected to a long line in the system and the line
- 6 also swings and it -- a wave goes down the line, and if
- 7 it's not properly configured, the wave comes back and
- 8 interferes with itself, and this wave effect can slow
- 9 the transmission down or interfere with the
- 10 transmission, and these were called transmission line
- 11 effects.
- MR. STONE: Let me -- at this time, Your Honor,
- 13 we'd offer RX-333.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 16 (RX Exhibit Number 333 was admitted into
- 17 evidence.)
- 18 BY MR. STONE:
- 19 O. Let me ask you if you'd turn to the next
- document in your binder, Dr. Prince, which is RX-332.
- 21 Is this another one of the articles that
- 22 appeared in that October 1992 collection of articles in
- the IEEE Spectrum?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. And is this an article that was authored by

- 1 Mike Farmwald and Dave Mooring of Rambus?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Was this an article that you recall at the time
- 4 discussing with them?
- 5 A. Only inasmuch as I asked them if they would
- 6 write it.
- 7 Q. And why was it that you asked them if they
- 8 would write it?
- 9 A. Because they were designing one of the DRAMs
- 10 that was in the press at that point. People wanted to
- 11 know what these fast DRAMs were, and I was trying to
- get articles on each one of them and on the issues.
- Q. Were you familiar -- did you read this article
- 14 when it came out?
- 15 A. I assume I did.
- Q. Okay. And did you have an understanding at the
- 17 time, October of 1992, either from this article or from
- any other source, that the Rambus proposal for a fast
- 19 DRAM included the use of dual-edged clocking?
- 20 A. It was clear from the Rambus data sheets that
- 21 the Rambus DRAM involved dual-edged clocking. I'm not
- 22 sure exactly did they have -- I don't know if it's
- 23 mentioned in this article, but I assume it is because
- that was one of the attributes of the Rambus DRAM.
- Q. Okay. Let me just point you if I can to the

1 second page of RX-332. At the bottom of the left-hand

- column, you'll see a paragraph that begins with the
- 3 word "transferring"?
- 4 A. Right. Right. And so it does mention
- 5 dual-edged clocking.
- 6 Q. Okay. And was it your understanding at the
- 7 time, October of 1992, that Rambus expected to receive
- 8 royalties for use of its inventions?
- 9 MR. DAVIS: Objection, Your Honor. Vague.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I really didn't --
- BY MR. STONE:
- 12 Q. Let me rephrase, Dr. Prince.
- 13 Let me ask you if you would to take a look on
- 14 the first page of RX-332, in the second paragraph in
- 15 the left-hand column.
- 16 A. I'm sorry. The first page?
- 17 Q. The first page, left-hand column, second
- 18 paragraph, if you could.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And you'll notice it talks there about a
- 21 royalty fee?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you have some understanding in October of
- 24 1992 or about that time that Rambus expected to receive
- or hoped to receive a royalty for the use of its

- 1 inventions?
- 2 A. Yes. Although dual-edged clocking, since
- 3 toggle mode was already known, I didn't anticipate that
- 4 was going to be one of them, but I didn't know what
- 5 they were going -- what they patented. I don't look at
- 6 patents.
- 7 Q. I understand. I understand.
- 8 You have some patents; right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You have a patent on something called the
- 11 revolutionary pinout?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. STONE: Your Honor, at this time I'd offer
- 14 RX-332.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 17 (RX Exhibit Number 332 was admitted into
- 18 evidence.)
- 19 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Now, did you later, in 1994, write another
- 21 article for the IEEE Spectrum that addressed fast DRAMs
- 22 or fast memories?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Turn if you would to the next exhibit in your
- 25 binder, RX-465.

1 Is this a copy of the article that you wrote?

- 2 A. Yes, it is.
- 3 O. Let me ask you just a couple of questions about
- 4 it.
- 5 Let me move it into evidence first if I might.
- 6 Your Honor, I'd offer RX-465.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 9 (RX Exhibit Number 465 was admitted into
- 10 evidence.)
- 11 BY MR. STONE:
- 12 Q. And this appeared in the February edition of
- 13 Spectrum; is that right?
- 14 A. 1994, yes.
- Q. And about when was it that you wrote the
- 16 article, if you recall, how much in advance of its
- 17 publication?
- 18 A. I just almost missed the deadline. So I wrote
- it in late January, early February.
- 20 Q. Okay. Directing your attention to the very
- 21 first paragraph in this article, there's a reference to
- the mismatched bandwidth of fast processors and the
- 23 slower memory chips.
- Do you see that reference?
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. Is that something that's depicted then in the

- 2 figure on the bottom of the first page as well?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Could you just briefly tell us what that
- 5 mismatched bandwidths refers to.
- A. Actually it's the speed of the processor.
- 7 That's why I was looking, because I must have changed
- 8 the chart that I used for that not too long after
- 9 that.
- 10 It's actually the speed of the processor and
- 11 the DRAM that are mismatched, and the DRAM can either
- 12 be run faster or it can have a slower speed, be put on
- a wider bus and get the same amount of information
- 14 through.
- 15 So it is the bandwidth that's mismatched.
- 16 Q. Is that something that you might refer to as a
- memory bottleneck? Have you heard it referred to as
- 18 that?
- 19 A. It is one of the bottlenecks in memories.
- Q. Okay. With respect to this particular
- 21 article, if you could turn to page 3 of it, and let me
- 22 ask you just to explain a couple of things on the
- 23 document.
- 24 There's -- in the second column, the middle
- 25 column, under the heading Synchronous Memories, you

- 1 list a variety. Cache DRAM, Rambus DRAM, JEDEC
- 2 standard synchronous DRAM, are the three that I think
- 3 are listed there.
- 4 A. Synchronous static RAMs are also listed because
- 5 they were around before the synchronous DRAMs.
- 6 Q. Okay. And when you use the phrase
- 7 "synchronous" in describing all of those various ones,
- 8 what do you mean by the use of that term?
- 9 A. Synchronous specifically means that there are
- 10 registers on the inputs and outputs of the RAM and the
- 11 registers allow the RAM to be run under what they call
- 12 the system clock.
- 13 O. Then if you would turn to the next page, which
- 14 is page 4 and the last page of this exhibit. And I'm
- 15 going to ask you about the column on the left-hand
- side, the first column, and the second paragraph up
- from the bottom, the one that begins "Another method."
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And when you talk here about another method,
- 20 was that -- are you describing dual-edged clocking?
- 21 A. Yes, although at the time I would have said I
- 22 was describing toggle mode. Yes.
- Q. And by that would mean using the rising edge
- 24 and the falling edge of the clock to --
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. And was it your understanding in 1994 that you

- 2 needed to move to this dual-edged clocking to obtain
- 3 speeds over 200 megahertz?
- 4 A. It was the general wisdom I think of the
- 5 industry at that point that it was one of the main ways
- 6 we were going to be able to obtain speed. There was a
- 7 lot of discussion about whether it was going to be
- 8 possible because there was some difficulty with making
- 9 the clock edges stable on both edges.
- 10 Q. So this issue of how fast you could go without
- dual-edged clocking was being discussed in the industry
- 12 in 1994?
- 13 A. Oh, before 1994.
- Q. And one of the issues being discussed was, if
- 15 you went to dual-edged clocking, would you be able to
- stabilize the edges sufficiently?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And is that related to clock skew that you told
- 19 us about earlier?
- 20 A. I guess so. I hadn't thought about that.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did you, after you found -- at the time
- 22 that you submitted this particular article, RX-465, you
- 23 were -- you had started Memory Strategies
- 24 International; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, I had.

- 1 Q. And could you just briefly tell us the
- 2 business, the different business activities of
- 3 Memory Strategies International in the 1994 time
- 4 frame.
- 5 A. I don't remember exactly when we started our
- 6 different product lines. We did technical reports and
- 7 we do technical reports on the different memory
- 8 products.
- 9 We also do technical training. We started that
- in '94. We do technical training internal to the
- 11 companies in the industry in the memory area. And we
- 12 also on occasion do private reports for companies that
- 13 ask for them.
- Q. When you say you do technical training, you go
- to a company and provide courses or lectures?
- 16 A. Courses for their engineers.
- Q. And when you talk about reports, would you do
- 18 some reports -- you said you do some private reports.
- Do you also do reports that you make available
- 20 more broadly?
- 21 A. Yes. There are numerous reports on our
- Web pages.
- Q. And were you in the 1994 time frame asked to do
- 24 a private report for Samsung?
- 25 A. Yes, I was.

1 Q. And who at Samsung asked you to do that?

- 2 A. Joel Karp.
- 3 Q. As best you can recall, what did Mr. Karp ask
- 4 you to do?
- 5 A. He asked for a report that would help them
- 6 understand where the Rambus DRAM was in the market and
- 7 also help them understand some of the technology of the
- 8 product.
- 9 Q. As best you can recall, when about was it that
- 10 he asked you to do that?
- 11 A. It was sometime in -- sometime in '94.
- 12 Q. And what did you do in response to his
- 13 request?
- 14 A. I accessed all public information that I could
- 15 find on the Rambus DRAM and made slides and went over
- to Korea and presented the report to a group of Samsung
- 17 engineers.
- Q. Do you recall about how many Samsung engineers
- 19 were in attendance?
- 20 A. I would say that there were between fifty and a
- 21 hundred. There were a very large number of them.
- 22 Q. When you say you put public information
- 23 together, was there anything in the presentation that
- you provided that you obtained from other than public
- 25 sources?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Let me ask you to turn to the final document in
- 3 your binder if you would, which is RX-2166.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Is this a copy of the slides that you put
- 8 together for your presentation to Samsung in Korea?
- 9 A. It seems a little bit smaller than the
- 10 presentation. It's a subset of the slides.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Is this -- oh, maybe it is. Maybe it is the
- 13 whole presentation. Okay. Yes, it does appear to be
- 14 the whole presentation.
- 15 Q. There may be a longer version. If there is,
- 16 I'm going to look for it, Dr. Prince, if we take a
- break and I can try to show you that one as well.
- 18 A. Well, it also may be that the document that I
- 19 was reviewing from the exhibits from the last subpoena
- 20 was larger and I was thinking about a larger document.
- 21 I think this is all there is.
- 22 Q. Okay. And then I want to just ask you a couple
- of little procedural questions about this.
- In 1994, at the time of this presentation, did
- you take slides, transparencies that you had put on an

- 1 overhead? Is that how you showed it?
- 2 A. Yes. My presentation wasn't in my computer at
- 3 that time.
- 4 O. And then did you leave hard copies of the
- 5 slides for people at Samsung?
- A. No. They took the slides and made copies while
- 7 I was there and returned the slides to me and returned
- 8 a copy to me, which is what I provided in response to
- 9 the subpoena.
- 10 Q. Right. You provided us a copy that they gave
- 11 back to you; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And did that copy have on it some handwriting
- that was not your handwriting?
- 15 A. I don't remember any handwriting.
- Q. Look at the very first page if you would.
- 17 You'll see there's some writing in Korean?
- 18 A. Oh, that's not -- I didn't assume -- that
- 19 wasn't handwriting because it's identical on every
- 20 page. I assumed it was some kind of stamp.
- 21 Q. I mean -- and I won't belabor this point; it's
- 22 not that important.
- Look at the upper left corner on the first
- 24 page. Right alongside the Memory Strategies
- 25 International just to the left, or look on the screen

- and you'll see where I'm pointing?
- 2 A. That isn't on the copy I have.
- 3 Q. That's not on your copy?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Oh, heavens.
- 6 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I'm not sure if this
- 7 copy was provided by Dr. Prince.
- 8 MR. STONE: Oh, they put the wrong copy in the
- 9 binder, Dr. Prince. Let me apologize.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Then do you want to take a
- 11 second and reshuffle here?
- MR. STONE: If we can, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Let's go off the
- 14 record.
- 15 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, Mr. Stone.
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. I've given Dr. Prince a copy of RX-2153, which
- 19 I believe is the copy that she produced at her
- 20 deposition.
- 21 I'm sorry for putting the wrong one in the
- 22 binder.
- Looking at what is RX-2153, can you identify
- 24 that as a copy of the slides from your presentation to
- 25 Samsung?

- 1 A. Yes, it is. It has a lot of notations on it
- 2 that weren't there that are due to this court action.
- 3 MR. STONE: Your Honor, I don't know if -- it's
- 4 in evidence. Okay.
- 5 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Let me ask you some questions about this then.
- 7 And turn if you could to what I think is going
- 8 to be, I hope, page 9, Dr. Prince.
- 9 A. Are you looking at the number at the bottom
- 10 left or the bottom right?
- 11 Q. I'm looking at the number --
- 12 A. The BP number or the DKT number?
- 13 Q. I'm looking at the number at the very bottom
- 14 left, if you can find page 9. The heading says "Status
- of Standardization."
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And in this portion of your presentation
- 18 were you talking about the status of standardization of
- 19 a Rambus product?
- 20 A. Yes, I was.
- 21 Q. And how did you refer to it then? Did you call
- it an RDRAM or a Rambus DRAM or something else?
- 23 A. I don't know. It looks like I referred to it
- 24 as the Rambus DRAM.
- Q. Let me use that phrase then when I ask you

- 1 questions about this report if that's okay.
- 2 At the very top of this page you say "de facto
- 3 standardization." Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And in 1994 at the time of this presentation,
- 6 did you use that phrase to refer to a part that would
- 7 be supplied by more than one source to a viable segment
- 8 of the market? Was that your definition, as it says in
- 9 the first sentence?
- 10 A. That's right. That's what I said in the first
- 11 sentence.
- 12 Q. And was that the definition you were generally
- using at the time?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. At the very bottom of this page, in the last
- paragraph, it says, "A further danger of a de facto
- 17 standard is the lack of assurance that the standard is
- 18 maintained by all vendors."
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see that reference?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Could you explain what you meant by that.
- 23 A. Well, if you have a standard that has been
- 24 reviewed by a standards committee and everyone has
- agreed to what the standard will look like, then a

1 customer who buys it will be assured that the part that

- 2 they get from any one of the suppliers will indeed be
- 3 the part that will work in their system.
- 4 The danger with a de facto standardization is
- 5 there is nothing to assure that the part that is
- 6 bought is going to be the same as the part bought from
- 7 some other supplier or indeed from that supplier
- 8 earlier.
- 9 So there's more of a risk to the user to use a
- 10 de facto standard.
- 11 Q. And was that a risk that you understood that at
- 12 the time of your presentation that Rambus needed to
- find a way to address?
- 14 A. Actually I was making this to Samsung. It was
- a risk that I wanted Samsung to be aware of if they
- 16 went with a de facto standard.
- 17 Q. And did you know at the time of your
- 18 presentation what, if anything, Rambus was proposing to
- 19 do to address that risk?
- 20 A. To the best of my knowledge, nothing. I don't
- 21 believe Rambus ever presented any part of their
- technology for standardization.
- Q. And do you know if at the time of your
- 24 presentation Rambus was requiring each of the
- 25 manufacturers to comply with a Rambus specification?

1 A. I don't know what Rambus was doing at that

- 2 time.
- Q. Okay. Turn if you would to the next page of
- 4 this document, if you don't mind, Dr. Prince.
- 5 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. The heading here is Potential Areas for
- 7 Patents.
- 8 A. I'm sorry. What page?
- 9 Q. The very next page, page 10. So this will be
- 10 page 10 of -- I forgot the exhibit number. I'm sorry.
- 11 2156? 53?
- On page 10 of RX-2153, the heading is Potential
- 13 Areas for Patents. Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And was -- and you then list four subheadings:
- vertical surface mount package, protocol, distributed
- 17 clock, differential interface. Do you see those four?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Were those four areas in which you thought
- 20 Rambus might obtain patents?
- 21 A. I was asked to, by Samsung, to comment on what
- 22 areas they potentially could file patents under, and
- those are areas that appeared to me possibly for
- 24 patents.
- Q. And these were that Rambus would file, not

- 1 Samsung?
- 2 A. That Rambus would file.
- 3 And I was not making a judgment that these were
- 4 suitable for patents. I was simply saying these are
- 5 areas that they might have filed patents under.
- 6 Q. I appreciate that.
- 7 At the very bottom of the page is some
- 8 language that you've been asked about before, and
- 9 there's a reference there to "Many of the large
- 10 systems houses believe that the Rambus patents are
- 11 challengeable by previous internal work and/or
- 12 patents."
- Do you see that first sentence?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Now, is that information that came to you in a
- public fashion so that you weren't sharing any
- 17 proprietary information with Samsung when you told them
- 18 this?
- 19 A. Yes, it was.
- 20 O. And there's a reference in the next sentence to
- 21 "The early concern about the impact of the Rambus
- 22 patents on the major systems houses and vendors seems
- to have diminished considerably."
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

1 O. Can you help us to place a time frame on the

- 2 early concern? When was that early concern, if you can
- 3 help us?
- 4 A. I don't know that I can put a time frame on it.
- 5 When Rambus first started talking about their
- 6 product, they were very secretive and nobody really
- 7 knew what they had. After it was clear what they had,
- 8 then many of the big companies reviewed the patents
- 9 that they had already -- prior work that they had
- 10 already had and there was discussion various places in
- 11 the industry that much of this seemed to have prior
- 12 art.
- 13 Q. And all of that information even about these
- 14 early concerns came to you in a public, not a
- 15 confidential fashion?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Turn if you would to I believe it's going to be
- 18 page 34 of this document. It's headed RamLink
- 19 Overview.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 34 is not RamLink Overview.
- 22 Q. That's the pagination difference in mine. Hang
- on a second and I'll find it.
- 24 A. 37?
- Q. Yes. If you would turn to 37, the RamLink

- 1 Overview.
- 2 And if you'll see that -- I think that this
- discussion continues on for four pages?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. RamLink overview motivation, RamLink physics
- 6 and RamLink logical?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Was the information -- did you participate in
- 9 the RamLink development?
- 10 A. Yes, I did. I was on the IEEE RamLink
- 11 committee.
- 12 Q. And the information that you put in here about
- 13 RamLink was based in part on your work on the committee
- but was also public at the time; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And then if you would, turn to the very next
- page after that, which would be page 41 I believe.
- 18 A. What's at the top of the page?
- 19 Q. Rambus Marketing Study, Technology Trends,
- 20 The Rambus Interface.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And looking at page 41 of RX-2153, when you
- talk about interface here, are you using that phrase in
- 24 the -- to refer to the same features as you described
- 25 earlier when I asked you about interface in one of the

- 1 articles?
- 2 A. No. Interface here I had actually used a
- 3 Rambus data sheet and I was indicating information here
- 4 from the data sheet that I was using.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- A. I myself would not have thought of the
- 7 phase-lock loop and the FIFO a part of the interface.
- 8 Q. You would have the phase-lock loop and the FIFO
- 9 as something else?
- 10 A. Yes. I would have considered it logic on the
- 11 DRAM.
- 12 Q. And the reference you're making to phase-lock
- loop is the next to the last paragraph where it says "a
- 14 PLL (phase-locked loop)"?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And then the last paragraph on that page is
- 17 where the reference is to FIFO?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So you would have considered that logic on the
- 20 DRAM in your terminology?
- 21 A. Yes. It was, and to my knowledge, it was
- 22 internal to the DRAM.
- Q. And turn if you would to the next page, which
- is page 42 of this exhibit.
- 25 And you here describe a feature of a low

- voltage swing?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And would you consider a low voltage swing to
- 4 be part of the interface as you were using the
- 5 terminology?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. And you also described here data being
- 8 transferred on both edges of the clock; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Turn if you would to the next page, which is
- page 42 -- I'm sorry -- page 43. Under the heading
- 12 Bandwidth, there's a reference in this discussion to
- 13 the Rambus channel?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. Do you see that reference?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. What did you mean at the time of this
- 18 presentation in June of 1994 by the phrase "Rambus
- 19 channel"?
- 20 A. To the best of my knowledge, I was using it in
- 21 the sense that Rambus appeared to be using it, and they
- 22 were using it to mean the bus to their DRAM.
- 23 O. And did you understand at the time that Rambus
- 24 used "interface" to refer to some features and
- "channel" to refer to other features?

- 1 A. I hadn't thought about it.
- Q. Okay. In looking at their data sheets, did you
- 3 recall that they had a discussion in their data sheets
- 4 of both interface and channel?
- 5 A. Yes. In that, as I said, the channel was the
- 6 bus and the interface, as they discussed it, was both
- 7 the input/output buffers and also some -- they also
- 8 included in that the logic that controlled the
- 9 interface.
- 10 Q. And then turn if you would to -- I believe it's
- 11 going to be page -- give me just a minute to find it --
- 12 I believe it will be page 46 of Exhibit RX-2153.
- Does that have a heading Validity of Rambus in
- 14 System Environment and then the next heading is
- 15 Latency?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And I want to ask you just for a moment
- 18 about the last paragraph on this page with the heading
- 19 Reliability of Phase-lock Loops on DRAM, and take a
- 20 moment if you need to just refresh yourself as to
- 21 that.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Was there a discussion within the industry in
- June of 1994 as to whether phase-lock loops or PLLs
- could be reliably implemented on the DRAM?

1 A. Yes, there was because we had never implemented

- 2 clocks on a stand-alone DRAM that I knew of. And there
- 3 was a question of whether the noise from the clock, the
- 4 phase-lock loop clock, would cause a disturbance
- 5 problem in the DRAM.
- 6 Q. Okay. Let me ask you --
- 7 A. Actually I'll have to -- I said we'd never
- 8 implemented it. The MoSys DRAM I believe had a
- 9 phase-lock loop, and I'm not sure what time frame they
- appeared in, although I think they appeared after the
- 11 Rambus DRAM.
- 12 Q. Okay. Turn if you would -- let me find the
- page in this document if I can -- turn if you would to
- 14 the very last page of this exhibit, which I think is
- 15 going to be 85.
- 16 A. 85.
- Q. Well, I have the number wrong. I can't read
- 18 the page numbers on the copy that Mr. Davis was kind
- 19 enough to share with me.
- 20 A. What's the heading?
- 21 Q. 95. Let's go to 95.
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you have that page in front of you?
- A. The one that starts "Technology Lead?"
- Q. The one that starts "Technology Lead."

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. At the time of your presentation in
- 3 June of 1994, did you share with Samsung that Rambus'
- 4 technology lead might depend at least in part on
- 5 whether the Rambus patents were valid or not?
- 6 MR. DAVIS: Objection. Leading.
- 7 MR. STONE: Certainly. Let me withdraw.
- 8 BY MR. STONE:
- 9 Q. There's a reference on this page under the
- 10 heading Technology Lead to the statement: "This
- depends on whether the Rambus patents are valid or
- 12 not."
- 13 Do you see that statement, Dr. Prince?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that something you shared with Samsung at
- 16 the time?
- 17 A. Well, it was on one of the slides I presented
- 18 to them.
- 19 Q. Did you express any view yourself as to whether
- 20 any Rambus patents were valid or not valid?
- 21 A. I had never seen a Rambus patent.
- 22 Q. And when you presented this --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Wait a minute.
- 24 Well, okay. I guess it answers the question. If you
- 25 haven't seen it, then you can't make that judgment? Is

- 1 that your testimony?
- THE WITNESS: That's absolutely true. And I
- 3 make a practice of not reviewing patents.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, Mr. Stone.
- 5 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. And Dr. Prince, at the time when you gave this
- 7 presentation to Samsung, can you tell us what it is you
- 8 were saying about the Rambus patents in the context of
- 9 this slide?
- 10 A. Yes. If Samsung was interested in this
- 11 technology and there were no patents covering it that
- were valid, then Samsung could go do this technology
- 13 themselves.
- 14 If they were interested in the technology and
- there were valid patents, then clearly they were going
- 16 to have to license it.
- I mean, it was a very practical business
- 18 comment I was making here.
- 19 Q. Okay. And do you know -- and at the end of the
- 20 presentation, your recommendation to Samsung was that
- 21 they consider alternatives other than Rambus?
- 22 A. My recommendation -- they had asked me to talk
- about both Rambus and the RamLink. They knew I was on
- 24 the RamLink committee. And my recommendation to
- 25 them and, if you go through this presentation page by

1 page, the clear import of this presentation was that

- they should use the RamLink rather than the Rambus.
- Q. And did the RamLink product ever come to
- 4 market?
- 5 A. No, it didn't.
- Q. Do you know whether Samsung signed a license
- 7 with Rambus?
- 8 A. I believe they did.
- 9 Q. And do you know today whether Samsung
- 10 manufactures Rambus DRAM?
- 11 A. I believe they do.
- 12 Q. Okay. Dr. Prince, thank you. I know this is
- not where you wanted to be this morning and I
- 14 appreciate you taking the time. I have no further
- 15 questions.
- 16 A. Thank you.
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: At this time we'll entertain
- 18 the cross-examination by complaint counsel, Mr. Davis.
- MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Good morning, Dr. Prince.
- A. Good morning.
- Q. Did you want to take a break or anything? Are
- you okay?

- 1 A. How long are you going to go?
- 2 Q. Not very long.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Earlier you talked about the need for registers
- on a DRAM for it to be synchronous. Do you recall
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Not just the registers. I mean, not just a
- 8 DRAM. Any asynchronous RAM, if you want to make it
- 9 synchronous, you have to put registers on the inputs
- 10 and outputs.
- 11 Q. Are you aware of something called the mode
- register on SDRAMs?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that the same thing? Was that what you were
- 15 referring to?
- 16 A. No. No. A register is a latched -- a double
- 17 latch on the interface into which the clock signal is
- 18 latched and then the processor can go away and do
- 19 something else.
- 20 Previously, the asynchronous RAMs, DRAM and
- 21 SRAM, the processor had to sit there and hold the
- 22 signal on the RAM. The advantage of the synchronous
- interface is that the signal could be latched into a
- register, and then the processor can go off and do
- 25 something else and come back after a given latency to

1 pick up the information. It essentially made the RAM a

- 2 digital-state machine, like all the other logic chips
- 3 on the circuit.
- 4 Q. Thank you.
- 5 Also earlier you were talking about the need to
- 6 stabilize clock edges when you went to dual-edged clock
- 7 or toggle mode for --
- 8 A. Not something I'm really an expert on.
- 9 Q. I was just wondering if what you were talking
- about was the duty cycle, the need to maintain a
- 11 50 percent duty cycle?
- 12 A. I'm really not an expert on that, but as I
- recall the discussion at the time, it had more to do
- 14 with the rise and fall, making sure that the rise and
- 15 fall of the leading and falling edge were the same.
- 16 Q. Were the same length or something?
- 17 A. Yeah. Right.
- 18 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 19 Well, let's go back to RX-2153. And that's --
- 20 Dr. Prince?
- 21 A. Hold on a second.
- 22 Q. Yeah. Sorry. I want to show it to you because
- I think that it's not going to be in the book
- 24 (indicating).
- 25 A. Okay. That's the -- oh, it's the Rambus

- 1 presentation -- or the Samsung presentation. Okay.
- 2 Q. Right. The one that he gave you later.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Oh, I see you put it in the binder?
- 5 A. I put it in the binder.
- 6 Q. Earlier you described the reason why you were
- 7 giving that presentation. Do you remember that?
- 8 A. Yes. Samsung was interested in doing a
- 9 higher-speed DRAM. The two potentials that seemed to
- 10 be considered in the market at that point were the
- 11 Rambus and the RamLink, and they wanted to understand
- more about them.
- 13 Q. So this presentation was designed to help
- 14 Samsung decide whether or not to license the Rambus
- 15 DRAM?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. If you could turn to page 7 of the exhibit, and
- 18 I hope it's the seventh page.
- 19 A. Yes. Status of standardization?
- Q. Yes. Exactly. Thank you.
- Now, this page has a list of six DRAM features.
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Why were -- how did you come to decide to put
- 25 these six particular features on this list?

1 A. These were the features of DRAMs that were

- 2 being considered for standardization at JEDEC at that
- 3 point, and JEDEC is the primary standardization body
- 4 for RAMs, not specifically these features but these
- 5 types of features.
- 6 Q. And is this also a logical -- sort of a logical
- 7 breakdown of how you look at a DRAM?
- 8 A. Possibly, but it's much more -- I'm sure I was
- 9 thinking about the things that potentially could be
- 10 brought for standardization.
- 11 Q. And so the purpose of this page was to
- describe whether any of these features had been brought
- 13 to a standard-setting body like JEDEC for
- 14 standardization?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And by "standardization" you're referring to
- formal standard-setting rather than de facto
- 18 standard-setting?
- 19 A. I'm probably biased, but I believe the only
- 20 real standardization was formal standardization.
- 21 Q. So in this list you're referring to the formal
- 22 standardization by industry standards committees, for
- example?
- 24 A. Yes. And the reason for this is because when
- 25 something comes for formal standardization, it has the

1 review of peers throughout the industry. Everyone gets

- 2 a chance to review it and make comment, and if there
- 3 are good and bad features, they can be modified. And
- 4 what ultimately comes out for the users in the industry
- 5 is the most adequate device that the industry
- 6 collectively can prepare.
- 7 Q. So you were describing these technologies and
- 8 the standardization of them as something that Samsung
- 9 should consider in determining whether they should
- 10 license RDRAM?
- 11 A. I was suggesting that -- I was suggesting to
- 12 them very strongly that they should not use a
- 13 nonstandard DRAM because it did not have the kind of
- 14 review that would let them have a quality, uniform RAM
- 15 coming in-house.
- Q. So was it your understanding at the time that
- 17 you were writing this that standardization at JEDEC
- 18 would have benefited Samsung as a potential licensee of
- 19 RDRAM?
- 20 A. Yes. It didn't have to be standardization at
- 21 JEDEC, but JEDEC is where the RAM standardization was
- done.
- But yes, I believe that standardization would
- have benefited the Rambus DRAM. It would have given
- 25 the reviewer peers and it would have -- I believe it

- 1 would have helped make a better part.
- 2 The RamLink was created by a standards -- a
- 3 very competent, industry-quality standards group and
- 4 had much review throughout the industry, and it's one
- of the reasons why I recommended the RamLink, because
- 6 this was a part that had been widely reviewed by
- 7 extremely qualified people through the entire
- 8 industry.
- 9 Q. And when you said it didn't have to be JEDEC,
- 10 you meant it also could be IEEE, for example?
- 11 A. Yeah. The IEEE had a RAM committee. It could
- have been brought there also. JEDEC happens to be the
- 13 committee that does RAM standards.
- In this case RamLink -- let me explain a
- 15 little bit. RamLink was an IEEE committee only
- because the IEEE had been engaged for a considerable
- 17 period of time in standardizing the scalable coherent
- interface as a replacement for the future bus
- 19 backplane.
- 20 Q. That was my next question: RamLink was
- 21 standardized at the IEEE?
- 22 A. And you see the future bus was getting old. We
- 23 needed a very high-speed interface and the people
- involved in the scalable coherent interface were the
- 25 supercomputer scientists of the industry from IBM,

1 Hewlett-Packard, CDC, Apple. These were guys that had

- 2 been working most of their lives in supercomputers and
- 3 they were defining an entire backplane, an entire set
- 4 of components that would make an adequate, very
- 5 high-speed system and they needed a RAM. And they
- 6 configured the RamLink RAM not as a generic market
- 7 component but as a RAM that would fit very well into
- 8 this backplane. And it had significant review.
- 9 Q. I'm sorry.
- 10 A. I'm sorry.
- 11 Q. I didn't mean to cut you off.
- 12 Could you turn to the next page.
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is it fair to say that -- well, why don't you
- 15 take a look at the page. I was going to ask you a
- 16 general question about the page.
- 17 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Is it fair to say that this page describes some
- 20 of the benefits of formal standard-setting that you
- 21 were testifying to earlier?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Could you turn to the next page, please.
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 O. You talked about this a little bit a few

- 1 minutes ago.
- Just so I understand what you mean by "de facto
- 3 standardization," would you consider DDR SDRAM to be a
- 4 de facto standard?
- 5 A. No. Because DDR SDRAM was standardized by the
- 6 JEDEC committee with open review in the industry.
- 7 Q. Did you consider SDRAM to be a de facto
- 8 standard?
- 9 A. No. Well, it is a de facto standard if the
- definition of "de facto standard" is that many people
- 11 make it. But it also is a true standard because a
- 12 standards committee has reviewed and accepted it.
- Q. So I was understanding your definition of
- "de facto standardization" as being a standard that
- wasn't set by some formal committee.
- 16 A. I am very clear in here in what I called a
- 17 de facto standard and I am also limited -- if you look
- 18 in the second paragraph, I had a question whether the
- 19 Rambus was truly a de facto standard because it hadn't
- 20 had the review that is required, I believe is required
- 21 for a part to be generally useful to the users in our
- 22 industry.
- Q. So SDRAM was a true standard because it was
- considered by JEDEC in this case?
- 25 A. Because it was widely reviewed by the people

- 1 both who would be making it and using it.
- Q. Did that also apply to EDO, extended data out?
- 3 A. Yes. That was a JEDEC standard.
- 4 O. And to -- what was the standard --
- 5 A. Page mode.
- 6 Q. Fast page mode and then page mode?
- 7 A. Well, actually it was page mode and then fast
- 8 page mode.
- 9 Q. Okay. Were those also true standards in that
- 10 sense?
- 11 A. They were JEDEC standards. And they had the
- 12 review of the standards committee, yes.
- Q. Were you aware of or are you aware of any DRAM
- 14 that hasn't been standardized by a formal
- 15 standard-setting committee like JEDEC or IEEE that's
- 16 become a commodity DRAM?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what is that?
- 19 A. This was the last generation of video RAM, and
- 20 Samsung made it and they brought it for standardization
- 21 at JEDEC, and we in our foolishness refused to consider
- 22 it because it deviated from the direction we had been
- 23 going on video RAMs. But it was simpler, it was more
- 24 cost-effective, it was smaller, and it didn't have all
- 25 the bells and whistles we had been putting on, but the

1 user community wanted it, and even though we refused to

- 2 standardize it, Samsung produced it anyway and they
- 3 basically own that market.
- 4 So if you provide the user community what it
- 5 wants, periodically a de facto standard happens, not
- 6 very often. You remember it when this happens. It's a
- 7 lesson to the standards committees.
- 8 Q. Now, could you turn to the next page.
- 9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. And this is another page you talked about
- 11 earlier?
- 12 A. Yes. Potential areas for patents, yeah.
- Q. Now, the use of programmable CAS latency and
- 14 the use of programmable burst length in a DRAM, are
- 15 those listed in this list?
- 16 A. Are we on the same page?
- 17 Q. Potential areas for patents?
- 18 A. No, they're not.
- 19 Q. By the summer of 1994, the JEDEC SDRAM standard
- 20 had been published by that point; right?
- 21 A. Yes, it had.
- Q. And both programmable CAS latency and
- programmable burst length were in that standard?
- A. Yes, they were.
- Q. Do you remember thinking in the summer of

- 1 1994 that Rambus might own programmable burst length or
- programmable CAS latency in DRAMs?
- 3 A. That certainly had never occurred to me. We
- 4 probably would have been very -- we would have
- 5 considered them longer in putting them in the
- 6 synchronous DRAM if we had any idea that anyone had a
- 7 claim to this.
- 8 Q. So when you were putting together the slide,
- 9 you weren't thinking of programmable CAS latency and
- 10 programmable --
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. -- programmable burst length as being
- 13 potential Rambus patents?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Dual-edged clocking is not listed here, is it?
- 16 A. No, it's not.
- 17 Q. That had been presented at JEDEC in the -- I
- guess the early '90s in the form of toggle mode by
- 19 IBM?
- 20 A. No. It was presented in a paper that
- 21 Howard Kalter did at the ISSCC I believe in the
- 22 late '80s. Anyway, there was work that IBM had done
- and published on toggle mode.
- Q. And Howard Kalter had brought toggle mode to
- 25 JEDEC at some point?

- 1 A. Yeah, I think he did bring it to JEDEC
- 2 actually, and we rejected it because we were concerned
- 3 about the integrity of the clock edge at the time.
- 4 O. And this was sometime between 1990 and 1992?
- 5 A. I remember Howard's technical paper. I don't
- 6 remember when it was brought to JEDEC.
- 7 Q. Do you remember Mark Kellogg presenting this
- 8 technology at JEDEC?
- 9 A. I don't know. I don't recall when it was
- 10 presented at JEDEC. I would be very surprised if Mark
- 11 was the one who presented it, but I don't remember who
- 12 presented it.
- 13 Q. I may not have been accurate. I may have made
- 14 a mistake.
- 15 A. Well, Mark was doing modules at the time, so I
- 16 would not have anticipated it, but he could have.
- 17 Q. Well, let me show you CX-34.
- 18 A. Is this in my binder?
- 19 Q. No. I'll be giving it to you.
- 20 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Now, unfortunately, the text here is very
- 24 small.
- 25 A. This is minutes of one meeting and all the

- 1 attachments; right?
- 2 Q. That's what I was going to ask you.
- 3 Do you recognize this document?
- 4 A. I don't recognize this specific document, but
- 5 it's clearly the minutes of a meeting, and I suppose --
- 6 I can't look through them all, but I suppose these are
- 7 the attachments. This is what they normally looked
- 8 like after a JEDEC meeting.
- 9 Q. And if you look on the second page, the very
- second page of the document?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And that's a list of others present?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And if you go to -- do you see the list of TI
- 15 people?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And do you see yourself as one of the people?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 O. Okay. So could you turn to page 30 of this.
- 20 A. The JEDEC numbers. You're referring to --
- 21 Q. No. What you would look at is the numbers on
- 22 the lower right-hand corner. Do you see where it says
- 23 CX-0034, there's a dash and then a number?
- A. Actually it corresponds to the JEDEC numbers.
- 25 Okay. Yes, I have it.

- 1 Q. Oh, it does.
- 2 Do you recognize this?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 You understand I went to JEDEC meetings for
- 5 twenty years a week at a time four times a year.
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. And there are many documents.
- 8 Q. And I'd like to point you to a particular
- 9 document, and I think I've lost my place on that.
- 10 If you could turn to page 32.
- And there's a list of items on that page?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 0. If you see on the left-hand side, there's a
- 14 Roman numeral and then a letter, so Roman numeral I. I
- want to point you to the text associated with Roman
- 16 numeral I.D.
- 17 A. IBM.
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 And do you see where it says -- the first star,
- it says "dual clock edge"?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Does that refresh your recollection that
- 23 dual-edged clocking or at least some form of
- 24 dual-edged clocking was presented at JEDEC in the early
- 25 1990s?

- 1 A. If it's in the minutes, it was presented.
- Q. It doesn't refresh your recollection, though?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Okay. You can put that aside.
- 5 Do you remember thinking in the summer of
- 6 1994 that Rambus might own the concept of dual-edged
- 7 clocking in DRAMs?
- 8 A. I don't remember ever thinking about it.
- 9 Q. You don't remember ever thinking that Rambus
- 10 owned dual-edged clocking in DRAMs?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. The use of a PLL or a DLL on the DRAM is also
- 13 not mentioned on this list or -- you probably need to
- 14 pull that list up again. It's the -- it's the
- 15 Potential Areas for Patents page?
- 16 A. Right.
- Q. And do you remember if PLL on DRAM or DLL on
- 18 DRAM was listed on that page?
- 19 A. I don't recall, but I would not have -- I
- 20 cannot imagine that I would have put either of them
- 21 down as a potential -- do you want me to go back to
- that page?
- Q. Well, if you could try to look at the screen in
- front of you, it is actually there.
- 25 A. Okay. No, neither PLL nor DLL are there.

1 Q. Do you remember thinking in September of 1994

- 2 that Rambus might own the concept of PLL on the DRAM or
- 3 DLL on the DRAM?
- 4 A. I really didn't think about patent issues.
- 5 That's something I have stayed away from and not
- 6 thought about, so no, I don't recall ever thinking
- 7 that.
- Q. So when you put together this list, you weren't
- 9 thinking of Rambus potential patents on PLL on the DRAM
- 10 or DLL on the DRAM?
- 11 A. I was putting together areas that occurred to
- me that they might be able to come into JEDEC and make
- 13 a proposal for standardization, and these are the items
- 14 that occurred to me at the time.
- 15 Q. And I just want to make sure that the testimony
- was clear, that PLL on the DRAM and DLL on the DRAM
- isn't one of those areas?
- 18 A. It's not one of those areas that I thought
- 19 about at that time.
- Q. Now, referring to the paragraph below the last,
- 21 you talked about that this morning as well?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. It says, "Many of the large systems houses
- 24 believe" -- do you see that first part of that?
- 25 A. I see that. Yes.

1 Q. By "the large systems houses," are you

- 2 referring to companies like IBM and HP?
- 3 A. Yes, I was. I was referring to the users of
- 4 the DRAMs as opposed to the vendors.
- 5 Q. So you weren't referring to a DRAM vendor like
- 6 Micron, for example?
- 7 A. No, sir.
- Q. So in this list, were you -- you aren't
- 9 referring to patents that Rambus might have that would
- impact the future development of JEDEC-compliant
- 11 DRAMs?
- 12 A. I didn't -- I was not -- I did not know what
- patents Rambus had. I had been asked to comment on
- 14 particular areas that they might be able to or might
- have patents, and these were the areas that occurred to
- 16 me.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay. No more questions,
- 18 Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
- 20 Mr. Stone, redirect?
- 21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. On this same page, Dr. Prince --
- 24 A. It's vanished.
- Q. We'll bring it back up.

- 1 Page 10 of 2153, RX-2153.
- 2 You'll notice under the heading Distributed
- 3 Clock it says, "Rambus has declared this patent with
- 4 the JEDEC JC-42 standardization committee."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. I do.
- 7 Q. Did you look at the patent that is referred to
- 8 there?
- 9 A. Never. No, I didn't.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you didn't have any idea what was
- 11 described in that patent?
- 12 A. No, I didn't.
- 0. Did you ever look -- that's fine. No further
- 14 questions. Thank you, Dr. Prince.
- MR. DAVIS: No more questions.
- 16 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Then that's it,
- 17 Dr. Prince.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you for coming today and
- you're excused from this proceeding.
- 21 Let's take a short ten-minute break. When we
- 22 return, you can call your next witness.
- MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 (Recess)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: At this time the respondent may

- 1 call its next witness.
- 2 MR. PERRY: We would call to the stand
- 3 Mr. Farhad Tabrizi.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sir, would you please come to
- 5 the bench and be sworn by the court reporter.
- 6 - -
- 7 Whereupon --
- 8 FARHAD TABRIZI
- 9 a witness, called for examination, having been first
- 10 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 13 Q. Good morning, Mr. Tabrizi.
- 14 A. Good morning.
- Q. Sir, I've placed up there on the bench in front
- of you the two deposition transcripts from your
- depositions in this case and I believe the other one
- 18 was in the Micron matter in case we need to refer to
- 19 them.
- 20 Could you state, please, who your present
- 21 employer is.
- 22 A. Hynix Semiconductor, Inc.
- Q. What is your current title at Hynix?
- 24 A. Vice president of marketing.
- Q. What are your current responsibilities?

1 A. I'm in charge of marketing on a worldwide basis

- 2 for Hynix Semiconductor, Inc.
- 3 Q. Are you based here or abroad?
- 4 A. I'm based in San Jose, California.
- 5 Q. Now, Hynix used to be called Hyundai; correct?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. And how long have you been -- how long were you
- 8 at Hyundai?
- 9 A. Since April of 1994.
- 10 Q. And in 1995 you became chairman of the
- 11 SyncLink Consortium; correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- Q. And at that time, during the time you were
- 14 chairman of the SyncLink Consortium, you remained
- employed by Hynix or Hyundai; right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Now, prior to the formation of the
- 18 SyncLink Consortium, the SyncLink memory device was
- 19 being developed within the IEEE; correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 O. And that stands for the International
- 22 Association of Electrical Engineers, approximately?
- 23 A. I believe so.
- Q. Close enough?
- 25 A. Close enough.

1 Q. And Richard Crisp of Rambus was attending

- 2 those IEEE meetings that had to do with SyncLink;
- 3 right?
- 4 A. If I recall, I saw him at some of the
- 5 meetings.
- Q. And the SyncLink Consortium was formed as a
- 7 result of Mr. Crisp wanting to attend those IEEE
- 8 meetings about SyncLink; correct?
- 9 A. SyncLink Consortium was formed to develop the
- 10 next generation high-speed interface. Maybe part of
- it was following the bylaws that caused Richard Crisp
- not to attend, but it wasn't just because of
- 13 Richard Crisp.
- Q. Would you pick up your deposition in the FTC
- case, please, which is dated November 20, 2002.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. And look at page 86, please.
- And read to yourself your answer at lines 3
- 19 to 5.
- 20 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 21 Do you see that you say there: "We created
- the consortium as a result of Rambus wanting to attend
- 23 the meeting, and it was their right to attend the
- 24 meeting. IEEE meeting was an open meeting to any
- 25 individual"?

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. I see that.
- 3 Q. Is that a correct statement?
- 4 A. That's a correct statement.
- 5 Q. Now, you were concerned at the time that Rambus
- 6 would get ideas from the IEEE meetings and run and file
- 7 a patent application before the other companies could;
- 8 right?
- 9 A. That was one of the reason.
- 10 Q. And soon after the SyncLink Consortium was
- formed, the members learned that Intel was considering
- 12 choosing Rambus as the next-generation memory
- 13 technology. Do you remember that?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. I'd like to show you an exhibit in this case
- marked as RX-694, which are some SyncLink Consortium
- minutes from March of 1996.
- 18 May I?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 20 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And do you see on the first page that you're
- 22 listed as an attendee?
- Do you see that, you're listed as an attendee?
- A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. And would you look on page 2. About twelve

lines down there's a line that begins "Intel"? Do you

- 2 see where it says, "Intel is seriously considering
- 3 Rambus II for next generation"?
- 4 A. Yes, I see that.
- 5 Q. And you would agree that at least by
- 6 March 1996 you were aware that Intel was seriously
- 7 considering Rambus as the next-generation memory
- 8 technology; right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And by September of 1996 you had become
- 11 concerned that if Intel chose Rambus as the
- 12 next-generation memory device that the DRAM
- manufacturers would become a foundry for Intel; right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Let me ask you about a document from that time
- 16 period, September 1996, RX-778.
- May I, Your Honor?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Is this an e-mail that Mr. Sogas, S-O-G-A-S,
- 21 from Hitachi sent to you in September 1996?
- 22 A. It appears that way.
- Q. And is this an e-mail that you had drafted and
- sent to him for his comment and review?
- 25 A. That's correct.

Q. And it says, in part, "To whom it may concern"

- 2 up at the top. Do you see that?
- 3 A. I see that.
- 4 Q. Let's look at the first two paragraphs of this
- 5 e-mail.
- You say, "This issue" -- or the e-mail says,
- 7 "This issue has major impact in our future as a memory
- 8 supplier. So please here hear me out very carefully."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I see that.
- 11 Q. And then it says: "As you may know by now,
- 12 Intel and Rambus visited Japan and Korea in the week of
- 13 September 9. The objective of this meeting from
- 14 Intel's point of view is to convince DRAM suppliers to
- use Rambus II architecture for their next-generation
- main memory starting 1998."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. I see that.
- 19 Q. Had you been in any of those meetings in Japan
- or Korea in that time period?
- 21 A. It's possible, but I don't recall the specific
- 22 of that meeting.
- Q. Well, let's look a little further down in this
- 24 e-mail to the fourth paragraph.
- Do you see the sentence that starts "with Intel

- 1 controlling"? Do you see that?
- Do you see it says: "With Intel controlling
- 3 the CPU, the chipset and the SSRAM already and by us
- 4 going down a Rambus II path, this will give them the
- 5 control of DRAMs and other CPU makers. We will become
- a foundry for all Intel activities."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. I see that.
- 9 Q. And near the end of the e-mail, there's a
- 10 statement about -- that says, "I urge you" -- do you
- 11 see the statement that begins "I urge you" and it says,
- "I urge you to please educate others and get their
- agreement to say 'no to Rambus and no to Intel
- 14 domination'"? Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- Q. Were you trying at the time to get the
- agreement of the other DRAM manufacturers to say no to
- 18 Rambus and no to Intel domination?
- 19 A. No. This e-mail was sent out initially to my
- own management. Jim Sogas, I know him for a long time.
- 21 At that time I was thinking about sending this e-mail
- 22 out to other DRAM companies. I sent him because I was
- very emotional at the time, I sent him to see if it
- 24 made sense or get his advice.
- 25 Anyway, I sent it to Jim Sogas, but I don't

- 1 recall sending it to other DRAM companies.
- Q. Would you look at page 120 of your transcript
- 3 in the FTC matter, please.
- 4 Page 120.
- 5 A. Which one?
- Q. The FTC transcript dated November 20, 2002.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. At page 120.
- 9 A. All right.
- 10 Q. And do you see beginning at line 4 I asked you
- 11 the question, "Were you trying to get the agreement of
- 12 the other DRAM manufacturers to say no to Rambus and no
- 13 to Intel domination?" and you answered, "It appears
- from this letter that that's what we were urging"?
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yeah. At the time I was under impression that
- I sent this e-mail out, but I find no record that I
- 18 sent this e-mail out, so this e-mail never went out to
- 19 other DRAM companies, so I was mistaken at my previous
- 20 deposition.
- 21 Q. And you kept all your e-mails from the 1996
- time period; is that correct?
- 23 A. Yeah. We kept most of -- all of my e-mails
- 24 that -- yeah, we kept a good record of all my e-mails.
- Q. So you made sure that there were no e-mails

- destroyed in the 1996 time period; is that right?
- 2 A. No. We never destroyed anything. We kept
- 3 everything and we've provided everything.
- 4 Q. And was that kept in your personal PC or is
- 5 there a server at Hynix that keeps all the e-mails from
- 6 the 1996 time period?
- 7 A. Our server is backed up on a monthly basis, and
- 8 since this situation, we have advised them not to
- 9 delete anything, not to destroy anything, keep
- 10 everything, and we had record for a long time, so...
- 11 Q. Now, by December of 1996, you knew that Intel
- was going to choose Rambus as the next-generation
- memory technology; right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Let me show you Exhibit RX-808, if I could.
- May I, Your Honor?
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. PERRY:
- 19 Q. Do you see that these are SyncLink Consortium
- 20 meeting minutes from December 1996 where you attended?
- 21 A. It appears that way, but I haven't read the
- 22 whole document to see if that's the exact minutes.
- Q. Well, look at the very first line down below
- the list of names.
- Do you see that your name appears?

1 It says, "Tabrizi: It now seems likely Intel

- 2 will choose Rambus. We need to decide how we
- 3 proceed."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I see that.
- Q. And you understood at the time it was
- 7 Dr. Gustavson's responsibility to keep the minutes of
- 8 the meetings?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. Now, on the top of the next page, the first
- 11 four lines -- pull those up -- if you could look at
- 12 those.
- 13 It says: "Many suppliers are paranoid over the
- 14 prospect of a single customer, e.g., Intel having
- 15 control of market. We can't resist such a possibility
- individually. We need some united strategy."
- Was that a statement you made at this meeting?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- 19 O. And then there's a reference to an Internet
- 20 e-mail reflector. Is that what supply@hea.com was?
- 21 A. That's a distribution list or an e-mail
- 22 reflector.
- Q. And if somebody from another DRAM manufacturer
- had sent an e-mail to that reflector, it would be sent
- out to the distribution list; is that right?

- 1 A. That is correct.
- Q. And that was maintained at Hyundai?
- 3 A. I put it together and I maintained it.
- Q. And someone at this meeting proposed a meeting
- of DRAM manufacturer executives in Japan; correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And that meeting occurred in January of 1997;
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And you went?
- 11 A. Yes, I was.
- 12 Q. And before the meeting -- before that meeting
- in January 1997, you sent several e-mails to other DRAM
- 14 manufacturers urging them to stick together against
- 15 Rambus, didn't you?
- 16 A. I urged them to continue support for SLDRAM. I
- 17 never urged them to stick together against Rambus.
- Q. Well, let me show you a document marked as
- 19 RX-802.
- 20 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. This, Mr. Tabrizi, is a series of e-mails
- 24 provided to us by Mr. Hans Wiggers. And if you'll look
- 25 at the bottom of the second page of the exhibit, the

1 very bottom -- I'll give you time to look at this -- at

- 2 the very bottom it appears to be an e-mail addressed to
- 3 two people at Hewlett-Packard.
- Do you recognize those names, Mr. Sporon,
- 5 S-P-O-R-O-N, and Mr. Erasmus? Do you just recognize
- 6 the names?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. And if you'll see at the next page, there
- 9 appears to be an e-mail from you? Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And it says, "Gentlemen, I believe in a fact
- 12 that Intel decision to go on a Rambus route was pure
- 13 political and domination and control over the DRAM
- 14 suppliers and not technical."
- 15 Is that something that you told the folks from
- 16 Hewlett-Packard in December 1996?
- 17 A. I sent this to the members of the
- 18 SLDRAM Consortium, including Hewlett-Packard.
- 19 Q. If you'll look in the second paragraph, I want
- 20 you to find the line that starts with "As I have
- 21 mentioned many times before."
- It says: "As I have mentioned many times
- 23 before, Intel does not make DRAMs, we do. And if all
- of us put our resources together, we do not have to go
- on this undesirable path. The path of control and

- domination by Intel."
- Is that something you sent to the other members
- 3 of the SyncLink Consortium at the time?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. And then in the last paragraph, it says, "I am
- 6 asking all of you to stick together on this matter and
- 7 have your key executive attend the closed meeting on
- 8 January 10, 1997 in Tokyo."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I see that.
- 11 Q. And you were asking the members of the
- 12 SyncLink Consortium to stick together; right?
- 13 A. Of course.
- Q. And you did go to the meeting in Tokyo in
- 15 January 1997?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. If you'll look on the first page of this
- 18 Exhibit RX-802, do you see that you had forwarded to
- 19 the SyncLink members an e-mail from Mr. Appleton, the
- 20 president of Micron?
- 21 A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. And let me show you if I could another e-mail
- that you forwarded. This will be RX-809.
- 24 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- 2 Q. Is this an e-mail that you sent in
- 3 December 1996 to DRAM manufacturers forwarding an
- 4 e-mail from Mitsubishi executives?
- 5 A. It appears that way.
- Q. Now, at the meeting of DRAM executives in Tokyo
- 7 in January 1997, you made a presentation to the
- 8 executives about the long-term industry outlook if
- 9 Intel stayed with Rambus; right?
- 10 A. I was concerned about the Intel not providing
- an alternative in terms of open standard and committing
- solely their main memory solution to a proprietary
- 13 Rambus solution. I was really concerned for the
- 14 industry.
- Q. And you made a presentation to the executives
- 16 about your concerns?
- 17 A. I did.
- Q. Let me show you a document about that, RX-849.
- 19 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that this is entitled
- 23 SyncLink Consortium Executive Meeting, Yokohama, Japan,
- 24 January 10, 1997?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. Do you see the pages 2 and 3 comprise an agenda

- 2 for the meeting?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- Q. And on page 3 of the exhibit, at the bottom, it
- 5 says, "Discussion of the long-term DRAM industry
- 6 outlook if SyncLink is not successful" and there's a
- 7 reference to you?
- 8 A. That, I see.
- 9 Q. If I can take you, please, to the page in the
- 10 exhibit where I believe there's another reference to
- 11 that, it's page 43 in the exhibit. The page numbers
- 12 are on the lower left corner.
- Do you see the slide at the bottom that says,
- "Discussion of long-term DRAM industry outlook if
- 15 SyncLink not successful"?
- 16 A. I see that.
- Q. And that's the beginning of your presentation
- 18 at this meeting; right?
- 19 A. No. I presented at the beginning and this is
- toward the end, kind of open discussion.
- 21 Q. But this was part of your presentation?
- 22 A. This was part of my presentation.
- Q. And on the next page, if you could, please, I
- have a couple of questions about the bottom slide,
- which says "Possible future scenarios if SyncLink is

- 1 not the next-generation memory solution."
- Is that a slide you presented at the meeting?
- 3 A. It appears that way and I recall maybe I
- 4 presented it.
- 5 Q. And your first bullet point is that "DRAM
- 6 manufacturers would lose control of specification and
- 7 the gross margins will decline."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. I see that.
- 10 Q. And it was your view at the time that if Intel
- 11 went forward with the choice of Rambus as the
- 12 next-generation memory device that the gross margins of
- the DRAM manufacturers will decline?
- 14 A. That was my feeling.
- Q. And at the bottom it says, "All DRAM companies
- will become foundries for a single-source CPU
- 17 manufacturer."
- Did you make that statement to the group of
- 19 executives?
- 20 A. I did.
- Q. And the single-source CPU manufacturer, was
- that a reference to Intel?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And that was your concern at the time?
- 25 A. That is.

1 Q. And at the end of that meeting in January 1997,

- 2 the executives were asked to give comments about what
- 3 they had heard; is that right?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And you heard Dr. von Zitzewitz from Siemens
- 6 make some comments?
- 7 A. Everybody made comments.
- Q. Did you hear Dr. von Zitzewitz from Siemens,
- 9 now Infineon, make comments?
- 10 A. I remember.
- 11 Q. Did you hear him encourage the other
- 12 manufacturers to refuse to license Rambus technology at
- the 1 or 2 percent level?
- 14 A. I don't recall if he asked them to refuse.
- 15 Q. Did you hear him say that Rambus was
- 16 unacceptable?
- 17 A. I heard that him say.
- Q. Did you hear him say that he was disappointed
- 19 that some of the other companies at the meeting had
- 20 made statements indicating they would accept Rambus as
- 21 the next-generation memory module?
- 22 A. I don't recall that.
- Q. Well, let me show you CX-2250.
- 24 If I may, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. If you'll look about one-third of the way down,
- 3 you'll see an e-mail that appears to be from Terry Lee
- 4 at Micron dated January 13 to you and to Mr. Chen from
- 5 Mitsubishi. Do you see that?
- 6 A. I see that.
- 7 Q. And that's about two or three days after the
- 8 meeting in Japan; right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Lee says, "These are my notes."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 0. Well, let's look on the second page. Down
- towards the bottom there's a paragraph that's headed
- 15 Siemens.
- And do you remember Dr. von Zitzewitz saying
- 17 that the control concerns you had expressed were
- 18 realistic?
- 19 A. It says, "Control concerns are realistic." It
- doesn't say you have concerns.
- 21 Q. Do you remember him saying that control
- 22 concerns are realistic?
- A. Yes. According to Terry Lee's minutes or the
- summary of the meeting, that's what he put as what
- 25 Siemens said. I don't know if that's what Siemens said

- 1 exactly.
- Q. Well, look a little further in at the line that
- 3 begins "disappointed."
- Do you remember Dr. von Zitzewitz or anyone
- 5 else from Siemens saying that they were disappointed
- 6 with some statements made at the meeting from the other
- 7 manufacturers accepting Rambus II?
- 8 A. I see that this meeting summary from Terry Lee
- 9 says that.
- 10 Q. Do you remember Dr. von Zitzewitz saying that
- 11 point?
- 12 A. I remember he was really disappointed. I don't
- 13 remember exactly what he said.
- Q. And these comments by the Siemens folks were
- 15 then reported to the other consortium members at the
- next meeting of the consortium; right?
- 17 A. We tried to summarize all the comments and
- write the minutes to the best of our knowledge.
- 19 Q. Let me show you that meeting minutes if I
- 20 could. It's RX-855.
- 21 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that you're listed as attending the
- meeting of the SLDRAM Consortium January 14 and 15,

- 1 1997?
- 2 A. Yes, I see that.
- 3 Q. Then if you'll look down on the first page,
- 4 about four lines down in the text there's a reference
- 5 to Mr. Lee's notes.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And those notes have been placed in the PDF and
- 9 been made available to the members of the consortium;
- 10 is that right?
- 11 A. That's true.
- 12 Q. Then about three more lines down it says:
- 13 Siemens was eloquent. No future RB road map. Letting
- one company control industry is crazy. .1 percent
- 15 royalty okay, 1-2 percent ridiculous. Rambus not
- 16 acceptable -- RB not acceptable.
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. I see that.
- 19 O. Do you remember someone reporting at this
- 20 meeting, January 14, 1997, that Siemens had taken that
- 21 position, those positions, at the meeting of the
- 22 executives?
- 23 A. It appears that way.
- Q. Was there agreement reached at this meeting
- 25 that a 1 percent or a 2 percent royalty for Rambus was

- 1 ridiculous?
- 2 A. No agreement. This was Siemens' comment and it
- 3 was reported as a Siemens comment.
- 4 Q. Did you understand that Siemens was
- 5 encouraging the other DRAM manufacturers to feel the
- 6 same way?
- 7 A. They were just showing their own frustration,
- 8 and I don't know if they were or, you know, other
- 9 manufacturers were listening. They were just showing
- 10 they were very disappointed with this situation.
- 11 Q. Well, shortly after this meeting in
- January 1997 you set up an e-mail network that was
- 13 exclusively set aside for the executives of the DRAM
- manufacturers to talk to each other; right?
- 15 A. No.
- Q. Well, let me show you RX-938.
- 17 May I?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 19 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Do you see that these appear to be the meeting
- 21 minutes from June 1997 of the SLDRAM Consortium and
- that you're listed as being present?
- 23 A. It appears that way.
- Q. Well, my only question on this document is on
- 25 the first page, in the middle of the text where it

- 1 says, "We have two other reflectors."
- 2 A. I see that.
- 3 Q. supply@hea.com for DRAM suppliers and
- 4 supplyexec@hea.com for the executives of DRAM supplier
- 5 companies. Do you see that?
- 6 A. I see that.
- 7 Q. And is it correct that Hyundai was -- is it
- 8 correct by this time that Hyundai had set up an e-mail
- 9 reflector so that the executives of DRAM supplier
- 10 companies could communicate with each other by e-mail?
- 11 A. The main purpose of the e-mail setup was that
- 12 I could or a member of the consortium could
- 13 communicate or transfer e-mails to the executive. I
- don't recall a single executive sending e-mails to
- 15 each other. It was for me and other members to send
- important information to executives, not just every
- 17 information.
- 18 So at the January meeting in Japan we got the
- name of the executive, and I didn't want to send to
- 20 every one of them, so I created this supply executive
- 21 so key messages that needs to go to executive could
- 22 just go, so it was for us to communicate to executive.
- Q. And Hynix has preserved all of the e-mails that
- 24 were sent to that e-mail reflector; right?
- 25 A. I frankly think maybe one or two maybe maximum

1 is gone in that e-mail and I think we have a record of

- 2 it.
- 3 Q. Have you gone back to count?
- 4 A. I really didn't -- we didn't use it that much.
- 5 Q. Were you automatically copied on any e-mail
- 6 that went through that reflector?
- 7 A. I -- no. If they would copy me -- I was part
- 8 of the executive, so I could receive it, so I put my
- 9 name as one of the executives.
- 10 Q. And so you kept those?
- 11 A. I think so.
- 12 Q. And throughout this time period you kept up
- 13 regular communications about Rambus with other members
- of the SyncLink Consortium; right?
- 15 A. That was my job.
- 16 Q. Let's look at RX-1105 if we could.
- May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 19 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. This appears to be an e-mail to you from
- 21 Mr. Mailloux at Micron attaching an article. I'm not
- 22 going to ask you about the article, which is entitled
- 23 Price Pressures Slow DRAM Transitions, but I would ask
- 24 you to read to yourself the e-mail on the first page.
- 25 (Pause in the proceedings.)

1 A. Do you want me to read the whole article?

- 2 Q. No. Just the e-mail.
- 3 Have you had a chance to look at the e-mail?
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. Is this an e-mail that you received from
- 6 Mr. Mailloux at Micron in 1998?
- 7 A. I don't recall, but it appears that way.
- Q. What was his position at the time at Micron?
- 9 Do you know?
- 10 A. He was in charge of marketing I believe.
- 11 Q. And he sent you an article that had come from
- 12 the Electronic Engineering Times; correct?
- 13 A. I think so.
- 14 Q. And he told you that he had called up the
- 15 reporter and talked to him for about an hour, about the
- 16 article; correct?
- 17 A. That's what he says in the e-mail.
- Q. And he says in that first paragraph, "In short
- 19 I told him that at any density and any process that is
- 20 available in 1999, RDRAM is at least 30 percent cost
- 21 adder for Micron."
- 22 And then he asked you, he encouraged you to
- 23 call the reporter and give him Hyundai's views on it;
- 24 right?
- 25 A. I see that.

1 Q. And then in the last paragraph of his e-mail,

- 2 he begins with "Anyhow, please visit me if I end up in
- 3 jail."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I don't see that.
- 6 Q. The last paragraph of this e-mail.
- 7 Do you see where Mr. Mailloux says, "Anyhow,
- 8 please visit me if I end up in jail"?
- 9 A. Yeah, I see that.
- 10 Q. Did you respond to this e-mail?
- 11 A. I don't think so.
- 12 Q. Did you call the reporter?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Two months later, a little less than two months
- 15 later, Mr. Mailloux became concerned that Hyundai had
- qone over to the dark side and joined the Rambus
- forces. Do you remember that?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- 19 Q. Let me show you RX-1155.
- 20 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 23 Q. And again, this is -- this appears to be an
- e-mail from Mr. Mailloux where he attaches an article.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 A. It appears that way.
- Q. And he's attaching an article by
- 3 Mark Ellsberry. Do you see that?
- 4 A. I see that.
- 5 Q. And Mr. Ellsberry at the time was your boss;
- 6 right?
- 7 A. Yes, he was.
- Q. What was his title at the time?
- 9 A. Vice president of marketing.
- 10 Q. Well, let's look at a little bit of his article
- 11 and get a flavor for it.
- Do you see it's entitled DRAM Face Tough Times
- in PC100 Era? Do you see that?
- 14 A. I see that.
- Q. And PC100 was an SDRAM; right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- Q. And he says about ten lines down, "There are
- 18 several major issues to confront before fully launching
- into PC100 system designs."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Now, look on page 2. In the first full
- sentence there he says, "What's next after PC100?
- 24 There are two schools of thought: Rambus and the
- double data rate SDRAM seen by many as a long shot.

1 The DDR specification is undergoing slow and tedious

- 2 creation."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. I see that.
- 5 Q. So he had referred to DDR as a long shot in his
- 6 article; right?
- 7 A. He did.
- Q. And then Mr. Mailloux, if we go back to his
- 9 e-mail, which is only three lines long at the top of
- 10 the first page, Mr. Mailloux says to you: "Mark seems
- 11 to give a message at the end here. He only refers to
- DDR as a long shot and does not even mention SLDRAM.
- 13 Hope Hyundai has not caved in to the dark side."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- Q. And you understood him to refer to Rambus as
- 17 the dark side; right?
- 18 A. I have no idea what he referred to as dark
- 19 side.
- Q. And did you call Mr. Mailloux and reassure him
- 21 that Hyundai had not caved in to Rambus?
- 22 A. I don't think it's saying that we have caved
- in to Rambus. He was just disappointed not seeing
- 24 SLDRAM as the one solution that we all working hard
- being mentioned by my boss. So nothing to do with

- 1 Rambus.
- 2 Q. So you had no idea what he meant by "the dark
- 3 side"?
- 4 A. No idea.
- 5 Q. Well, let me show you another e-mail that you
- 6 received about a year later from a fellow at
- 7 Mitsubishi, RX-1421.
- 8 May I, Your Honor?
- 9 Now, you saw this at your deposition.
- 10 Do you remember that this is an e-mail from
- 11 Mr. Chou at Mitsubishi that you received in March of
- 12 1999?
- 13 A. I see that.
- Q. And he says, "Why is LG spending Hyundai money
- 15 for the tester?"
- 16 Do you see that?
- He's asking you a question; right?
- 18 A. Well, yes.
- 19 O. And LG you understood to refer to LG Semicon?
- 20 A. I think so.
- 21 Q. And at the time, in the spring of 1999, Hyundai
- 22 was in the process of acquiring LG Semicon; is that
- 23 right?
- A. That's true.
- Q. And at the time, LG Semicon had been preparing

1 to produce Rambus memory devices in volume; right?

- 2 A. That's true.
- 3 Q. And the question Mr. Chou from Mitsubishi was
- 4 asking you was why LG Semicon was spending Hyundai's
- 5 money to acquire a Rambus testing device; right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. He was questioning your judgment on that
- 8 purchase; right?
- 9 A. I have no idea what he was questioning. Since
- we were merging with them, he thought everything should
- 11 be kind of on hold waiting for the merger, and they
- were ordering a big number of testers.
- Q. And you agreed that the purchase of the testers
- 14 was premature?
- 15 A. No. I -- since we were merging, he was just
- 16 questioning why, you know, maybe at Hyundai we have
- some tester, we should wait for the merger. I don't
- 18 know why he was asking me.
- 19 So to answer your question, I don't know why --
- 20 what -- we were merging at the time and everything was
- 21 on hold, so...
- Q. So that LG Semicon's plans to ramp up Rambus
- 23 production was also on hold; right?
- A. At the time of the merger, the agreement was
- 25 that I think we would consult each other before buying

- 1 any major investment, so...
- 2 Q. So any purchases of equipment or capital
- 3 spending that had to do with the ramp of Rambus
- 4 production would be put on hold; right?
- 5 A. Not just Rambus. I mean, when you're merging,
- 6 you just want to get a consensus from the two company,
- 7 you don't want individual company -- I have no idea why
- 8 he sent me this e-mail and I have no idea if they were
- 9 buying tester or not buying tester.
- 10 Q. That wasn't your job; right?
- 11 A. No, it wasn't.
- 12 Q. All right. Let's move back to April 1998.
- You received an invitation in April 1998 from a
- 14 man named Bert McComas to attend a seminar about
- 15 Rambus; correct?
- 16 A. I don't remember if I received an invitation or
- 17 I was called or --
- 18 Q. Let me show it to you. RX-1138.
- 19 May I?
- Now, you knew in April 1998 that Mr. McComas
- 21 was an industry analyst?
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And is this an e-mail that you received from
- 24 him in April 1998 entitled Rambus Strategy Seminar -
- 25 Monday, April 13th?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And it begins, "Please do not forward this
- 3 message to Intel or to Rambus."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I see that.
- Q. And then he says: "I am contacting you to
- 7 inform you of an important and exclusive seminar to be
- 8 held in the Silicon Valley on Monday, April 13. The
- 9 topic is Rambus strategies for DRAM manufacturers."
- 10 Does that refresh your recollection that you
- 11 received an invitation from Mr. McComas in this time
- 12 period to attend a Rambus strategy seminar?
- 13 A. I recall receiving this e-mail.
- Q. Now, in his e-mail before he gets to the
- outline, in the fourth paragraph he says, "In light of
- 16 the current conditions, can you afford to sustain your
- 17 current place on the Rambus road map?"
- And then he says: "At this pivotal time how
- 19 should you alter your internal and external Rambus
- 20 strategy? What potential disaster awaits if your
- 21 company maintains the status quo?"
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. I see.
- Q. At some point in time did you see Mr. McComas
- give a presentation to DRAM manufacturers about

- 1 Rambus?
- 2 A. I believe he did.
- Q. And you saw it? At some point in time; right?
- 4 A. I think I attended, yes.
- 5 Q. Well, let's look on the second page. In the
- 6 second heading it says: "Strategic options for the
- 7 memory manufacturer. Will Intel make you regret being
- 8 a Rambus supplier? How? The safety in being last to
- 9 market."
- 10 Do you remember Mr. McComas explaining what he
- means by "the safety in being last to market"?
- 12 A. I don't know what he meant by that, but I can
- 13 give you my own explanation.
- Q. No. Did you ever hear him explain what he
- 15 meant? That was my question.
- 16 A. I don't recall what he explained.
- 17 Q. Now, Mr. McComas had sent you a draft of this
- 18 e-mail before he sent it out to other people to sign
- 19 off; right?
- 20 A. Yeah. He sent it to me to get my advice that
- 21 if this is something that we need to do and if it's
- 22 okay with me to send it to my consortium. And I told
- 23 him it's okay.
- Q. And by your consortium, you meant the
- 25 SyncLink Consortium?

- 1 A. Yes. I was the chairman at the time.
- 2 Q. May I hand you RX-1139. Thank you.
- 3 Is that the draft he sent you about an hour
- 4 before he sent the final? An hour and one minute, to
- 5 be precise?
- 6 A. It appears that way.
- 7 O. It says "draft pitch for Rambus seminar"?
- 8 A. That's true.
- 9 Q. Do you see that it does not have the
- 10 introductory line that says, "Please do not forward
- 11 this message to Intel or to Rambus"? Do you see that?
- 12 A. I see that.
- Q. And isn't it the case that you suggested to
- Mr. McComas that he add that line, "Please do not
- forward this message to Intel or to Rambus"?
- 16 A. I didn't make that recommendation.
- 17 Q. You did tell him that you were okay with his
- 18 draft; correct?
- 19 A. I didn't go really over the draft. I thought
- 20 the idea of having this seminar by third party at that
- 21 time may be something that he wanted to make money, and
- 22 I said it's okay with me.
- Q. Would you look, please, at your FTC deposition
- that's dated November 2002 at page 166.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 O. At lines 6 through 11, do you see where I
- 2 asked you, "Did you call Mr. McComas and talk to him
- 3 in between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd of
- 4 April 1998?" and you answered, "I'm not sure if I
- 5 called or he called, but I told him I'm okay with his
- 6 draft"?
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. I see that.
- 9 O. Was that a true statement?
- 10 A. Yeah. It still is the same statement, yes, I
- 11 was okay with the draft and I was okay with the idea of
- 12 him sending this to my SLDRAM Consortium.
- 13 Q. And you knew in this time frame, early April of
- 14 1998, Mr. McComas was trying to make sure that Rambus
- and Intel did not attend this seminar; right?
- 16 A. Yeah. He probably didn't want to cause a lot
- of enemy.
- 18 Q. Let me show you a document you received, an
- 19 e-mail I think you received from Mr. Desi Rhoden.
- 20 RX-1149.
- 21 May I?
- 22 Do you see that this e-mail is addressed to you
- and Dr. Betty Prince?
- A. I see that.
- Q. And Mr. Rhoden was at VLSI at the time;

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. I think so.
- 3 Q. And he's currently the chairman of AMI-2?
- A. He is.
- 5 Q. Now, this says Betty and Farhad. Do you see
- 6 that?
- 7 A. I see that.
- Q. Does this refresh your recollection that you
- 9 knew that Mr. McComas' main focus was to make sure
- 10 Rambus and Intel did not attend?
- 11 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 12 Q. Well, let me ask you to look at the portion in
- 13 the first paragraph that starts with "his main focus"
- and goes down to "restraint of trade."
- Do you see the portion that says: "His main
- 16 focus appears to make sure that Rambus and Intel do not
- 17 attend and therefore has been very restrictive on who
- 18 can attend. If he says everyone except Rambus and
- 19 Intel, then it is restraint of trade; while if he says
- only suppliers, then most of who he wants can attend
- 21 without there being a charge of restraint of trade"?
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. I see that.
- Q. Does that refresh your recollection that you
- 25 were aware in the April 1998 time frame that

1 Mr. McComas was trying to keep Rambus and Intel out of

- 2 the meeting?
- 3 A. Is that my recollection that?
- Q. Yes. Do you remember that at the time?
- 5 A. Yeah, I remember.
- Q. And then Mr. Rhoden says, "Believe me, Bert
- 7 will be willing to repeat his remarks (for a price of
- 8 course)."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I see that.
- 11 Q. And you did hire Mr. McComas to repeat his
- 12 remarks this time to the DRAM manufacturer executives;
- 13 right?
- 14 A. I don't know if it was a repeat or I -- yeah,
- 15 he came to one of our consortium meeting and he made a
- 16 presentation.
- Q. Let me show you another e-mail from that same
- 18 time period from a Mr. Cartelli, who appears to have
- 19 worked at TI, RX-1166.
- 20 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Did you know a Mr. Roberto Cartelli in
- 24 April 1998?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And do you see that you're copied on this

- 2 e-mail from Mr. Cartelli to Mr. McComas?
- 3 A. I see that.
- Q. And I won't belabor this one, but let's look at
- 5 paragraph number 1.
- Is it your recollection that Mr. Cartelli and
- 7 you had talked and agreed to invite Mr. McComas to
- 8 address the SLDRAM manufacturer executives in June of
- 9 1998?
- 10 A. Can you repeat your question?
- 11 Q. Sure.
- 12 Let me help you out a little bit.
- Do you see your name appears on the right side
- 14 about two-thirds of the way down, says "Farhad and
- 15 I" --
- 16 A. Farhad and I.
- 17 Q. -- "are planning to rearrange the agenda to
- 18 create a one-hour slot for your pitch"? Do you see
- 19 that?
- 20 A. I see.
- 21 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that you
- 22 and Mr. Cartelli had agreed to invite Mr. McComas to
- 23 speak to the manufacturer executives in June?
- 24 A. It looks that way.
- Q. And you were present for that presentation at

- 1 the executive summit in Monterey in June?
- 2 A. I think so.
- 3 Q. Now, did you agree with Mr. Cartelli that his
- 4 presentation will stimulate discussion among industry
- 5 executives?
- A. Definitely. I mean, he's a third party and he
- 7 had a lot of energy, and so we felt that he brings a
- 8 lot of energy to the consortium presentation.
- 9 Q. I'm going to give you a collection of four
- 10 exhibits that relate to that executive summit in
- 11 Monterey, and to speed things up, I'll give these to
- 12 you all at once.
- 13 May I?
- But I'm not trying to rush you, so if you need
- 15 time to look at them when I ask you a question, take
- 16 your time.
- And I'll go document by document, so I'll give
- 18 you time when I get a document to look at it.
- 19 If I could ask you to look at RX-1202, the
- 20 first document in your stack, which is entitled SLDRAM
- 21 Executive Summit, Monterey, California, June 25, 1998.
- 22 Can I ask you to pick up that first document
- and look at page 2 where it says "Agenda"?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And do you see where it says "introduction" by

1 the chairman? Is that a reference to you?

- 2 A. It is.
- 3 Q. So you were at this meeting and you gave an
- 4 introduction?
- 5 A. I did.
- Q. If you'll look on page 3, is it correct that at
- 7 the end of the meeting you gave a presentation on
- 8 action items and conclusion?
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. And looking up to the slide at the top of that
- page 3, do you see that there were some guest
- 12 speakers?
- 13 A. Yes, we had.
- Q. And the third guest speaker is a reference to
- 15 Inquest? Do you see that?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Is that Mr. McComas?
- 18 A. I think so.
- 19 Q. And it says "What problem is solved by SLDRAM?"
- 20 Right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. Well, let me ask you to go to the third
- document in your stack, RX-1188.
- 24 That's it.
- 25 And do you see that's entitled SLDRAM Executive

1 Summit, What Problem Is Solved by SLDRAM? Bert McComas

- of Inquest? Do you see that?
- 3 A. I see it.
- Q. And his first slide down at the bottom says,
- 5 "What problems do we face? Tactical. Manage price
- 6 competition, profitability."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. I see that.
- 9 Q. And you heard him make this presentation;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. I don't recall, but I was there when he made
- 12 it.
- 13 Q. You had reviewed his slides ahead of time?
- 14 A. No, I did not.
- 15 Q. You understood Mr. McComas in this
- presentation to be pointing out that the industry
- should be coming up with a way to manage price
- 18 competition?
- 19 A. I have no idea what he meant by that.
- Q. Well, let's look at the next page, page 2,
- 21 where it's entitled Intel's Battle for Control, and it
- 22 says, "Intel/Rambus are using your money to take
- 23 control of the DRAM industry."
- Did you hear him explain what he meant by
- 25 that?

1 A. I don't recall, but he did present this, so...

- Q. Well, let's look at the end of his presentation
- 3 to page 5.
- 4 At the bottom it says "What should SLDRAM Inc.
- 5 become?" Do you see that?
- 6 A. I see that.
- 7 Q. And then on the next page, he says,
- 8 "Fragmented competition undermines all DRAM
- 9 manufacturers."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. I see that.
- 12 Q. And did you understand him to be saying that
- 13 competition had led to an unprofitable situation for
- 14 the DRAM manufacturers?
- 15 A. I don't see that.
- Q. Do you remember what he said when he described
- 17 this chart?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- 19 Q. Now, there was another industry consultant at
- 20 that executive summit as well; right,
- 21 Mr. Victor de Dios?
- 22 A. I believe so.
- Q. And I'll ask you to pick up RX-1204. It's the
- last document in that stack.
- 25 A. I see that.

1 Q. And did he make a presentation -- strike that.

- 2 Do you remember him making a presentation at
- 3 this meeting of DRAM executives?
- 4 A. Who?
- 5 Q. Mr. de Dios.
- A. Yes. But this is HP presentation.
- 7 Q. Well, if you'll look, I believe you'll find
- 8 Mr. de Dios' presentation if you'll look to page 4 of
- 9 the document. This is how this was produced to us by
- 10 IBM.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you see a slide that says "de Dios and
- 13 Associates" at the top?
- 14 A. Yeah, page 4.
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 A. Yeah, that's it.
- 17 Q. And it says "Structural Changes in the DRAM
- 18 Market." Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And you were present when Mr. DeDios gave his
- 21 presentation?
- 22 A. Yes, I was.
- Q. And one of the things he refers to is too many
- DRAM manufacturers. Do you see that?
- 25 A. I see that.

1 Q. And did he make the point that there was an

- 2 excess of capacity in the industry that was creating
- 3 pressure on prices?
- 4 A. I have no idea what he means by that.
- 5 Q. The point just before that refers to an
- 6 out-of-control spot channel.
- 7 Does spot channel refer to the spot price
- 8 market?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. And it says: "Many of the problems are
- industry problems, not company problems. Competition
- 12 will not resolve them."
- Did you hear him say those words at this
- 14 meeting?
- 15 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Now, going back to Mr. McComas' presentation at
- 17 this meeting of DRAM executives, did his presentation
- in fact stimulate discussion among the industry
- 19 executives as you had hoped?
- 20 A. I -- I mean, if you look at the minutes and
- 21 maybe we can get some feelings, but you know, he made
- 22 the presentation. HP made a presentation. Compaq made
- 23 a presentation. IBM made a presentation. So there was
- 24 some discussion about the industry.
- Q. Was one of the things Mr. McComas suggested

during his presentation at this June 1998 summit that

- 2 the manufacturers share their information on their
- 3 RDRAM production plans in order to create a shortage of
- 4 RDRAM and keep prices up?
- 5 A. He suggested that he can become a third party,
- 6 that everybody can share their production number with
- 7 him, then he can make analysis that if there was a
- 8 demand-supply imbalance, but I don't think anybody went
- 9 with this suggestion.
- 10 Q. And what do you mean when you said
- "supply-demand imbalance"?
- 12 A. When you have -- supply is what we produce.
- Demand is what the customer and, you know, the consumer
- buys.
- 15 Q. And you were concerned in this time period that
- there not be an oversupply of RDRAM because that would
- drive prices down?
- 18 A. Oversupply of anything will drive the price
- down. When you produce too much and there is not
- 20 enough demand due to whatever reason, then the prices
- 21 collapse.
- 22 Q. Well, let me show you RX-1208.
- Now, this is a document that was not prepared
- 24 by you. I'm just going to ask you if it refreshes your
- 25 recollection about a meeting you attended.

- 1 If I could, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 3 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. This was produced to us by Infineon, and I'll
- 5 ask you to look at page 4 where there's a reference to
- 6 that June 1998 SLDRAM executive meeting.
- 7 Do you see the very last bullet point at the
- 8 bottom? It says, "What problem is solved by SLDRAM
- 9 (guest speaker Bert McComas)"?
- 10 A. I see that.
- 11 Q. Do you see that it says, "McComas made
- suggestion to the audium that every DRAM vendor sends
- 13 the Rambus production plan for the next year in order
- 14 to cross-check whether Intel has managed to generate an
- 15 oversupply situation"?
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Did anybody in the meeting respond to
- 19 Mr. McComas by saying it was a good idea, bad idea?
- 20 A. I think there were mixed feelings. I was
- 21 against it. I don't want to share my production
- 22 number with anybody, so I didn't, you know, promote
- 23 this idea.
- Q. Have you ever asked other DRAM manufacturers to
- 25 share their numbers with you on RDRAM?

1 A. No. That's something we may ask, but I don't

- 2 think anybody would respond because it's very
- 3 confidential data.
- Q. Have you ever asked them, you personally ever
- 5 asked for somebody else's RDRAM production estimates?
- 6 A. No, I have not.
- 7 Q. Well, three weeks later Mr. McComas asked you
- 8 for advice on how to make his project work. Do you
- 9 remember that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Let me show you that. RX-1232.
- May I, Your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. PERRY:
- 15 Q. This is an e-mail from Mr. McComas to you dated
- 16 August 15, 1998; correct?
- 17 A. It appears that way.
- 18 Q. And he says in the first paragraph: "Farhad,
- 19 may I have your advice on constructing this project. I
- 20 mentioned this during the SLDRAM conference. Please
- 21 keep our discussion completely confidential. If this
- is seen as an SLDRAM project, it will probably fail."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. I see that.
- Q. And he was asking you for advice on how to

1 structure a request for production information from

- 2 other DRAM manufacturers; right?
- 3 A. I think he was trying to get my support for his
- 4 project.
- 5 Q. And one of the things that he says in the
- 6 paragraph just under the dotted line, do you see where
- 7 it says, "During the critical production ramp-up phase
- 8 of direct Rambus, DRAM vendors will need a constant
- 9 flow of information to help make wise decisions and to
- 10 walk the fine line between a pleasant shortage and a
- 11 disastrous oversupply"? Do you see that?
- 12 A. I see that.
- Q. Did you agree with him that DRAM vendors
- 14 needed that information to avoid a disastrous
- 15 oversupply?
- 16 A. I mean, that's the intelligence the DRAM
- 17 companies gather over time to make sure that their
- 18 product is in good demand and there's nothing unique to
- 19 this situation.
- 20 Q. So you agreed with him that that was important
- 21 to have that information?
- 22 A. Of course.
- Q. Why is a shortage pleasant for a DRAM
- 24 manufacturer?
- 25 A. Prices go up.

1 Q. And your response to Mr. McComas was that the

- 2 industry was guaranteed to have an oversupply of Rambus
- 3 chips in your view; right?
- 4 A. I agree.
- 5 Q. And you didn't want there to be an oversupply
- of Rambus chips; correct?
- 7 A. I don't want to be oversupply of anything.
- 8 Q. Including Rambus memory devices?
- 9 A. Including Rambus.
- 10 Q. And let me show you RX-1251.
- 11 May I, Your Honor?
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 13 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Is this your response to Mr. McComas'
- 15 August 1998 e-mail about his production forecast
- 16 project?
- 17 A. It appears that way.
- 18 Q. And your view as stated here was that we are
- 19 guaranteed to have an oversupply of Rambus chips;
- 20 right?
- 21 A. I was just telling him I don't think his
- 22 service can be valuable, because regardless of what he
- thinks, Intel is the final decision maker in terms of
- how much chipsets to produce and how many DRAMs are
- 25 needed. So I didn't -- I just wanted in a nice way

- 1 tell him just forget about it.
- 2 Q. It was your view that we're guaranteed to have
- 3 an oversupply of Rambus chips; right? It was your view
- 4 at the time?
- 5 A. I mean, that was my belief that we will have an
- 6 oversupply because of many technical problem that
- Rambus was failing and the chipset was having problems,
- 8 so too many people producing product that is not going
- 9 to be used will cause oversupply.
- 10 Q. And that concerned you greatly, didn't it?
- 11 A. Pardon me?
- 12 Q. That concerned you greatly?
- 13 A. Oh, of course.
- Q. That there would be an oversupply of Rambus
- 15 chips and that would drive price down?
- 16 A. Because, again, the ramp-up was not ready. The
- 17 Intel was not ready. So if we produce too much product
- and we cannot sell it, the price will collapse below
- 19 the cost.
- Q. The price will be zero if you couldn't sell it;
- 21 right?
- 22 A. Yeah. And that's exactly what happens.
- Q. Well, it had been your prediction in the fall
- of 1998 that Rambus devices would make up 40 percent of
- 25 the DRAM market in 2000. Do you remember that?

1 A. I -- that was very optimistic, my point of

- 2 view.
- 3 Q. Well, let me see if I can refresh your
- 4 recollection and show you RX-1273.
- 5 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. PERRY:
- 8 Q. And it says -- this was produced to us by
- 9 Hynix, so it's a lengthy document. I'll just point out
- 10 a couple of things to you.
- Do you see up at the top it says "980922 SLDRAM
- 12 minutes"?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And let me point you to just one statement
- that's attributed to you on page 6 of the exhibit and
- see if it refreshes your recollection.
- Do you see up at the top it says, "FT: Intel
- 18 with all their power will make their RDRAM happen from
- 19 1999 to 2000, will probably get 40 percent of the
- 20 market over that time frame"? Do you see that?
- 21 A. I see that.
- Q. Does that refresh your recollection that it was
- your view in the September 1998 time period that the
- 24 Rambus device would get about 40 percent of the market
- 25 in 2000?

1 A. That was your view that if everything works out

- 2 and since Intel is very much committed to Rambus it
- 3 will at least get 40 percent because Intel has
- 4 80 percent of the market.
- 5 Q. And you believed that in order for that kind of
- 6 market penetration to occur, Intel needed to create an
- 7 oversupply of RDRAM chips so the price would come down;
- 8 right?
- 9 A. Intel wanted to have the price of Rambus very
- 10 low in order to be able to design it in, so pricing was
- 11 an important factor in terms of what percentage of
- 12 their total requirement will be.
- O. And that's because the OEMs would be more
- 14 likely to order substantial quantities of chipsets or
- chips, RDRAM chips, if the price was very low?
- 16 A. They're comparing RDRAM with the existing
- 17 product that is available in the market, and at that
- 18 time it was SDR and everything compared to SDR, what
- 19 premium Rambus can have over SDR, and they would tell
- us if it's more than 5 percent, they cannot touch it.
- 21 And --
- Q. "They" being the OEMs?
- 23 A. The OEMs would tell us that 5 percent is the
- 24 price that they need to have.
- Q. And so you took steps in the fall of 1998 to

1 try to be sure that the RDRAM production would be low

- 2 so that the price premium would stay higher than that
- 3 5 percent level; right?
- 4 A. My job in our company is to make sure we build
- 5 the right product for the right segment for the right
- 6 customer according to their demand, so we do this on a
- 7 monthly basis, we do a six-month rolling forecast and
- 8 we build our production based on customer need.
- 9 Q. And you didn't want the right product to be the
- 10 RDRAM; right?
- 11 A. No. That's not the case.
- Q. Well, you took steps in the fall of 1998 to try
- 13 to ensure that RDRAM production stayed low so that the
- price premium stayed higher than that 5 percent level;
- 15 right?
- 16 A. That was my own point of view that I want to
- 17 make sure that the Rambus from Hynix point of view or
- 18 Hyundai point of view is not in an oversupply
- 19 situation.
- Q. Well, you believed at the time that Intel would
- 21 not change course away from Rambus unless the Rambus
- 22 device failed to get market penetration; right?
- 23 A. This is not just true for Rambus. For any
- 24 product, if it doesn't become a low cost to
- 25 manufacture, it never becomes reality. The issue is

- 1 cost, cost, cost.
- 2 Q. And one way to cause Rambus to fail to get
- 3 market acceptance was if the OEMs were convinced that
- 4 even if the production volumes went way up, the prices
- 5 weren't going to come down?
- 6 A. Because of the inherent reason that Rambus
- 7 packaging, testing, die size was expensive, they all
- 8 get the cost number from us and they felt the cost is
- 9 around 40 percent higher, so they felt it would not
- 10 come down.
- 11 O. So if the OEMs were convinced that even after
- 12 production ramp-up the prices would stay up, the OEMs
- are not going to accept Rambus, that's your view at the
- 14 time?
- 15 A. The price of PCs would continue going down and
- 16 the low cost was a critical issue at the time.
- Q. And so was it your view at the time that if the
- 18 OEMs were convinced that even after production ramp-up
- of Rambus the price would still be high, they weren't
- 20 going to adopt Rambus?
- 21 A. Absolutely.
- 22 Q. And so you took steps in the fall of 1998 to
- 23 convince other DRAM manufacturers to try to convince
- OEMs that even though production was going up, prices
- would still stay high; right?

- 1 A. I don't know what you're talking about.
- 2 Q. Let me show you some documents from that time
- 3 period.
- I'm going to start with RX-1280A. Actually
- 5 I'll give you two at once, RX-1280A and RX-1293A.
- 6 May I, Your Honor?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 8 BY MR. PERRY:
- 9 Q. If you'll take a moment and look at those, I'd
- 10 like to -- may I put the board over here?
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 12 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 13 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, the first document I gave you is dated
- 15 September 25, 1998. Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you sent it to a group of Hynix executives
- in Korea; correct, as well as copying it to folks here
- in this country?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. And it's entitled RDRAM Pricing Forecast and
- 22 Strategy; right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you said, "Gentlemen, we have been
- 25 thinking a lot about what is the proper pricing

1 strategy for RDRAM devices"; right, and then you went

- 2 on from there?
- 3 A. I see that.
- 4 Q. And then you gave some price projections for
- 5 RDRAM by quarter by device; right?
- A. Yes.
- 7 O. And then the second document I gave you is
- 8 dated about ten days later; right, October 6, 1998?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And that's a document that you sent out to the
- 11 sales force, the Hynix sales force in this country;
- 12 right?
- 13 A. I think so.
- 14 Q. And you were telling them that they could use
- the attached RDRAM pricing forecast for their OEM
- 16 accounts; right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And in fact you encouraged them to distribute
- 19 these to the key accounts; correct?
- 20 A. That is my recollection.
- 21 Q. Well, I don't want to spend a long time
- comparing the numbers on these two, but I want to
- compare just two sets of numbers if I could and ask you
- 24 to help me put this on the board.
- 25 May I?

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 2 BY MR. PERRY:
- 3 Q. Now, I've written "RDRAM ASP."
- Do you use "ASP" to refer to average selling
- 5 price?
- 6 A. Yes, we do.
- 7 O. And if you'll look on the first document,
- 8 September 25, 1998, do you see the column for second
- 9 quarter '99? Do you see that column?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. And down below that, there's a reference to a
- 12 64M. Is that a 64-meg device?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. And the package price for that in this
- 15 September document is \$16.57; right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And if you'll look, please, on the
- 18 document you sent to the sales force, which is
- 19 RX-1293A, do you see the second quarter '99 projected
- 20 ASP there?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. And is that number \$26.40?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And now if you could, do the same exercise for
- the 72-meg.

1 What's the second quarter '99 price that's

- 2 listed on Exhibit 1280A? Is it \$20.21?
- 3 A. What time frame?
- 4 Q. Second quarter '99.
- 5 A. \$20.21.
- Q. And do you see in the October 6, 1998 document
- 7 that was sent to the sales force that the projected ASP
- 8 is \$30.80? Is that right?
- 9 A. That's what that figure is.
- 10 Q. So is it correct that, just doing the math,
- 11 that from document 1280A dated September '98 to
- document 1293A dated October '98 that the projection
- went from \$16.57 to \$26.40 for the 64-meg device?
- 14 A. You have to consider that this was our original
- discussion point that we started internally.
- Q. I'll let you explain that in just a second, but
- 17 did I just get that right?
- 18 A. This is totally two different document that
- 19 you're comparing apples to oranges, so I don't --
- Q. I'll ask you that in a second.
- 21 Did I get the numbers right off the documents?
- 22 The numbers that appear in the document are now on the
- 23 board?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, explain to me why it's not apples and

- 1 apples.
- 2 A. This one is the price that goes outside to our
- 3 salespeople as a negotiating --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Now, sir, I don't know which
- one you're talking about for the record. You need to
- 6 point out which one you're referring to.
- 7 THE WITNESS: This one, the RX-1293, the table,
- 8 this is our projected pricing to start a negotiation
- 9 with our customer, so usually our marketing people have
- 10 a lower backpocket pricing that they keep to negotiate
- 11 to that price.
- 12 And frankly, at that time the Rambus was just
- for initial volume. The pricing was very much subject
- 14 to yield. If the yield -- if you look at it, 2099
- assumption in the other chart shows 60 percent yield.
- 16 If the yield assumption would have changed to
- 17 50 percent, that -- so this is internal discussion how
- 18 we come up with pricing. This is what we give
- 19 customers to start the negotiation.
- 20 So that's why I'm saying it's totally
- 21 different. This is internal pricing strategy; this is
- 22 external pricing projection (indicating).
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And in your memo on internal pricing strategy
- you said you wanted to make about \$3,000 per eight-inch

- 1 wafer; right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And that would mean in order to keep to that
- 4 target that as your yield went up, your prices would go
- 5 up, too?
- A. No. This was like if you want to make a fixed
- 7 \$3,000 per wafer how many die we have, what's the
- 8 yield. Then we calculate into pricing. As the yield
- 9 goes up, then the price comes down, but we still make
- 10 \$3,000 a wafer, so that was our kind of a goal to make
- 11 \$3,000 per wafer regardless of the yield.
- 12 Q. Now, you referred to the backpocket pricing for
- the sales reps; right?
- 14 A. That's right.
- 15 Q. Well, look on the October 6, 1998 document.
- 16 A. This one?
- 17 Q. Yes. The one that went to the sales force,
- 18 RX-1293A?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you see a reference to a 10 percent
- 21 discount?
- 22 A. For strategic accounts we can have as much as
- 23 10 percent.
- Q. And you understand "strategic accounts" means
- 25 the more important customers; right?

- 1 A. Right.
- Q. Now, that refers to a 10 percent discount?
- 3 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 5 BY MR. PERRY:
- 6 O. The difference between \$16.57 and \$26.40 is
- 7 about 60 percent, isn't it?
- 8 A. If you did the math.
- 9 Q. Would you just take my word for it on the
- 10 math?
- 11 A. He looks like a knowledgeable guy.
- 12 Q. And the difference between the \$20.21 and the
- \$30.80 for the 72-meg is about 50 percent, isn't it?
- 14 That one is a little easier.
- 15 A. That's true. But one thing I wanted to point
- 16 your attention, if you look at the Q499 of this
- 17 pricing, the table, the Q499 pricing has dropped to
- 18 \$15.00, so in two quarters the price has dropped to
- 19 below what you were saying, so this is just a price
- 20 projection based on yield and nobody was placing big
- 21 volume at the time, so I don't think there's a big deal
- 22 in terms of this price difference with that price
- 23 difference, but if --
- Q. And you knew that in October 1999 those key
- 25 accounts were making their decision on where to go, DDR

or RDRAM or PC100; that's what this memo you sent to

- 2 the sales force says?
- 3 A. This memo, if you research the background for
- 4 it, IBM requested us to fill out a table for them as a
- 5 price projection, and I -- and that request by IBM
- 6 started this chain e-mail, this other big document,
- 7 that how should we come up with pricing (indicating).
- 8 So it was a request by IBM and we filled it out
- 9 and we gave it to them.
- 10 Q. Well, the October 6, 1998 memo that you sent to
- 11 the sales force doesn't talk about IBM in particular,
- 12 does it?
- 13 A. No. After I did this for IBM, then I came up
- 14 with the basis for our pricing. Then we provide it to
- 15 everybody.
- 16 Q. And you encouraged the sales force to
- distribute these prices to their key accounts who were
- 18 then at that time making their decision on DDR versus
- 19 RDRAM versus PC100; right?
- 20 A. Yes. And the reason for it is because Intel
- 21 was telling everybody it's only going to be 5 percent
- 22 premium, and it would cost us at least 50 percent
- 23 more.
- I mean, you guys have our cost numbers. We can
- look at it. It cost us at least 50 percent more. I

- 1 wanted to make sure my OEM knows it's going to cost
- them more than 5 percent. Intel and Rambus was telling
- 3 everybody that it's going to be 5 percent premium. And
- 4 that was absolutely incorrect, and that's what I wanted
- 5 to show them, that their premium that they're
- 6 considering should be realistic.
- 7 O. It was just a few months later that you were
- 8 saying publicly that the die size for Hyundai was just
- 9 10 percent larger than SDRAMs, wasn't it?
- 10 A. Exactly.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. But die size is only part of the issue. You
- 13 have to -- package cost is about 250 percent premium.
- 14 Test cost is 240 percent. So the combination of all
- would be around 40 percent premium. We have a lot of
- 16 document to show that.
- Q. And you remember those numbers?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 O. Well, in this same month, October 1998, isn't
- 20 it true that Hynix gave RDRAM production forecasts to
- 21 Intel that were deliberately inflated?
- 22 A. We wanted to be on the good side with Intel,
- and Intel was not happy with our ramp-up, so we gave
- them a very optimistic number on our side.
- Q. You thought they'd be happier with Hynix if

- 1 they were lied to; is that right?
- 2 A. No. If we showed them that we have difficulty
- 3 to produce large volume, especially since the market is
- 4 not ready and Intel chipset is not ready, if we don't
- 5 show them big volume, they will not probably be happy,
- 6 so we were very optimistic early on.
- 7 Q. Let me show you Exhibit CX-2330.
- 8 May I, Your Honor?
- 9 Now, this is an e-mail from a Mario Martinez to
- 10 a gentleman named Gee Soo Kim. Do you see that?
- 11 A. I see that.
- 12 Q. And Mr. Martinez worked for you at the time, he
- 13 reported directly to you; right?
- 14 A. Yes, he did.
- 15 Q. And it's dated October 18, 1998.
- Do you see in the second sentence it says "from
- 17 HEA's perspective"? Does that refer to Hyundai
- 18 America?
- 19 A. Yes, it does.
- Q. "From HEA's perspective, we can overstate our
- 21 direct Rambus production so Intel can feel we are more
- 22 aggressive on our ramp-up."
- Do you see that?
- A. I see that.
- Q. And isn't it the case that Hynix gave Intel

- 1 inflated production numbers in the fall of 1998?
- 2 A. When we saw the original number, they were so
- 3 small that I was really shy to give this to Intel, and
- 4 so we massaged the number a little bit to show more
- 5 aggressive ramp-up, yes, we did.
- 6 Q. And in that same month you urged other
- 7 manufacturers also to give Intel inflated price
- 8 projections and inflated production numbers, didn't
- 9 vou?
- 10 A. I have no recollection of that.
- 11 Q. Let me show you RX-2192.
- May I, Your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. PERRY:
- 15 Q. Do you see that this is headed Meeting at
- 16 Micron: Definition of SLDRAM and Virtual Channel
- 17 Architecture and that you're listed as attending?
- 18 A. It does show that, but I don't know what is
- 19 this.
- Q. Well, let me help you with it before I ask you
- 21 anything substantive.
- 22 There's a list of people who were present, if
- 23 you could pick it out.
- Do you see that in addition to you there's five
- or six people listed from Micron?

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Mr. Perry, before we go

- 2 further, let's lay a foundation as to the time frame
- 3 we're referring to.
- 4 MR. PERRY: Yes, Your Honor. I believe that
- 5 this was a document prepared by Infineon, by
- 6 Mr. Benedix of Infineon, in October of 1998. There are
- 7 references on the last page to two meetings that I'm
- 8 not saying that this gentleman was at on October 16,
- 9 1998.
- 10 BY MR. PERRY:
- 11 Q. So if I could ask you now to turn back to the
- 12 first page.
- 13 A. Again -- sorry.
- 14 Q. Let me ask you a question.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: He hasn't asked you a question,
- 16 Mr. Tabrizi. Let's wait.
- 17 BY MR. PERRY:
- 18 Q. Do you remember being at Micron in Boise for a
- 19 meeting to discuss NEC's virtual channel architecture
- 20 and its possible use in SLDRAM where Mr. Lee was
- 21 present from NEC?
- 22 A. I don't recall attending a meeting, a
- 23 particular meeting in Boise to discuss SLDRAM.
- Q. And you've met Mr. Benedix before, you know him
- 25 to be an Infineon person; right?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Well, let me ask you about the statement that's
- 3 attributed to you at the bottom of page 2 and see if
- 4 that refreshes your recollection that you were at this
- 5 meeting.
- 6 A. Okay. Which page?
- 7 Q. Well, do you see where -- at the bottom of
- 8 page 2, do you see where it says "Other information
- 9 collected during and besides the meeting"? Do you see
- 10 that?
- 11 A. Other information collected during and beside
- 12 the meeting.
- Q. Right.
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: I don't see that. Can we blow
- 15 that up? There we go.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And then down at the bottom it says "according
- 18 to Farhad Tabrizi." Do you see that?
- 19 A. I see what it says here.
- 20 Q. It says: "According to Farhad Tabrizi, Hyundai
- 21 has given Rambus ASP projections for end of next year
- of two to three times of today's SDRAM prices; they
- also gave to Intel a production projection of three
- 24 times their actual plans. They encourage every DRAM
- 25 manufacturer to do the same in order to let Intel not

- 1 generate a Rambus oversupply."
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. I see that.
- 4 Q. Did you at a meeting of other DRAM
- 5 manufacturers encourage them to give Intel inflated
- 6 production projections and inflated Rambus price
- 7 projections in order to keep Intel from generating a
- 8 Rambus oversupply?
- 9 A. Absolutely not. I would not say that type of
- information in a technical meeting in a public forum.
- 11 This is absolutely not correct.
- Q. And you have no idea why that sentence appears
- in that trip report?
- 14 A. I have -- I mean, first of all, it says,
- 15 "Other information collected during and besides the
- 16 meeting," so I don't know if I was talking to him or --
- 17 you know, I have no recollection of this saying to
- anybody.
- 19 Q. Well, you followed up a few months later to
- 20 check on Micron's RDRAM production volume to make sure
- 21 it wasn't getting too high, didn't you?
- 22 A. I have no recollection of that.
- 23 Q. Let me show you RX-1386.
- 24 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Now, there are three blocked-out spaces on this
- document, and that's been a problem for both sides.
- 4 Some of the Hynix documents had company names marked
- 5 out. In this document I believe it's RDRAM and Rambus
- 6 that are blocked out.
- 7 Do you remember sending Mr. Terry Lee at Micron
- 8 an e-mail in February of 1999 asking him about his
- 9 anticipated -- Micron's anticipated or projected RDRAM
- 10 production in 1999?
- 11 A. What it appears to be is a Nikkei electronic
- 12 newspaper article saying that Micron will have
- 13 18 percent of the Rambus production, and it was kind
- of -- to me it was kind of impossible, so I sent it to
- 15 Terry Lee, which I have many contact at SLDRAM just --
- and I calculated that will mean 16 million pieces. And
- I just sent it to him to see if is that a possibility.
- 18 I mean, I wasn't sharing information. I was
- 19 just -- anyway, I sent it to Terry Lee, yes, I had.
- Q. And based on your prior understanding from
- 21 Mr. Lee or others at Micron, you didn't think that was
- 22 a realistic number of what they would be producing for
- 23 RDRAM?
- A. Because at the time early in '99 the Rambus
- 25 Camino chipset was not ready and Intel was delaying.

1 There's no reason for somebody to produce 16 million

- 2 pieces without the market being there.
- 3 Q. So you asked Micron if the forecast was really
- 4 a possibility; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. You didn't believe it was true that Micron
- 7 would be producing that much; right?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Did Mr. Lee get back to you?
- 10 A. Actually not. And Mr. Lee's job is
- 11 technically. He doesn't even know what production
- 12 number he should do or not, so it was just a kind of
- 13 casual comment that are you guys doing this much. I
- 14 didn't expect an answer.
- 15 Q. Well, a few months later in the summer of 1999
- 16 you became concerned that Samsung might be producing so
- much RDRAM that there would be an oversupply and the
- 18 price would come down; right?
- 19 A. I have no idea what you're talking about.
- 20 Q. Let me show you RX-1487.
- 21 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. This is a series of e-mails, and I'd like to
- 25 take you just to page 3. This was produced to us by

- 1 Hynix.
- 2 Do you see the date in the middle of the page
- 3 July 20, 1999?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. And it says to you, Farhad Tabrizi?
- 6 A. I do see that.
- 7 Q. At HEA.
- What was your title at the time in July 1999?
- 9 A. Either director or vice president. I have --
- 10 one of those two.
- 11 Q. And the subject that's listed is Rambus
- recommendations and issues. Do you see that?
- 13 A. I see that.
- Q. And it says: "Farhad, I reviewed your Rambus
- proposal and agree wholeheartedly with your
- 16 recommendations. However, I would like to add some
- 17 additional requests and questions," and then there is a
- 18 number 1.
- Now, a portion of this e-mail is from
- 20 Mr. Martinez and a portion of this is from you; is that
- 21 right?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Which portion is from you?
- A. The portion that is from me I think is the
- 25 first page that goes to Dr. Kim. "Hello, Dr. Kim."

- 1 The first -- it's page 6 of 6.
- Q. Well, your name appears on page 3. It says,
- 3 "Farhad, I reviewed your Rambus proposal."
- 4 A. So this was --
- 5 Q. Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yeah. The page 6 was my proposal, so his --
- 7 Mario's comment is based on the page 6 letter to
- 8 Dr. Kim. At that time we were merged with LG and we
- 9 had to review the two companies' Rambus product and
- 10 make a decision which way to go.
- 11 Q. So Mr. Martinez is responding to your proposal
- that's on page 6 of the exhibit; is that right?
- 13 A. I think so.
- Q. And if you'll see, page 6 of the exhibit is
- dated July 18, 1999, whereas page 3 is July 20; right?
- A. So it's after, so...
- Q. So Mr. Martinez has reviewed your proposal, he
- 18 says he agrees with your recommendations and he has
- 19 some additional requests and questions; right? That's
- 20 on page 3.
- 21 A. I think so.
- 22 Q. And so, for example, on item number 1, he says,
- "We drop HEI's 288Mb. Too risky to do," and then you
- say, "Sir, I don't have any argument with you"; is that
- 25 right?

- 1 A. That's not my comment.
- 2 O. Who made those comments?
- 3 A. Those comment went to -- I think -- I believe
- 4 it's the gentleman who used to work at LG and for the
- 5 time being he had some responsibility for the Rambus
- 6 project.
- 7 Q. You received a copy of this, didn't you?
- 8 A. I did receive the copy.
- 9 Q. And you read it at the time?
- 10 A. I don't recall at the time, but I did receive a
- 11 copy, it appears that way.
- Q. You reviewed Mr. Martinez' response to your
- 13 proposal about Rambus; right?
- 14 A. Frankly, Mr. Martinez usually writes very long
- 15 e-mails, so I kind of reviewed it and forwarded it. I
- 16 didn't read the whole thing.
- Q. And who was the individual who used to work at
- 18 LG Semicon that you think was writing these
- 19 responses --
- 20 A. Mr. --
- 21 O. -- where the carets are?
- A. Mr. S.H. Ahn, A-H-N last name.
- Q. And where is he now?
- A. He's no longer -- after we merged with LG, he
- 25 stayed with us a couple of months. He left.

- 1 Q. Where did he go?
- 2 A. I have no idea.
- 3 Q. And would you look on the next page, page 4.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Look under item 6.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Do you see where Mr. Martinez says: "With
- 8 Samsung building significant amounts of product, we
- 9 need to work with them to limit the supply in the
- 10 market, otherwise we both will be competing for market
- share which will result in an oversupply. We have to
- meet with Samsung and discuss our and their production
- plan, TAM analysis and targeted market share"?
- Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- Q. And that was a proposal that Mr. Martinez was
- making to you at the time, wasn't it?
- 18 A. No. I mean, he was making comment on my
- 19 original request, yes.
- Q. It was a response to your proposal; correct?
- 21 A. I didn't send my proposal to Mario and I didn't
- 22 expect him to comment on my proposal. I sent it to
- 23 head of R&D which basically had picked which technology
- 24 we should choose, so Mario just made the comment on his
- own behalf.

Q. What was his position at the time at Hynix?

- 2 A. Marketing manager.
- Q. And what I just read to you was a response by
- 4 him to your July 18 proposal; correct?
- 5 A. Again, Mario made his feeling known that it's
- 6 going to be oversupply and he felt that we should talk
- 7 to Samsung and --
- Q. And then in response to that someone said: "I
- 9 have connection in Samsung. If I know what time you
- 10 are available, I will try set up meeting with key
- 11 person in Samsung in Seoul, Korea."
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A. I see that.
- Q. Did you say that?
- 15 A. No. This is again Mr. Ahn, H.S. Ahn.
- Q. And it says: "And I will try persuade them.
- 17 Actually they also have same idea for Rambus business
- 18 compare with you."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. I see that.
- 21 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Ahn about his discussion
- 22 with Samsung where they have the same idea that
- 23 Mr. Martinez had had?
- A. I don't think never any discussion took place
- 25 with Samsung. I -- this didn't come to my attention at

- 1 all, and if it would have, I would have rejected it
- 2 from the beginning, so this was something Mario did and
- 3 Mr. Ahn commented on it.
- 4 Q. So you're confident you never even read that
- 5 paragraph?
- 6 A. Pardon me?
- 7 O. Are you confident you never even read that
- 8 paragraph?
- 9 A. Frankly, before I come to this preparation for
- 10 this testimony, I have never seen those two paragraph.
- 11 That's my truest statement.
- 12 Q. Now, it is true, isn't it, that the top
- executives at Hynix were aware of your desire to kill
- 14 Rambus?
- 15 A. My top executives were always aware I was pro
- industry standard. I always thought Rambus had its own
- 17 place in the market. I believed in them. I thought
- 18 they have a good solution. But for the main memory I
- 19 have always been pro standard. I think it benefits
- 20 consumer, it benefits everyone.
- 21 Q. Let me ask it again.
- 22 Did you ever tell Sang Park that you wanted to
- 23 kill Rambus? Force them from the market?
- 24 A. Yeah, I may have used that -- yes.
- Q. Let me show you an e-mail that you sent to him

- 1 in June of 2000.
- Who is Mr. Sang Park in June of 2000?
- 3 A. He was our president and COO.
- 4 Q. Is he still with Hynix?
- 5 A. No, he's not.
- 6 O. That's RX-1661.
- 7 May I?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 9 BY MR. PERRY:
- 10 Q. Is this an e-mail that Mr. Park sent to you on
- 11 June 8, 2000?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- Q. And he says, "Farhad, thanks for your input."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- Q. And the rest of this document is your e-mail
- 17 dated that same day to him; correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you say, "Dear Park SJN, This is a private
- e-mail to you with my suggestions"; right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- Q. Well, look on the second page.
- Do you see in the bottom of the carry-over
- 24 paragraph -- just where it starts with "if Intel" -- do
- you see where it says: "If Intel does not invest in

1 us, I really want to ask you to let me go back to my

- 2 old mode of RDRAM killing. I think we were very close
- 3 to achieving our goal until you said we are absolutely
- 4 committed to this baby"?
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. I see that.
- 7 Q. When was it that you thought that you were very
- 8 close to achieving your goal of killing RDRAM?
- 9 A. When basically my mentioning of RDRAM killing
- it's as an exclusive, proprietary solution for Intel
- 11 architecture. Intel -- this is October 2000. This is
- 12 June of 2000.
- 13 Q. June of 2000.
- 14 A. By June of 2000, Intel had many delays and
- 15 cancellation of their chipset and DDR by this time has
- 16 come in already and they were positioning DDR as the
- 17 next-generation main memory, and during this time
- 18 Sang Park, our new president, came join our company and
- 19 he put Rambus as the highest priority and he allocated
- 20 many dollars and wafers to Rambus.
- 21 So since the market was not ready, since Intel
- 22 was having a lot of problem, I felt that it's really
- 23 premature to invest all this money into loading wafers
- on Rambus and I told him he's making a mistake and if
- 25 he wants to, it's fine, but I think basically Intel is

1 looking at the alternative for main memory and is not

- 2 looking at exclusive Rambus.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Now, what are you talking
- 4 about when you say Sang Park, our new president, had
- 5 joined our company and put Rambus as the highest
- 6 priority and allocated many dollars to Rambus? What
- 7 context are you talking about? What was he doing in
- 8 that time period?
- 9 THE WITNESS: So we get together for a product
- 10 planning meeting and we decide the priority of the
- 11 product, and at that time Samsung was one of the main
- suppliers for Rambus and Sang Park wanted to compete
- with Samsung head to head.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- 15 THE WITNESS: So he'd ordered our factory to
- load all of our factory with Rambus and he wanted to
- 17 compete with Samsung. He said if Samsung is enjoying
- 18 Rambus prices are high, I want to share that. And I
- 19 felt that since Intel is kind of backing away from
- 20 Rambus and Hynix is trying to put all this investment
- into Rambus, it's kind of oxymoron.
- 22 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Go ahead.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And you're aware that Samsung has continued to
- 25 make substantial profits on its RDRAMs since?

1 A. I have no idea what Samsung is making in

- 2 profit.
- 3 Q. Now, the question I asked you before was: What
- 4 time period was it when you thought you were very close
- 5 to achieving your goal of RDRAM killing?
- 6 A. I think it's between late '98 and 2000 when
- 7 Intel was having major problem with their chipset and
- 8 continued delaying and Camino was canceled, so I
- 9 think -- I always believed Rambus is very difficult to
- 10 manufacture and I made that known to everybody, so
- 11 during that time, Rambus was kind of killing itself for
- 12 technical reason, and you know, I was promoting DDR and
- 13 SLDRAM at the time.
- Q. So your reference to your old mode of RDRAM
- killing was to Rambus suicide; is that your testimony?
- 16 A. Yeah, Rambus suicide, me watching it on the
- 17 sideline.
- 18 MR. PERRY: I have nothing further,
- 19 Your Honor.
- 20 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. It's ten to one. Let's
- 21 take a break. We'll convene back in this courtroom at
- 22 ten minutes after two.
- 23 (Whereupon, at 12:50 p.m., a lunch recess was
- 24 taken.)

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- 2 (2:11 p.m.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Perry, it just occurred to
- 4 me as I go by there, you ought to -- okay. You got it.
- 5 Let's mark that as DX-270 I believe.
- 6 MR. PERRY: Yes, Your Honor. I have a sticker
- 7 here that says DX-270, and with your permission --
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Actually I think it looks
- 9 pretty good at the end of your finger, but go ahead.
- 10 (DX Exhibit Number 270 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- MR. PERRY: And also over lunch I talked to
- 13 Mr. Oliver about some exhibits I'd like to move in.
- 14 It's a list of them. He has no objections to the
- 15 list.
- 16 RX-694, RX-778, RX-802, CX-2250, RX-1105,
- 17 RX-1139 and RX-1166, we would move those in.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered with no objection;
- 19 correct?
- MR. OLIVER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 21 (RX Exhibit Numbers 694, 778, 802, 1105, 1139
- and 1166 were admitted into evidence.)
- 23 (CX Exhibit Number 2250 was admitted into
- evidence.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Having done that at

1 this time, we'll entertain the inquiry of the witness

- 2 by complaint counsel.
- 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 5 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Tabrizi.
- 6 A. Good afternoon.
- 7 O. I'd like to start off if I could with a
- 8 document that I believe is the last document that
- 9 Mr. Perry showed you. It's RX-1487.
- 10 Do you still have that in your pile?
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. It should have a sticker towards the lower
- 13 right that reads "Oh 17 1-9-03."
- 14 A. I see it on the screen, but I can't find it
- 15 here.
- Okay. I got it.
- 17 Q. It says -- in the lower right-hand corner it
- 18 says RX-1487.
- 19 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 21 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- MR. OLIVER: I apologize, Your Honor.
- BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, do you have RX-1487 in front of
- you now?

- 1 A. Yes, I do.
- 2 Q. I'd like to ask a couple of questions about the
- 3 document first if I could, though, to put it in some
- 4 perspective.
- 5 At some point in 1999 Hyundai and
- 6 Lucky Goldstar agreed to merge; is that right?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Did you have any role in combining the
- 9 operations of Lucky Goldstar and Hyundai?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. What was your role?
- 12 A. I was asked to look at the two companies'
- product line and try to make a recommendation as far as
- 14 which product line we're going to select to continue
- 15 forward.
- 16 Q. As part of that function did you assess the
- 17 status of Lucky Goldstar's Rambus production
- 18 capabilities?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What did you find?
- 21 A. That Rambus -- that LG, Lucky Goldstar, was
- 22 very much advanced on Rambus and they were ready to
- 23 mass-produce devices in volume production.
- Q. Did that impact any recommendations that you
- 25 made?

- 1 A. Yes, it did.
- Q. And how did it affect your recommendations?
- 3 A. Based on my recommendation, I suggested that we
- 4 should pick the Lucky Goldstar Rambus product as the
- 5 preferred one and put -- combine the both company best
- 6 engineers to develop the next-generation Rambus.
- 7 O. Was that a recommendation you made within
- 8 Hyundai?
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. If you could turn, please, to page 6 of
- 11 RX-1487.
- 12 A. Yes.
- MR. OLIVER: Sorry. If you could hold on just
- 14 a moment, Your Honor. The document was produced
- 15 backwards, so we have a disconnect between our version
- 16 and their version.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right.
- 18 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 19 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Now, Mr. Tabrizi, on page 6 of the document, of
- 21 the version RX-1487 that you have, this is an e-mail
- 22 with the caption at the top Farhad Tabrizi 7-18-99?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And that is an e-mail that you wrote?
- 25 A. That is correct.

- 1 Q. What was the purpose of that e-mail?
- 2 A. Dr. Kim was the head of our R&D, research and
- development, and I was making known to him my
- 4 recommendation regarding Rambus project.
- 5 Q. If I could direct your attention towards the
- 6 bottom of the page, please, there's a line that begins,
- 7 "Pursue LG's next 128M device."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Let me read a portion of that to you.
- "Pursue LG's next 128M device using
- 12 0.18/0.16 micron by combining our RDRAM designer in one
- place, potentially in LG building in Seoul, that's
- where all the RDRAM projects being developed."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Now, what did LG refer to there?
- 18 A. Lucky Goldstar.
- 19 Q. Now, why did you recommend combining all RDRAM
- designers in one place?
- 21 A. Again, we wanted to develop the
- next-generation project and we wanted to put our best
- 23 engineers together in one place, and since I picked
- 24 the LG product, I felt it's better to put them in the
- 25 LG building so they're all familiar with the

- 1 environment.
- Q. And then below that it reads, "Also put our
- 3 both companies best engineers to work on 256M/288M
- 4 RDRAM design using next-generation process."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And what did you mean to convey with that
- 8 sentence?
- 9 A. So currently 128-meg was in full production and
- 10 256-meg was the next product that we were going to
- develop, and I wanted to be one of the leaders in
- Rambus, so I asked them to put our best engineers to
- develop the next-generation Rambus project.
- 14 Q. Okay. Thank you. You can set that document
- 15 aside, Mr. Tabrizi.
- Mr. Tabrizi, this morning Mr. Perry asked you
- 17 quite a number of questions and showed you a number of
- 18 documents with respect to SyncLink. I'd like to ask
- 19 you some more general questions to try to fill in some
- of the gaps, if I could, that were left by Mr. Perry's
- 21 questions.
- 22 First, could you please explain your
- 23 understanding of what was the SyncLink Consortium.
- A. SyncLink Consortium was an organization of DRAM
- 25 suppliers and DRAM users and third-party vendors for a

joint development of the next-generation process by

- 2 sharing expenses, engineering resources and also
- 3 cross-licensing among themselves.
- Q. Let me start by asking, when did you personally
- 5 become involved with SyncLink?
- 6 A. I believe I was part of the IEEE RamLink
- 7 meetings in the '90s and then in '95 the
- 8 SyncLink Consortium started.
- 9 O. You mentioned RamLink.
- 10 What was RamLink?
- 11 A. RamLink, it's an IEEE specification that is
- 12 packet-based DRAM.
- 13 Q. And then when you first became involved with
- 14 SyncLink, that was also a committee of the IEEE?
- 15 A. At the beginning, the SyncLink was a committee
- of IEEE.
- 17 Q. Now, based on your understanding, what was the
- 18 IEEE?
- 19 A. IEEE was electrical engineering association for
- 20 standardization activities.
- 21 Q. Were you a member of the IEEE in 1995?
- 22 A. Yes, I was.
- Q. Are you still a member today?
- 24 A. No, I'm not.
- Q. Now, to your knowledge, was Hyundai a member of

- 1 the IEEE in 1995?
- 2 A. No. IEEE membership is by individual people,
- 3 it's not by company, so I was member as Farhad Tabrizi,
- 4 not as Hyundai Electronics.
- 5 Q. Now, what was your understanding of the purpose
- of the SyncLink committee within the IEEE?
- 7 A. SyncLink -- within IEEE every project has a PAR
- 8 or project authorization number that they will issue,
- 9 so they had tried to develop the specification for that
- 10 project.
- 11 Q. And within the IEEE, did you participate in a
- 12 particular project?
- 13 A. RamLink and SyncLink.
- 14 Q. Now, what did you understand the purpose of the
- 15 SyncLink project would be in IEEE?
- 16 A. SyncLink was a subset of RamLink. RamLink was
- a generic bus that you could connect any kind of memory
- 18 to it. SyncLink we kind of wanted to be a specific to
- 19 synchronous DRAM type of product and...
- 20 Q. Was the purpose to create a standard?
- 21 A. Yes, it was.
- 22 Q. And did you have an understanding as to the
- 23 type of standard that was being created?
- 24 A. Our next-generation memory open standard that
- was going to be presented at JEDEC.

- 1 Q. What do you mean by an open standard?
- 2 A. Open standard means everybody will have free
- 3 access to the specification, they will be able to
- 4 develop the product without anybody's blocking patent
- 5 and basically free of any kind of architectural
- 6 propriety.
- 7 Q. You mentioned JEDEC.
- In 1995, what, if any, was the relationship
- 9 between SyncLink and JEDEC?
- 10 A. They were both a standard committee, and as far
- 11 as the project was related to each other, they should
- 12 have give each other updates.
- Q. In 1995, were SyncLink and JEDEC working with
- 14 the same technologies?
- 15 A. JEDEC was working on the core DRAM project and
- 16 the SyncLink was working on the kind of overall -- the
- 17 component plus the bus that link them together.
- 18 Q. Were there any other differences between the
- 19 work being done at JEDEC and the work being done at
- 20 SyncLink?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Are you familiar with the term "multiplexed
- 23 bus"?
- 24 A. Yes, I am.
- 25 Q. Was there work being done at -- or did the work

- 1 being done at SyncLink involve a multiplexed bus?
- 2 A. At JEDEC the devices that we were working were
- 3 fully nonmultiplexed. That means the address, the
- 4 command, the data are all separate pins.
- 5 At IEEE RamLink, the bus was fully multiplexed.
- 6 That means address, data, command all on one bus.
- But the SyncLink was somewhere between the two.
- 8 We made the address and command on one bus and data on
- 9 a separate bus.
- 10 Q. Now, with respect to organizational rules, did
- 11 SyncLink have -- that is, the IEEE SyncLink committee,
- did SyncLink have rules similar to those of JEDEC?
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I didn't ask anything
- of this witness about rules of either organization. I
- 15 think it's beyond the scope.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I'm simply trying to
- 17 establish some basic background with respect to
- 18 SyncLink.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, then don't ask him about
- 20 the rules then. If you can do that without asking,
- 21 you know, about the rules, because it is beyond the
- 22 scope.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, if I could also point
- out, Mr. Tabrizi was on our witness list and we did
- reserve the right to call him back as a rebuttal

- 1 witness, and rather than forcing us to call him a
- 2 second time, we would appreciate as a courtesy, as we
- 3 extended to respondent, the opportunity to go beyond
- 4 the scope on certain issues in order not to have to
- 5 call him back a second time.
- 6 MR. PERRY: It's really not a courtesy issue,
- 7 Your Honor. Mr. Tabrizi is not on their rebuttal list.
- 8 They chose not to call him in their case in chief, and
- 9 that means they're limited to what's in the scope. We
- 10 have a tight schedule.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained. I mean, that's my
- 12 holding that I first indicated.
- 13 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 14 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, at some point in time did SyncLink
- 15 cease being a committee of the IEEE?
- 16 A. Yes, it did.
- 17 Q. Can you please explain what happened?
- 18 A. As I mentioned earlier, we wanted to productize
- 19 the IEEE RamLink project into a product that is
- 20 manufacturable. At the same time, the IEEE, the rules
- 21 of disclosure and patents were not satisfactory in
- 22 terms of individual people were represented, not
- companies, so with all this in mind, we decided to
- create a consortium to develop a next-generation
- 25 product.

1 Q. Now, did you have an official role in the

- 2 SyncLink Consortium?
- 3 A. Yes. I was nominated and elected as the
- 4 chairman for the SyncLink Consortium.
- 5 Q. What were your responsibilities as chairman?
- A. My responsibility as the chairman was in many
- 7 aspect -- one was I was the spokesman for the
- 8 consortium.
- 9 Second, I wanted to promote the SLDRAM
- 10 activities to make sure that the product gets developed
- in time. And also within our own companies our job was
- 12 to promote, so I have to provide material to promote
- 13 SLDRAM within ourselves.
- Q. Now, what was your understanding of the goals
- of the SyncLink Consortium?
- 16 A. To develop the next-generation open standard,
- 17 royalty-free device specification that could meet the
- 18 customer requirement.
- 19 Q. Now, based on your understanding, why was the
- 20 consortium formed outside of the IEEE?
- 21 A. One of the main reason I believe was the patent
- 22 policy and openness about individual members sharing
- 23 the information without worrying about somebody getting
- 24 a patent.
- Q. Was there any issue with respect to funding

- 1 involved in the decision to form the
- 2 SyncLink Consortium outside the IEEE?
- 3 A. Yes. As I mentioned earlier, we wanted to
- 4 develop the next-generation product, so we needed to
- 5 fund development of a test chip, development of actual
- 6 prototype, work with the users to develop a board, test
- 7 this board, so all of these things was being done at
- 8 the consortium.
- 9 Q. Now, you had mentioned a concern about the
- 10 policy of the IEEE as not being suitable for the
- 11 SyncLink Consortium.
- 12 Can you please explain in a little more detail
- what the concern was with respect to the IEEE policy?
- 14 A. Again, the IEEE policy, since the individual
- participants were representing themselves, they were
- not representing any company, they had no obligation
- 17 to, in terms of patent disclosure. It was kind of
- 18 vague enough. It wasn't like JEDEC, very solid patent
- 19 disclosure.
- 20 And also we wanted to have cross-licensing
- among the members, so if somebody brings an idea that
- 22 we utilize in the standard, we wanted to make sure it's
- open and is cross-licensed.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, excuse me. There was a
- 25 motion to exclude Mr. Keefauver, who we wanted to

- 1 testify before this hearing about patent policies of
- 2 other standard organizations. We would move to strike
- 3 that testimony or we would move to have the right to
- 4 bring in Mr. Keefauver.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: You do not have the right to
- 6 bring in Mr. Keefauver because I've already ruled
- 7 against that, so you do not have that right.
- 8 MR. PERRY: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to get
- 9 hot on that. It's just that motion was hard-fought.
- 10 We lost an expert. They said other patent policies of
- other organizations are completely irrelevant.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: And that's going to apply here
- as well, Mr. Oliver.
- So I'll let you comment, though, if you wish.
- 15 MR. OLIVER: I believe we thought Mr. Keefauver
- 16 to explain how -- an expert opinion as to what the
- 17 JEDEC rules were. This question goes solely to why the
- 18 SyncLink Consortium was formed. It has nothing to do
- 19 with how one interprets --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Wouldn't the testimony -- he
- 21 can testify as to the -- how SyncLink was formed based
- 22 on his personal knowledge, but I thought the answer as
- 23 well entailed the policy of JEDEC. Is that not correct
- or am I missing something?
- MR. PERRY: It was IEEE, Your Honor.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: IEEE.
- Then he will not be allowed to testify
- 3 regarding -- I will uphold that motion as it pertains
- 4 to testimony only regarding the IEEE.
- 5 MR. PERRY: And I do apologize, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm sorry?
- 7 MR. PERRY: I do apologize for getting upset.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. But I will -- I
- 9 will accept the answer regarding how SyncLink was
- 10 organized and its patent policy.
- 11 Are we clear on that?
- MR. OLIVER: Yes, I think we are, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right.
- 14 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 15 Q. At the time that the SyncLink Consortium was
- formed, what was its organizational structure?
- 17 A. At the beginning, we formed different task
- 18 groups. One mainly was technical. The other one was
- 19 business. And at some point later we created the
- 20 patent committee as well.
- 21 Q. And at some point in time was a corporation
- 22 formed?
- 23 A. Yes. From when we split up from the IEEE, we
- created an incorporation and we have bylaws.
- Q. Now, as you understood it, at the time that the

1 SyncLink Consortium was formed, did the consortium

- 2 intend to apply for patents in its own name?
- 3 A. Yes, we did.
- Q. Based on your understanding, why was it decided
- 5 that the consortium should apply for patents?
- A. There were a lot of concern that a lot of new
- 7 ideas are coming to this meeting and we have to protect
- 8 the members. Our patent policy was fully defensive.
- 9 We just didn't want other people to file patents on our
- 10 technology.
- 11 Q. Now, at the time that the SyncLink Consortium
- was formed in 1995, what was your understanding of the
- policy of SyncLink with respect to royalties?
- 14 A. We --
- MR. PERRY: Excuse me. It's outside the scope.
- I did not inquire about any patents that SyncLink might
- 17 own of this witness.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver?
- 19 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, again I'm trying to
- 20 establish some background with respect to the
- 21 SyncLink Consortium. Mr. Perry asked many questions
- 22 about the SyncLink Consortium and about
- 23 SyncLink Consortium documents. I'm trying to lay these
- 24 in context.
- 25 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll entertain it to that

1 extent, but I'm going to keep a pretty close hold on

- 2 this. If he gets too far beyond what I thought was the
- 3 issue of the scope, then I'll cut you off.
- 4 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, do you have the question in mind?
- 7 A. Yeah. We had never intended -- there was a
- 8 lot of discussion that we should collect royalty or
- 9 not, should we have some value for the members, but
- 10 our goal and my goal was always open standard, no
- 11 royalty.
- MR. OLIVER: Could I have just a moment,
- 13 please, Your Honor.
- 14 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- In light of the objection so far, we are
- skipping some material, Your Honor, and I'm just trying
- to keep my outline and my colleagues correct.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right.
- 19 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Now, Mr. Tabrizi, when you first became
- 21 involved with the SyncLink Consortium, what did you see
- 22 as the market for the end product of the consortium's
- 23 work?
- A. We were looking at the next-generation main
- 25 memory architecture that could be used in various of

- 1 application, PC, personal computer, servers,
- 2 workstations, various segments of the market.
- 3 Q. Now, how did the SyncLink Consortium go about
- 4 doing its work?
- 5 A. We created a road map. We set a timetable as
- far as what's our goal in terms of when we're going to
- 7 have a sample, when we're going to have a spec. We
- 8 planned on developing an initial test chip, so some
- 9 companies participated in developing test chip.
- 10 Hyundai and Mitsubishi developed test chip. IBM
- 11 developed a motherboard. Micron did simulation. HP
- 12 did environmental analysis.
- So the job was shared among the members to
- 14 develop this -- the infrastructure needed to develop
- 15 our next spec.
- 16 O. You've mentioned a number of different tasks
- 17 that different companies were contributing.
- 18 Can you explain to us in a little more general
- 19 terms what the participants were sharing generally
- 20 within the SyncLink Consortium?
- 21 A. So the task was divided. As I said, initially
- 22 we had to develop a test chip to see how these devices
- worked from output to input, and then we had to test
- this test chip, so IBM volunteered to test these
- devices to see how fast they are going.

1 And meanwhile, we had to apply the test chip

- 2 knowledge to a PC, personal computer, environment, so
- 3 HP volunteered to do that.
- 4 And there were tester company like Teradyne
- 5 that was doing the testing and there was packaging
- 6 company who was trying to define the next-generation
- 7 package.
- 8 So every month we get together, we share our
- 9 data, and we have more action item for the next time.
- 10 Q. Were there any financial resources shared
- 11 within the consortium?
- 12 A. Yes. The cost of the development of the first
- 13 chip was divided among all the participants.
- Q. Was there -- was there any requirement of
- 15 contribution of money to the consortium?
- 16 A. There was.
- 17 Q. And what was the purpose of that?
- 18 A. Again, cost-sharing of all the expenses we had.
- 19 We basically do a special assessment as we needed for
- 20 different projects.
- 21 Q. Was there any know-how or design experience
- 22 shared within the consortium?
- 23 A. It was.
- Q. Can you please explain that?
- 25 A. Sure. Again, our goal was to develop a

- 1 low-cost high performance, and there were many
- 2 solutions on the table, and people would come with
- 3 pluses or minuses on each proposal, and we looked at it
- 4 in very detail, and certain companies have more
- 5 expertise than others, but they would take tasks back
- 6 to their company to do further analysis.
- 7 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 10 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 11 RX-785. It appears to be an e-mail from
- 12 Peter Gillingham to you and a number of others dated
- October 12, 1996, so I'll give you a moment to look at
- 14 that document.
- 15 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recognize RX-75?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 O. And what is this document?
- 20 A. This document is a proposal by MOSAID at the
- 21 request of the consortium asking for the scope of
- development of a prototype chip.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to the
- 24 second page.
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. The first full paragraph there begins, "MOSAID

- 2 is willing to implement the SLDRAM in any conventional
- 3 64M process selected by the consortium."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I see that.
- 6 Q. Could you please explain for us first of all
- 7 what MOSAID was proposing to do at this point.
- 8 A. MOSAID is a design house. They don't have
- 9 their fab. They were willing to design a 64-meg device
- 10 for the consortium members.
- 11 Q. By the way, were they doing this on a voluntary
- 12 basis or how was this taking place?
- 13 A. No. They're a design house. They do this for
- 14 money. We contracted them. I believe it cost about
- two to three million dollars to do this project.
- Q. And when you say that "we contracted," who was
- 17 the contracting party with MOSAID?
- 18 A. SLDRAM Consortium members.
- 19 Q. Did the consortium members independently
- 20 contract with MOSAID or was it the consortium itself
- 21 that contracted MOSAID?
- 22 A. SLDRAM Inc., the incorporation, did the
- 23 contract with MOSAID.
- Q. The paragraph then continues: "This may be a
- 25 difficult choice because a consortium member may not

1 want to disclose their process capabilities to other

- 2 members. MOSAID can keep all process documentation
- 3 confidential, but we would also have to prevent
- 4 distribution of schematics, layout and other
- 5 deliverables to other consortium members."
- 6 And then the final sentence: "The selection of
- 7 a pure foundry that can be accessed independently by
- 8 all consortium members may solve these problems."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I see that.
- 11 Q. Can you explain your understanding of the issue
- that's being discussed in that paragraph?
- 13 A. Yes. Each company's process technology or
- 14 process parameters are very confidential data and we
- 15 kept that very confidential to ourselves. And our
- 16 concern was that if, for example, Hyundai shared their
- 17 product process information with MOSAID, then MOSAID
- had to share that information with other members, and
- 19 we weren't willing to do that.
- Q. Now, within Hyundai, did you take any steps to
- 21 try to obtain support within Hyundai for SyncLink?
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What did you do?
- 24 A. There were various phases to this. Between --
- 25 prior to '96, actually the next-generation memory was

- 1 an open -- any technology could have an option,
- 2 SLDRAM, DDR or Rambus. I felt that within our company
- 3 we can promote SLDRAM to be the next generation, so I
- 4 wanted to convince my management that open standard
- 5 has a benefit to both ourselves and to the consumer
- 6 and I was begging their support for continued
- 7 development.
- 8 Q. I think you've already partially answered this
- 9 question, but to your understanding, was Hyundai
- 10 considering producing other next-generation DRAMs at
- 11 that time?
- 12 A. Yes. We were producing DDR and we were
- 13 producing Rambus, and SLDRAM was in the development
- 14 stage.
- 15 Q. Now, in the 1995 time frame, did you favor
- 16 Hyundai obtaining a license from Rambus?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. Why?
- 19 A. At that time we felt that Rambus has good
- 20 patents on the packet-based DRAM, the Rambus
- 21 architecture, and we felt for certain product in
- 22 application has a very good potential, so what we
- recommended our management that we should sign Rambus.
- Q. Now, in trying to obtain internal support
- 25 within Hyundai for SyncLink, was it ever part of your

1 personal strategy to convince your managers at Hyundai

- 2 to stop supporting RDRAM?
- 3 A. No. I felt very strong for both of them.
- Q. And in trying to obtain internal support for
- 5 SyncLink, was it ever part of your personal strategy to
- 6 convince your managers at Hyundai to reduce the level
- of support that they were providing for RDRAM?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Were you successful in convincing your
- 10 managers to provide some level of support for
- 11 SyncLink?
- 12 A. They kept the SyncLink project active with
- minimum support and they were putting a lot of
- 14 resources on Rambus and DDR.
- 15 Q. Now, you mentioned that Hyundai was supporting
- three DRAM architectures. Actually I think you said
- they produced two of them.
- 18 I'd like to take you back to a slightly earlier
- 19 time frame, to 1996. And I assume that in 1996 Hyundai
- 20 at that time was not producing Rambus or DDR; is that
- 21 right?
- 22 A. I believe we were producing the original
- 23 Rambus, the concurrent Rambus, not the direct Rambus.
- DDR we were probably in an R&D prototype.
- Q. Well, with respect to your understanding in

- 1 the 1996 time frame, looking towards the
- 2 next-generation architecture, based on your
- 3 understanding, who would determine which of the three
- 4 architectures to buy?
- 5 A. The customer.
- Q. With respect to selecting among these three
- 7 architectures, what role, if any, did you understand
- 8 that Intel would have?
- 9 A. Sure. Intel has a major role. Intel builds
- 10 processors, microprocessors, and they also build this
- bridge or the chipset that connects the processor to
- 12 the memory, so whatever this bridge requires we have to
- 13 produce.
- 14 So during late '98 Intel decided that that
- 15 bridge will exclusively support Rambus.
- 16 Q. I believe you meant end of 1996 Intel decided
- 17 that it would support Rambus?
- 18 A. Right. Late '96.
- 19 Q. Now, based on your understanding in 1996, could
- 20 DRAM makers introduce SyncLink DRAMs if there are no
- 21 chipsets available to work with SyncLink?
- A. No, they could not.
- Q. Again, based on your understanding in 1996,
- 24 could DRAM makers introduce SyncLink DRAMs if Intel did
- 25 not produce supporting chipsets?

1 A. There is still a remaining market that Intel

- 2 doesn't have. Other than Intel processors, there are
- 3 UNIX-based processor. There is Apple-based computer
- 4 Macintosh. They use Motorola processors. And there
- 5 are other application that we felt that Rambus did not
- fit like a server application, Rambus could not work
- 7 in there, so we felt SLDRAM can play in the server
- 8 market.
- 9 Q. Now, a moment ago you referred to the Intel
- 10 decision to support Rambus as its exclusive choice for
- 11 main memory in connection with before.
- 12 That occurred in late 1996; is that right?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, at the time that Intel announced that
- 15 decision, were you concerned about that decision?
- 16 A. Very much.
- 17 Q. Can you please explain why?
- 18 A. I believed in options and alternatives and I
- 19 believe in open standard. I felt that Intel by
- 20 selecting a sole, exclusive, proprietary solution as
- 21 their only solution, I felt that the industry really
- 22 would lose a lot of innovation and would result in
- 23 having a very costly device, very difficult device to
- 24 manufacture as exclusive source, so I was very worried
- about our industry.

1 Q. Now, following Intel's decision to support

- 2 RDRAM exclusively, did you have any concern about
- 3 Hyundai's access to future specifications?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. Can you please explain that?
- A. Yes. I had prior experience with Intel that
- 7 they would control which company can get a spec and
- 8 which company cannot get a spec. A spec is a
- 9 specification. And really for me it was very hard
- 10 trying to obtain a spec from Intel, so if I don't have
- 11 a spec, I cannot build anything, so my whole company
- will be in jeopardy if Intel decide that they don't
- want to share their spec with Hyundai.
- Q. We discussed a moment ago your efforts to
- 15 convince your management to support SyncLink.
- Now, with respect to the 1996, late 1996 time
- 17 period, can you give an approximate estimate as to your
- 18 understanding of the support that Hyundai was providing
- 19 for Rambus architecture?
- 20 A. Yes. Rambus was a fully multilevel project
- 21 within our company. We had at least two or three
- 22 project and engineering team working on various Rambus
- 23 project at that time.
- Q. Can you give some idea of the number of
- engineers that were working to support the Rambus

- 1 architecture?
- 2 A. I can say easily that there were about a
- 3 minimum of 50 engineers working on Rambus project.
- Q. Now, at that time was Hyundai also supporting
- 5 JEDEC-compliant DRAMs?
- A. Yes. We had many project on JEDEC-compliant
- 7 DRAM, and as you know, continuously we shrink products,
- 8 so continuously we have to put resources on it. So we
- 9 had many, many JEDEC standard project.
- 10 Q. Now, in the late 1996 time frame, can you give
- 11 some idea as to how much support Hyundai was providing
- 12 to the SyncLink architecture?
- 13 A. I can tell you that I was getting maybe one or
- two engineers, if any, full-time.
- 15 Q. Now, what impact, if any, did the Intel
- announcement that it would support RDRAM as its
- 17 exclusive choice for next-generation memory have upon
- 18 the amount of support that Hyundai put behind the
- 19 SyncLink architecture?
- 20 A. They -- management wanted to basically reduce
- 21 or basically eliminate the project because they felt
- 22 that the Intel has spoken and Rambus will be the next
- generation, so there is no need for SLDRAM.
- Q. Did you continue to advocate a place for
- 25 SyncLink within Hyundai?

1 A. I always advocate that we should continue at

- 2 least the development work and make sure there is an
- 3 open standard out there as alternative.
- 4 Q. Can you please explain why you continued to
- 5 promote SyncLink within Hyundai?
- A. First of all, I had a lot of reservation about
- 7 Rambus. I knew it's very difficult to manufacture,
- 8 and SLDRAM was not as revolutionary as Rambus, not as
- 9 basic as SDR, so it was kind of a half way, and I felt
- 10 that SLDRAM could be a cost-effective alternative to
- 11 Rambus.
- 12 Q. Now, this morning you were asked about a
- meeting among executives in January of 1997. Do you
- 14 recall that?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What in your understanding was the purpose of
- 17 that meeting?
- 18 A. After the Intel announcement, I had to decide
- 19 either to stop the efforts or to get some level of
- 20 support from the DRAM companies to continue at least
- 21 our development activity, standard activity. I felt
- that after the Intel announcement we would lose all
- 23 those activity.
- Q. Why did you think as of January or late 1996 or
- January of 1997 that after the Intel announcement you

- 1 might lose support for SyncLink?
- 2 A. Because, as you know, Intel domination with the
- 3 personal computer is about 80 percent of the market,
- 4 so -- and also the design resources was very difficult
- 5 to get, so our management is trying to minimize the
- 6 number of project, and since Intel was already decided,
- 7 SLDRAM was the device, that they did not want to put
- 8 resources, they were not sure about the outlook for
- 9 SLDRAM.
- 10 Q. Now, was it your understanding that during or
- after the meeting in Tokyo in January of 1997 that any
- of the DRAM suppliers present at the meeting agreed to
- 13 support SyncLink to the exclusion of RDRAM?
- 14 A. Absolutely not.
- 15 Q. Was it your understanding at or after that
- meeting that all of the DRAM suppliers present agreed
- 17 to support SyncLink?
- 18 A. They -- it varies company by company, but they
- 19 kind of showed us a green light to continue the
- 20 standard work and minimum development.
- 21 Q. In your view, was the meeting a success?
- 22 A. Semi-success.
- Q. Can you please explain why you thought it was a
- 24 semi-success?
- 25 A. Because I felt that before the meeting for sure

- 1 they were going to cancel the SLDRAM project within
- 2 their company. After the project, I felt that they
- 3 still want us to continue at least development work, so
- 4 in that sense it was successful, but they did not
- 5 really commit to put major resources on SLDRAM, and
- 6 that was the not-so-successful part of it.
- 7 Q. Now, as a result of the meeting in Japan, did
- 8 Hyundai make any changes in the level of support it
- 9 provided for SyncLink?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. As a result of the meeting in Japan, did
- 12 Hyundai change in any way the level of support it
- 13 provided for JEDEC-compliant SDRAM?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. As a result of the meeting in Japan, did
- 16 Hyundai change in any way the level of support it
- 17 provided for Rambus' RDRAM?
- 18 A. No.
- MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a copy of a
- 23 document marked RX-938. I believe Mr. Perry asked you
- 24 some questions about this document this morning.
- 25 These are the SLDRAM Consortium minutes of

1 June 11 and 12, 1997. I'd like to ask you about a

- 2 slightly different part of this document.
- 3 If I could direct your attention to the first
- 4 page, the paragraph that begins, "There were not as
- 5 many here from Japan as we had hoped."
- Do you have a copy of the document?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. And if you would look at the paragraph that
- 9 begins, "There were not as many here from Japan as we
- 10 had hoped."
- Do you see that paragraph?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And then I'd like to direct your attention to
- 14 the last sentence: "We may need to promote SLDRAM more
- 15 within our own companies. This is not a U.S. standard
- but belongs to all our companies in Japan, Korea,
- 17 et cetera."
- Do you see that sentence?
- 19 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What did you mean by "We may need to promote
- 21 SLDRAM more within our own companies"?
- 22 A. DRAM is a commodity and it's global and there
- is no -- not such a thing as local standardization.
- Everything is done on a worldwide basis, so I wanted
- 25 more participation of all companies, U.S., outside

- 1 U.S., global industry.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 2
- 3 of RX-938.
- 4 At the top of the page, the carryover
- 5 paragraph, and the last sentence there reads: "It has
- 6 been difficult for companies to provide engineers at
- 7 this time, too many projects going on at once: Rambus,
- 8 SyncLink, DDR."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I see.
- 11 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 12 the time of what that sentence meant?
- 13 A. Our contract with MOSAID required that
- individual companies send an engineer to MOSAID to help
- 15 them to design this project. And I was seeing
- 16 difficulty from various company trying to assign the
- 17 right engineer to the project. And the main reason at
- 18 the time, for the first time in industry we were
- 19 working on three different standard or three different
- 20 product, and that caused resources to be divided, and
- 21 we didn't have enough resources for SyncLink.
- 22 Q. You referred to engineers at MOSAID. Perhaps I
- 23 should go back and read the entire paragraph and put
- 24 that in context.
- Looking at the bottom of page 1: "Also,

- 1 Vanguard is now sending an engineer to MOSAID, which
- 2 will reduce our cost. The MOSAID contract is for 2.5
- 3 with four engineers and raise 125K per missing
- 4 engineer. MOSAID would prefer to have the engineers
- 5 instead of the extra money. The status now is two
- 6 engineers coming from Hyundai, one from Siemens and one
- 7 from Vanquard."
- 8 Can you please explain what was being reflected
- 9 in that paragraph?
- 10 A. Yes. When we contracted MOSAID, MOSAID
- 11 required that some of our engineers go there to help
- 12 them with the design. They said they would increase
- 13 the cost of project by 125,000 for each engineer that
- doesn't show up.
- So -- but they said they'd prefer engineers
- than 125,000. So they were looking for help from
- 17 various companies' expertise.
- Q. And that is why there were two engineers from
- 19 Hyundai, one from Siemens and one from Vanguard going
- 20 to MOSAID?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. Effectively those engineers would be
- contributing to the SyncLink design effort; is that
- 24 right?
- 25 A. They would.

1 Q. Then the next sentence: It has been difficult

- 2 for companies to provide engineers at this time, too
- 3 many projects going on at once: Rambus, SyncLink,
- 4 DDR."
- I assume that refers to projects going on at
- 6 the companies?
- 7 A. Yeah. At our own individual companies, we were
- 8 all having our own independent design in all of those
- 9 three standard or three devices. So it was very
- 10 difficult to lend any other engineers other than our
- 11 own project.
- 12 Q. And as of mid-1997, was that also true at
- 13 Hyundai; in other words, was Hyundai continuing to
- 14 support these three different architectures?
- 15 A. Yes, we were.
- MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 18 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 19 O. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 20 CX-2294. The first page is an e-mail from T.C. Chou to
- 21 certain individuals, including you, dated July 23,
- 1997, and beginning at the second page there's a
- document with the title DRAM Product Roadmap July 1997.
- Do you recognize CX-2294?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. Can you please explain briefly within Hyundai

- 2 what the DRAM product road map was?
- 3 A. Product road maps are prepared for our outside
- 4 customers, third-party enablers like Intel, so we
- 5 prepared this road map to show what product we are
- 6 developing at what time frame.
- 7 Q. Okay. And I don't want to spend a lot of time
- 8 on this document, but if I could ask you just to turn,
- 9 please, to page 5.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And does page 5 reflect the product road map at
- 12 this time for SDRAM?
- 13 A. It does.
- Q. Or at least for certain SDRAM products?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And if I could ask you to turn, please, to
- 17 page 7.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you'll see in the second and third rows
- 20 toward the right-hand side references to DDR SDRAM in
- 21 those two rows?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do those two rows reflect road maps for
- DDR SDRAM products?
- 25 A. Yes, it does.

- 1 Q. And if I could ask you to turn, please, to
- 2 page 9.
- If I could direct your attention to the second
- 4 and the third rows on page 9, can you please explain
- 5 briefly what's reflected in those two rows?
- 6 A. Yes. This one slide shows our road map for
- 7 SLDRAM and Rambus. The second row shows our 64-meg
- 8 direct Rambus. And the third row shows our 16-meg and
- 9 18-meg concurrent Rambus. The next column shows what
- 10 we have today. It says "Current Generation." And the
- 11 first product we will have for Rambus was October '97.
- 12 And then it shows that we will have the 16-meg and
- 13 64-meg at those time frames.
- 14 Q. And can you please explain just very briefly
- what's reflected in the top row?
- 16 A. The top row shows the schedule of our SLDRAM.
- Q. And would it be fair to say that based on this
- 18 particular DRAM, this chart shows SLDRAM being
- 19 introduced sometime after RDRAM?
- 20 A. Yes. This shows that SLDRAM was scheduled for
- 21 second quarter and third quarter of '99 versus Rambus
- we had it from second quarter '98.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 17.
- This is a slide entitled Positioning, and I'd like to
- 25 direct your attention to the third and fourth bullet

- 1 points.
- 2 Starting with the third bullet point: Drive
- 3 non-Intel chipset companies to support DDR SDRAM. Do
- 4 you see that?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. Can you please explain your understanding as of
- 7 July 1997 of what was meant by that bullet point?
- 8 A. Yes. Since at that time Intel was already
- 9 decided to go Rambus for their chipset, non-Intel
- 10 chipset company means the companies that can support
- 11 Intel, but they have their own chipset. These
- 12 companies could include like Via Technology or ADSL or
- 13 VLSI that could build chipset for processor that could
- 14 interface to DDR.
- 15 Q. So in other words, you were trying to or
- 16 Hyundai was trying to get these companies to build
- 17 chipsets that would support DDR SDRAM?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 O. If I could direct your attention to the next
- 20 bullet point, keep an eye on Intel strategy with direct
- 21 RDRAM, do you see that?
- 22 A. I see that.
- Q. Can you please explain your understanding of
- 24 what was meant by that bullet point in July of 1997?
- 25 A. Sure. Considering this was a DDR SDRAM, if you

- look at the top of the foil, so this was a DDR
- 2 position, at the time we wanted to make sure that
- 3 Intel's strategy selection of the DRAM was --
- 4 everything go smooth, even in terms of the Camino
- 5 chipset working, and everything is the way Intel wants
- it, so just monitor the success of the direct Rambus.
- 7 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 10 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 11 CX-2297. The first page is an e-mail from Mr. Martinez
- 12 to a Mr. Badding, with a copy to you, dated
- 13 September 16, 1997. Attached to that is a document
- with the title IBM Supplier Forum '97 and DDR.
- Do you recognize CX-2297?
- 16 A. Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. What is this document?
- 18 A. This is a collection of all document, just the
- 19 presentation material around '97 time frame.
- 20 Q. If I could direct your attention to page 2, the
- 21 title page, IBM Supplier Forum '97, with a date
- 22 August 21.
- Did you attend that IBM supplier forum?
- A. I think so.
- Q. And did you review these slides at about this

- 1 time?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 3.
- 4 There's a caption in the upper left-hand corner that
- 5 reads "DDR" and then underneath that "Hyundai DDR
- 6 position."
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Can you please explain just in general terms
- 9 what is depicted on page 3?
- 10 A. Yes. This shows what's our position in various
- 11 application. There are three major segment for memory
- 12 usage. One is PC, personal computer. The other one is
- 13 server application, which is the high-end server. And
- the other one is graphic application.
- For PC application at the time was SDRAM-6, and
- 16 the next generation we knew that is direct Rambus, and
- 17 DDR was question mark because we didn't know if Intel
- 18 would look at it or other company will use DDR in PC,
- 19 but the Rambus was decided at the time.
- 20 Server application currently was SDRAM-6 and in
- 21 the future will use DDR or SLDRAM because Rambus could
- 22 not fit in that application.
- 23 And the graphic applications were going from
- 24 143-megahertz DDR to 200-megahertz DDR and beyond
- 25 that.

1 Q. If we could look in particular at the PC

- 2 application row there, why do you say that it was
- decided that Rambus or RDRAM would occupy that square?
- 4 A. Because Intel already made that decision known
- 5 and Intel, as I said, had 80 percent market share at
- 6 the time, so that was the decision we needed to have.
- 7 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 25
- 8 of CX-2297.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. This is a chart with a caption Main Memory
- 11 Trend. Do you see that?
- 12 A. I see that.
- Q. Again, would you please explain in general
- 14 terms what this page depicts.
- 15 A. Yeah. At the top you have the time frame. At
- the left you have the application. Mainframe and
- supercomputer was the top application and then server
- 18 workstation the next application, and then HE PC is
- 19 high-end PC and LE PC is low-end PC, and mobile
- 20 application is like notebook or other application that
- 21 is portable.
- 22 So this depicts which type of memory at what
- 23 time frame will become the choice and how we see it at
- 24 Hyundai Electronics. Definitely from 66-megahertz
- 25 SDRAM the high-end PC was going to 100-megahertz PC

- in '98 and in 1999, according to Intel, would go to
- 2 Rambus, direct Rambus.
- 3 And on the part we put DDR SDRAM because Rambus
- 4 did not work in a server market, so DDR had the choice.
- 5 And after DDR, again, we felt that for the high-end
- 6 server and mainframe application there is opportunity
- 7 for SLDRAM.
- Q. And SLDRAM there refers to SyncLink?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Perhaps if we could take a couple of examples
- 11 just to be certain that it's clear.
- Looking at the HE PC, that's the high-end PC?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And I take it that you were reading from left
- 15 to right --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. -- when you were reading the generations of
- 18 memory that would occupy the high-end PC space?
- 19 A. Yes. So first in '96 the PCs were using EDO,
- in '97 they moved to 66-megahertz SDRAM, in '98 they
- 21 moved to 100 megahertz, and from beginning of '99,
- 22 according to Intel, they would use Rambus exclusive.
- Q. Then looking at the top column, which I think
- you said is the high-end supercomputers and servers,
- 25 following that approximately to the right, that would

1 move from EDO to 100-megahertz SDRAM to DDR SDRAM to

- 2 SyncLink; is that right?
- 3 A. Yes, sir. Yes.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 76.
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. This is a page with a caption PC Chipset
- 7 Vendors Status?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Can you please explain again in general terms
- what is depicted on this page?
- 11 A. Yeah. In order for a memory to work in any
- 12 system, it has to work with a chipset. A chipset is
- 13 this bridge between processor and memory.
- So we followed the chipset companies' status
- very closely and we picked that, you know, each chipset
- 16 company -- again, this was a DDR company -- what's each
- 17 company's position on DDR memory.
- 18 For example, Intel has no plan to use DDR, only
- 19 for the server application they will use. OPTi no
- 20 plan, and it goes on, so forth.
- 21 Q. Okay. With VIA it says, for example, "Deep
- relationship with SEC, have made chipset and M/B."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And SEC there refers to Samsung?

- 1 A. Yes, they do.
- Q. Have made chipset and M/B. I assume M/B refers
- 3 to motherboard?
- 4 A. Yes, it does.
- 5 So at the time VIA had already made a chipset
- 6 that worked with the Intel processor and Samsung DDR.
- 7 Q. And ALi says "will develop."
- 8 Does that mean that they will develop a chipset
- 9 that works with DDR?
- 10 A. They had planned to develop, but they were
- 11 still not sure which way to go, which type of DDR they
- 12 should use.
- Q. And is that what is meant in the box to the
- right there where it says "follow JEDEC standard"?
- 15 A. Right. So they wanted to wait and until
- 16 JEDEC -- at the time there were different discussion
- about DDR, bidirectional versus unidirectional, and
- they wanted to make sure they wait until JEDEC
- 19 finalized the decision.
- Q. The next row next to AMD reads, "Need
- 21 DDR SDRAM, have started new chipset div. with VIA."
- 22 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 23 the time of what that refers to?
- A. Right. AMD, they were very -- they were
- developing a chipset to use DDR and they were working

1 with Via to make sure that the VIA chipset works with

- 2 the AMD processor.
- 3 Q. Now, if you look towards the bottom of the
- 4 page, there's a line "graphics memory" and three
- 5 companies listed there.
- 6 Can you please explain in general terms your
- 7 understanding of what was depicted in that portion of
- 8 the page?
- 9 A. Sure. Graphics memory usually tend to have a
- 10 different requirement for memory. They usually want
- 11 faster devices. And this depicts the three graphic
- companies, S3, Trident and C&T, Chips & Technology,
- which was purchased by Intel.
- And in the second column it shows when do they
- 15 need those chipset. S3 needs it as early as Q198.
- 16 Trident needs it first half of '98. And Intel C&T
- 17 needs it first half of '98.
- 18 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 78.
- 19 It's a slide with the caption Marketability.
- 20 If I could direct your attention to the third bullet
- 21 point, under PC Market, it reads, "Depends on Intel
- 22 strategy."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at

- 1 the time of what that referred to?
- 2 A. Sure. At that time DDR had no choice of being
- 3 in the PC market. It depend on Intel strategy. If
- 4 Intel sees that Rambus is not going to happen, then
- 5 they may consider DDR, but really it depends on what
- 6 Intel decides, if the PC will use DDR or not.
- 7 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 81.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. It's a slide with the caption Positioning?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And if I could ask you to take a look at the
- 12 first bullet point which reads, "Should pull in the
- 13 schedule of 16M DDR SGRAM for graphics application."
- 14 Could you please explain your understanding at
- 15 the time of what that means.
- 16 A. Yes. Based on the PC or graphic chipset
- 17 requirement, we felt that we need to improve our
- schedule for 16-meg graphic DDR to meet the chipset
- 19 requirement.
- Q. Then the second bullet point reads, "For main
- 21 memory, develop DDR SDRAM only for high end server, not
- 22 for PC market."
- 23 A. So our goal for PC memory was on the high-end
- 24 server because Rambus could not work in the server and
- 25 that's the only market we were focusing for DDR in the

- 1 PC market.
- Q. And the third bullet point reads, "Need to
- 3 prepare backup solution for future-generation DRAMs
- 4 such as direct RDRAM (PC market) and SyncLink (high-end
- 5 market)."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 9 the time of what that bullet point meant?
- 10 A. Yes. Since DDR was not being utilized in
- 11 memory, main memory, as I said, again, main memory was
- 12 about 80 percent of the market, we should have had
- 13 direct Rambus and SyncLink for that market.
- 14 Q. Then the fourth bullet point reads, "Keep an
- eye on Intel strategy with direct RDRAM for PC
- 16 market."
- Do you see that?
- 18 A. I see that.
- 19 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 20 the time of that bullet point?
- 21 A. Right. Basically our ramp-up and our strategy
- 22 with respect to Rambus depends on Intel's strategy, how
- 23 quickly they will ramp up, how soon they want it, so we
- had to continuously monitor Intel progress and we did
- 25 with respect to direct Rambus.

1 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?

- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 3 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 5 CX-2263. It's an e-mail from T.H. Jung or "Jung" to a
- 6 Mr. Tabnak, copied to a number of individuals including
- 7 yourself, dated November 18, 1997.
- 8 Do you recognize CX-2263?
- 9 A. Yes, I do.
- 10 Q. What is this document?
- 11 A. This is a kind of a meeting summary by one of
- our marketing staff in Korea to one of my guys and
- 13 copying me.
- Q. Now, if I could ask you to turn, please, to
- 15 page 4.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. About halfway down the page there's a caption
- 18 Roman numeral III, DDR?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Underneath that: HP will use BDDR
- 21 bidirectional DDR 2.5V in high-end system WS/server
- 22 from 1999.
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you please explain your understanding at

- 1 the time of what that referred to?
- 2 A. Yes. There were, again, a couple of different
- 3 variation of DDR within JEDEC, and HP told us that they
- 4 will use the bidirectional version with
- 5 two-and-a-half-volt power supply in their high-end
- 6 system server market, workstation market, from '99.
- 7 Q. And HP there referred to Hewlett-Packard?
- 8 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Was it your understanding at the time that
- 10 this referred to Hewlett-Packard workstations and
- servers that were being designed specifically to work
- 12 with DDR?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. By the way, again, based on your
- understanding, where did the information in this
- 16 e-mail come from?
- 17 A. This came from the customer itself. They
- visited us in Korea and this meeting minute came from
- 19 their visit with Hynix, with Hyundai.
- 20 Q. In other words, from Hewlett-Packard?
- 21 A. Yes. Correct.
- 22 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked

- 1 CX-2264. This is an e-mail from D.K. Park dated
- 2 November 20, 1997, to three individuals, copying a
- 3 number of individuals.
- 4 If you'll look on the list of cc references,
- 5 the third line from the bottom, in the middle of that
- 6 line I think you'll see your name.
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. By the way, in November of 1997, who was
- 13 D.K. Park?
- 14 A. D.K. Park was our local field application
- 15 engineer in Korea calling on IBM.
- 16 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to the
- 17 second page. And I'd like to direct your attention to
- 18 the first full paragraph on this page:
- "The reasons IBM is in favor for servers are
- 20 that DDR is the logical migration from current SDRAM,
- 21 two-way DDR interleave offers flexibility over four-way
- 22 SDRAM interleave and x4 organization is good for system
- 23 reliability issues like chipkill protection using ECC.
- 24 And open standards are influenced by multiple system
- 25 customer."

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 4 the time of what was being reflected in that
- 5 paragraph?
- 6 MR. PERRY: Excuse me, Your Honor. There's no
- 7 foundation for him to testify about what IBM said at
- 8 this meeting in Korea. He's not listed as being
- 9 present.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: I'll withdraw the question,
- 11 Your Honor.
- 12 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, do you have an understanding as to
- 14 why you were copied on this e-mail?
- 15 A. Yes. I am in charge of marketing and I ask my
- field people to send me the customer requirement and
- 17 why each customer prefers what product and the reason
- 18 for it.
- 19 Q. Why did you ask people to send you documents of
- 20 this sort?
- 21 A. Because we have to make a decision in terms of
- 22 product priority, production quantity, so this
- 23 directly relates in terms of what product at what time
- frame and how many quantity we should build for our
- 25 customer.

1 Q. Did this relate to your job responsibilities at

- 2 Hyundai at the time?
- 3 A. Yes, it did.
- Q. And did you review this e-mail when you
- 5 received it?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. When you reviewed the e-mail, did you have an
- 8 understanding of what was being reflected in the
- 9 paragraph on page 2 that I just read to you?
- 10 A. Yes. The word "chipkill" means in a server
- 11 system you want to have a continuous operation. If one
- memory fails, you want a system to detect that and
- 13 continue operation without failure. And in order to do
- 14 that, you need to have x4 devices. x4 means 14 output.
- And at the time Rambus was not offering any x4 devices,
- so there was no solution for server application with
- 17 the chipkill.
- So in that sentence it says IBM wants DDR
- 19 because they could not use Rambus for the chipkill
- 20 reason.
- 21 Q. If I could direct your attention to the next
- 22 paragraph, it reads, "Plus IBM compared DDR with direct
- 23 Rambus for the next-generation DRAM features for
- 24 servers."
- 25 And then underneath that there's a table

- listing a number of features with two columns,
- 2 Direct Rambus and DDR DRAM. Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Again, at the time you received this e-mail,
- 5 did you have an understanding of what was reflected in
- 6 that paragraph and table?
- 7 A. Yes. IBM was comparing the pluses and minuses
- 8 of direct Rambus and DDR for their server application
- 9 and each row was depicted.
- 10 For example, ECC means error correction
- 11 capability. Direct Rambus poor, DDR good.
- 12 Maximum density means how much memory you can
- put in a system. For direct Rambus poor, for DDR SDRAM
- 14 good.
- Bandwidth. Rambus was very good, high
- bandwidth, and DDR was okay.
- 17 Cost issue. Direct Rambus was very poor, very
- 18 expensive to make. DDR SDRAM was okay.
- 19 Packaging. Rambus required a new packaging, so
- in terms of option, it was a poor option versus DDR
- 21 which was continuing to use the same packages, it was
- 22 okay.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I think he's beyond the
- question, and I think if he's talking about what IBM
- 25 talked about at the meeting, there's no foundation for

- 1 it. He simply seems to be reading the document.
- 2 MR. OLIVER: I'm just asking for his
- 3 understanding at the time.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, I mean, it's self-evident
- 5 here and all he is doing is reading from the document
- 6 that's going to be entered, you know, into the record.
- 7 It speaks for itself.
- 8 So if you want to ask him about his
- 9 understanding, fine, but I'm not going to allow him
- just to go ahead and read what the document otherwise
- 11 clearly indicates.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I did want to ask him
- 13 specifically about one line in this table which --
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 15 MR. OLIVER: -- unfortunately was the very
- 16 next line.
- 17 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 18 Q. I did want to ask you specifically about the
- 19 line "open standard spec" and just ask your
- 20 understanding of what that referred to.
- 21 A. Yes. Of course, as you know, DDR is an open
- 22 standard, so they gave it a good mark, and direct
- 23 Rambus is proprietary, so they gave it a poor mark in
- 24 terms of it being open.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.

- 1 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 4 O. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 5 CX-2303. The first page is an e-mail from
- 6 Young S. Park to you dated February 19, 1998, subject
- 7 Dell meeting material, and attached to that is a Dell
- 8 Dimension-Hyundai memory road map.
- 9 A. I see.
- 10 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, do you recognize this document?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. What is this document?
- 13 A. This document is the meeting material from a
- 14 Dell meeting that we had in Korea.
- 15 Q. Now, do you recall seeing this document in or
- 16 about February of 1998?
- 17 A. Yes, sir, I recall.
- Q. Do you recall whether you saw this document
- 19 before the meeting with Dell?
- 20 A. This is a collection of the standard documents
- 21 that we present. I don't know if I saw it in this
- order or this unique, but I'm familiar with some of the
- 23 foils before the meeting.
- Q. Let me ask you to turn, please, to page 7.
- 25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. And let me ask you if you were familiar with

- 2 this page at the time.
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 5 the time of what was depicted on this page?
- A. Yes. We were trying to align our road map with
- 7 Dell requirement in terms of Rambus. We showed our
- 8 three projects that we were working to Dell, 64-meg,
- 9 128-meg and one 256-meg, with their schedule, and Dell
- 10 requirement for Rambus in Camino chipset started in
- 11 Q2,99, so what we are trying to show to Dell is we are
- ready to support you in Q2,99 with our 64-meg, and as
- your need increases, we will support you with 128-meg
- and 256-meg Rambus product.
- Q. On this page, what do the letters ES refer to?
- 16 A. Engineering sample.
- 17 Q. In other words, that was the expected date of
- 18 when Hyundai would have engineering samples available?
- 19 A. Yes. Engineering samples are the first samples
- 20 that comes out of the production line. And CS is the
- 21 customer sample that is the same ES, but it has gone
- 22 through internal qualification.
- Q. Would it be fair to say then that ES is used
- 24 for internal testing within Hyundai?
- 25 A. ES is used internally. We also give it to

- 1 customer for evaluation. As soon as the internal
- 2 reliability is finished and as soon as the customer got
- 3 issues finished, if there is no problem, we call that
- 4 CS.
- 5 So that same ES becomes CS. It's just during
- 6 the time we're going to qualification, we call it ES.
- 7 Q. Immediately above this table is a line that
- 8 reads "Katmai/Camino using direct Rambus in Q2,99" and
- 9 an arrow down onto the DRAM.
- 10 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 11 the time of what that refers to?
- 12 A. Yes. That was Dell requirement. They were
- going to launch the Camino chipset in middle of second
- quarter, and that arrow shows that, the Dell
- 15 requirement for Rambus product.
- Q. What was the Camino chipset?
- 17 A. Camino chipset set was the first chipset that
- 18 Intel was developing to interface between their
- 19 processor and direct Rambus.
- 20 Q. So this line item refers to Dell's launch of
- 21 products that would incorporate the Intel Camino
- 22 chipset?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, as of February of 1998, was it your
- 25 understanding that Intel planned the Camino chipset to

- 1 support any memory other than direct Rambus?
- 2 A. No. Not at the beginning. Exclusive memory
- 3 for Camino was Rambus and no other memory.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 15
- 5 in CX-2303.
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. It's a page with the caption Direct RDRAM Die
- 8 Size Estimation. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Can you please explain in general terms what's
- 11 depicted on this page?
- 12 A. Sure. This was prepared for Dell meeting and
- Dell wanted to know what is the die size for each
- 14 product, SDRAM and RDRAM, and RDRAM -- there were two
- type of RDRAMs, 72-meg and 64-meg. This shows the
- 16 dimension of the die.
- So for example, 72-meg was 7.3 millimeter by
- 18 14.4 millimeter. The total area would be
- 19 105.12 millimeters squared.
- 20 So this was all compared to SDRAM, the bottom
- 21 row.
- For example, 64-meg SDRAM total die size was
- 23 84 meg -- 84 millimeters squared. Sorry. And that
- 24 was using .25 micron technology. Then if we shrink
- 25 that to .22 micron technology, it would be 65

1 millimeter, same for Rambus product. 72-meg went from

- 2 105 to 81. But when you compare 81.3 to 65, you see
- 3 that there is 25 percent bigger, so that is what we
- 4 call die penalty.
- 5 Q. In each case that was being compared to the
- 6 SDRAM die size?
- 7 A. Yes. SDRAM was every comparison. Everybody
- 8 wanted to compare Rambus to the SDRAM because that was
- 9 the biggest-volume commodity memory at the time.
- 10 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to the next
- 11 page, page 16 of CX-2303.
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 O. That page that has the caption Direct RDRAM
- 14 Cost Estimation. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Again, can you please explain in general terms
- what's depicted on this page?
- 18 A. Sure. There are various elementary costs of a
- 19 device, of course the die cost, package cost, test
- 20 costs. That will give you the total cost for the
- 21 device. Then we have some other costs associated with
- 22 the module. That is depicted in the -- below.
- So the base again is synchronous DRAM.
- MR. PERRY: Oh, I'm sorry. Your Honor, I was
- just going to object that there's no foundation for him

1 to describe this. He has no experience in

- 2 manufacturing and he wasn't -- he has --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I can hardly hear you,
- 4 Mr. Perry. I don't mind if you step up to the
- 5 microphone.
- 6 MR. PERRY: There's no foundation that he
- 7 provided input into preparing this particular chart or
- 8 that he has any background in manufacturing cost, so I
- 9 believe that there's no foundation.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver?
- 11 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, he did have
- 12 responsibility for it, for marketing activities, and
- among the information that he and people reporting to
- 14 him had to provide to customers were the cost
- differentials between RDRAM and SDRAM. That was what
- the customers were asking for and that's what they were
- 17 providing, and I believe Mr. Tabrizi demonstrated he
- 18 did in fact have very good knowledge of the type of
- 19 information they were preparing to provide to customers
- 20 such as Dell.
- 21 MR. PERRY: All that's been demonstrated is
- 22 that other people provided the information to him, and
- 23 if that's all he was going to say, is that other people
- 24 provided this information to me and I forwarded it to
- customers, I would have no objection to that. He's now

- 1 been asked to explain the chart and explain what
- 2 manufacturing --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: That is -- now, we've gone
- 4 through this before in four or five episodes in this
- 5 hearing, and I have not allowed testimony on charts
- 6 that have been prepared or seen by witnesses, so I'm
- 7 going to sustain it.
- 8 You can ask the question regarding the
- 9 information he has received from other sources, but
- don't ask him to interpret a chart that he had no
- 11 involvement in.
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, do you recall having seen page 16
- of CX-2303 in or about February of 1998?
- 16 A. Yes, I had.
- Q. And do you recall the context in which you saw
- 18 that page?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Can you please explain the context in which you
- 21 saw that page?
- 22 A. Yes. We were trying to show the direct Rambus
- 23 cost estimate. Again, cost -- there are various
- 24 elements to the cost, die cost, package cost, test
- 25 cost, so we compared that to the synchronous DRAM for

- 1 various product, DDR SDRAM and direct Rambus.
- 2 And direct Rambus we put two column. One is at
- 3 the initial stages of that. That means a small volume.
- 4 And another one is at mass production volume. And the
- 5 resulting was that --
- 6 MR. PERRY: Excuse me, Your Honor. It's beyond
- 7 the scope of the question.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained. It is beyond the
- 9 scope of the question.
- 10 The question is can he explain the context in
- 11 which he saw that page, and he's gone back and is
- 12 explaining the column, so that is beyond the scope, and
- that answer at this point will not be considered.
- So let's try to stick -- and I'm going to ask
- 15 you, Mr. Oliver, when you ask the question, if you
- think he's going beyond it, interject yourself because
- that will probably save some time.
- 18 MR. OLIVER: Okay. I will do that, Your Honor.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 21 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, in the early 1998 time frame, did
- 22 you have any other request from customers to provide
- estimated cost information concerning direct RDRAM?
- A. Yes, we had.
- Q. Did you have an understanding as to why you

- 1 received a request of that sort from customers?
- 2 A. Yeah. A customer wanted to select their
- 3 next-generation product and they wanted to know where
- 4 does Rambus fit in terms of which segment of the
- 5 personal computer based on the cost and price they
- 6 could select and how does the cost compare with DDR.
- 7 So we were getting a lot of inquiries asking
- 8 for our cost projection for various type of memory.
- 9 Q. And were you personally involved at that time
- in explaining some of those cost estimates to
- 11 customers?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- Q. As of approximately February of 1998, did you
- 14 have an understanding of the cost estimates that were
- set forth on page 16 of CX-2303?
- 16 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Can you please explain the bottom row of the
- table, the top half of page 16 of CX-2303?
- 19 A. Sure.
- 20 MR. PERRY: Objection, Your Honor. There's
- 21 been no foundation laid that he had any input in
- 22 preparing this.
- THE WITNESS: I had.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, we're back to the same
- 25 place we were about two minutes ago, Mr. Oliver. Now,

what's your response to that objection based on what

- 2 I've already concluded?
- 3 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, my response is that
- 4 this is information that he was being requested to
- 5 provide by customers, that he saw at the time, that he
- 6 had an understanding of and that he explained to
- 7 customers. And I think if he was capable of explaining
- 8 it to customers, I would submit that he should have
- 9 proper foundation to explain it here in the record as
- 10 well.
- MR. PERRY: But that's not been the testimony.
- 12 The testimony is from time to time he was asked for
- this kind of information. There's been no testimony
- 14 linked to this document.
- 15 MR. OLIVER: He said that he has seen this
- 16 page.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Overruled. I will
- 18 hear the question.
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE WITNESS: I actually was involved in
- 21 preparation of this document. I did all of this
- document based on the engineering formula that I got,
- how much test time it takes.
- 24 So what we showed here is that the direct
- 25 Rambus at the initial stage will cost about 18 percent

1 more to produce, and when we go to production, the cost

- 2 will come down to about 13 percent. This is just a
- 3 component.
- 4 On top of the component cost there was some
- 5 additional cost like the module cost and the heat
- 6 spreader cost that would add to that.
- 7 So we were just showing SDRAM, DDR and Rambus
- 8 cost. And I was very much involved in producing this.
- 9 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 10 Q. If I could direct your attention to the lines
- 11 underneath the table beginning with "other cost adder."
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you please explain in general terms what
- was reflected by the various lines underneath the
- 16 caption Other Cost Adder?
- 17 A. Sure.
- Direct Rambus had other costs. We had to pay
- 19 royalty, so that was additional cost.
- 20 Also for direct Rambus we had to change the
- 21 infrastructure of the packaging and our assembly
- 22 because direct Rambus used a different type of package,
- 23 so we had to buy new equipment.
- Also, we had to invest for a new tester because
- 25 Rambus requires a high-performance tester, and each of

1 those testers is in multimillion-dollar range, so those

- 2 are the investment that we have to cost.
- On top of that is assembly and test cost. The
- 4 Rambus especially required that we put this component
- on a printed circuit board and we call those modules,
- 6 and a Rambus printed circuit board costs about one and
- 7 a half times the original DIMMs. They're due to
- 8 multiple layers needed, eight layers. So that was
- 9 additional cost.
- 10 So there were a lot of other costs other than
- just the die cost that we talked about earlier.
- 12 Q. If I could pick up just one element, you
- mentioned new investment with respect to testers.
- 14 At that time, based on your understanding,
- approximately how much did a tester for RDRAM cost?
- 16 A. Each fab -- each fabrication building has about
- 30,000 wafers throughput per month, and we require
- 18 about ten tester per fab.
- 19 So each tester cost about \$8 million and we
- 20 needed ten of those per fab and we have 11 fabs, so it
- 21 depends on what percentage of the total market was
- 22 Rambus how many fabs we needed to convert. If we
- needed to convert all of our fab, we needed about a
- 24 billion-dollar investment, if half of it, \$500 million.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 17.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And if I could ask you to describe just in very
- 3 general terms what's depicted on this page.
- A. Yes. It's just showing our status in terms of
- 5 product schedule and also shows what is our strategy.
- So our strategy is to -- do you want me to
- 7 continue?
- Q. If you could explain the strategy just in very
- 9 general terms, please.
- 10 A. So Rambus was very high speed, so we wanted to
- be early and be very aggressive and learn the technical
- 12 knowledge as soon as possible. And also our strategy
- was to look at the packaging infrastructure because
- Rambus was a totally new package and we wanted to focus
- on that package as a next generation.
- So again, get the know-how, be the first, and
- 17 push the package that Rambus want.
- 18 Q. If you could turn, please, to page 18.
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you could please explain that page just
- 21 in very general terms.
- 22 A. This shows our DDR status and our strategy.
- 23 Again, it was targeted to the application that we could
- 24 get like workstation, server and non-Intel PC main
- 25 memory, and of course it's an open standard and we were

- 1 very committed to it.
- Q. If you could turn, please, to page 21, the page
- 3 with the caption SyncLink Consortium.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Can you please explain, again in general terms,
- 6 what's depicted on this page?
- 7 A. Yeah. It shows the status of the consortium,
- 8 when was established, who are the members, what's the
- 9 membership fee, and what's the activity in the
- 10 consortium.
- 11 Q. If I could direct your attention under the
- third bullet point, licensees, and then under that,
- there's a listing of suppliers, users, others and new
- members. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Specifically users, next to that it lists
- 17 Apple, HP and IBM. Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Now, by "users" did that mean customers?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. In other words, companies that purchased
- 22 DRAMs?
- A. Companies that are planning on using DRAMs,
- yes, purchasers.
- Q. And were these three companies members of the

- 1 SyncLink Consortium?
- 2 A. Yes, they were.
- 3 Q. Were they generally present at
- 4 SyncLink Consortium meetings?
- 5 A. Yes, they were.
- 6 Q. If I could direct your attention now to the
- 7 next main bullet point that reads: Membership fee,
- 8 initiation fee 50K, annual fee 25K. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Were those the only fees that were paid by
- 11 members?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I'm trying to figure out how this adds up to
- 14 the MOSAID --
- 15 A. This wasn't the only fee. This was just a
- 16 member fee. From time to time when we needed to do a
- special project, as I said earlier, we do a special
- 18 assessment.
- 19 So the MOSAID project was two and a
- 20 half million dollar. We divided it among all the
- 21 members, so each company had to pay like 170,000 more
- 22 for that project.
- So this was just for the secretary and, you
- 24 know, just minimum fee.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn to the next page,

1 please, page 22, the page with the caption SyncLink

- 2 DRAM.
- 3 Can you please explain in general terms what's
- 4 depicted on this page?
- 5 A. This again shows our product status for SLDRAM
- 6 and the strategy for Hyundai and in terms of SyncLink
- 7 DRAM. And in terms of our strategy, as you can see, we
- 8 said initially target high-end system application.
- 9 That was the application that the Rambus could not
- 10 satisfy, so we felt that there is room for SLDRAM to
- 11 play into a high-end application. And it's also an
- open standard, so obviously we are permitted to.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, this might be a good
- 14 place for a break.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Then let's take a
- 16 ten-minute break.
- Before we go, just so we get some idea of how
- we're going to head this afternoon, how much more time
- do you anticipate spending on your cross?
- 20 MR. OLIVER: One of the things I did want to do
- 21 during the break is take a look at what I have
- 22 remaining.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. When we come back, we'll
- take that up then.
- 25 (Recess)

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, you may proceed.

- MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 4 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 5 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 6 CX-2314A. It's an e-mail from I believe it's Sangjin,
- 7 S-A-N-G-J-I-N, to you, copying a number of other
- 8 individuals, dated August 2, 1998.
- 9 Mr. Tabrizi, do you recognize CX-2314?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 Q. And what is this document?
- 12 A. This document, it talks about our internal
- 13 product planning meeting issues that we had in second
- 14 half of '98.
- 15 Q. Does this document relate to an upcoming
- 16 meeting?
- 17 A. Yes. Usually when we have product planning
- meeting twice a year, first half and second half,
- 19 sometimes in April and sometimes in August sometime,
- 20 and then before we have executives all together we have
- 21 an internal meeting among the working people and we
- 22 make consensus and then we present to executive.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to the
- 24 third page of CX-2314-A. It's a document that up in
- 25 the upper left-hand corner reads "Meeting Minute,

- 1 Technical Marketing-Product Planning Team," dated
- 2 July 31, 1998.
- 3 Can you please explain what this page is?
- A. Yes. This is basically that premeeting that I
- 5 was talking about among the working people getting
- 6 every product issues nailed down and making
- 7 recommendation to our management.
- 8 Q. And on page 3, if I could direct your attention
- 9 to the second heading, number 2, direct RDRAM. Do you
- 10 see that heading?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And then under that number 3, 128Mb/144Mb
- development without delay 0.18um technology. Do you
- 14 see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- 16 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 17 the time of what that referred to?
- 18 A. Yes. During the '98 time frame we had to
- 19 decide, you know, do we need 72-meg, do we need 128-meg
- or do we need 256-meg, and we decided that because of
- 21 Intel strategy, Intel doesn't support 64-meg, so we
- 22 don't need it -- I'm sorry -- Intel doesn't support
- 32-meg, so we don't need it.
- 24 64-meg we have to pull in the schedule. That
- 25 means our schedule needs to be improved.

1 And 128-meg development without delay, that

- 2 means put the resources right away on it.
- And 256-meg/288-meg development simultaneously
- 4 means we have to develop both of these, need to drive
- 5 this project by aggressive schedule, so we wanted to
- 6 put a lot of emphasis on this project.
- 7 Q. Next to "development without delay" in
- 8 parentheses it reads "0.18um technology."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes, I see that.
- 11 Q. Can you please explain your understanding of
- 12 what that referred to?
- 13 A. Yeah. In order for us to bring the cost down,
- we had certain number of die requirement that we
- wanted R&D to give us, so number of die per wafer, we
- wanted to show them how many net die we need per
- 17 wafer.
- Q. Well, did 0.18um refer to the size of the
- 19 traces or the lines on the die?
- 20 A. .18 micron technology at the time of '98 was
- 21 our most advanced technology that we wanted to -- and
- 22 when you have the most advanced technology, as a result
- is the lowest cost, so we wanted to utilize the
- lowest-cost process with our Rambus technology to bring
- 25 the cost down.

1 Q. In other words, was the decision at this

- 2 premeeting to develop the 128Mb RDRAM product with the
- 3 most advanced Hyundai technology?
- 4 A. Absolutely.
- 5 Q. Now, Mr. Tabrizi, was the SyncLink standard
- 6 ever finalized?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Based on your understanding, why not?
- 9 A. The SLDRAM toward late '99, the consortium kind
- of fell apart after I resigned from it in late '99, and
- some of the result went to JEDEC, so SLDRAM by itself
- 12 kind of died.
- 13 Q. You mentioned that you withdrew from the
- 14 SyncLink Consortium. How did that come about?
- 15 A. Yes. My executives were continuously getting
- 16 complaint from both Rambus and Intel that Farhad is
- 17 pushing SLDRAM and they want us to -- they want Hyundai
- 18 to ask Farhad to resign.
- 19 So I resisted on that for a while, but I had to
- finally give up to my management and resign from
- 21 SLDRAM.
- 22 Q. You referred to your management. Who was your
- 23 management at that time?
- 24 A. Dr. K.H. Oh.
- Q. And did Dr. Oh instruct you to resign from

- 1 SyncLink?
- 2 A. Yes, he did.
- 3 Q. Now, did Hyundai ever produce SyncLink in
- 4 commercial quantities?
- 5 A. Never.
- Q. And do you have an understanding of why not?
- A. Again, you know, at the time of '98-99, Intel
- 8 decided to go Rambus, and JEDEC standard SDR and DDR
- 9 was basically filling the gaps that were areas that
- 10 Rambus could not play. So -- and frankly, without
- 11 Intel's support, the industry could not continue
- developing this type of device, so it kind of died.
- Q. Did Hyundai ever produce Rambus memory for --
- 14 excuse me -- Rambus RDRAMs for main memory?
- 15 A. We did.
- Q. And when did that occur, approximately?
- 17 A. I think as early as '96 we had some concurrent
- 18 Rambus and then early '98 we had the direct Rambus.
- 19 Q. Did Hyundai ever produce RDRAM with the volumes
- that it had anticipated in the 1997 and 1998 time
- 21 frame?
- 22 A. No, we did not.
- Q. Do you have an understanding as to why not?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you please explain your understanding as to

- 1 why not?
- A. During '98, '99, 2000, Intel continuously had
- 3 problem with the Camino chipset. They canceled the
- 4 chips -- I'm sorry. They canceled their schedule of
- 5 launch many times. At one time they introduced and
- 6 then they had to pull back and recall all the boards.
- 7 So frankly, Intel forecast was continuously
- 8 being reduced. Every time they see us, they will give
- 9 us a revised forecast. So it never really materialized
- in terms of the technology.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: And then tell me again what you
- mean by the Camino chipset.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Camino, it's the Intel 820
- 14 chipset that was the first chipset that Intel was going
- to launch in August and December of '98. In December
- of '98 they came to us and said we have to delay to
- 17 February because there are some debugs.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Go ahead.
- 19 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. And the Camino chipset was the chipset that
- 21 Intel was developing to interface with RDRAM?
- 22 A. Yes. Exclusively RDRAM.
- Q. When you say "exclusively," do you mean the
- 24 Camino chipset would not interface at that time with
- any other type of memory?

- 1 A. Exactly.
- 2 Q. Now, could OEMs use RDRAMs without chipsets
- 3 that would interface with them?
- 4 A. No, they cannot.
- 5 Q. Other than Intel, were there any other
- 6 companies that were designing chipsets to interface
- 7 with RDRAM at that time?
- 8 A. No. I think at the time Intel had the
- 9 exclusive attention from Rambus company, so they were
- 10 not paying attention to other companies, so there was
- only one chipset that they were developing at the
- 12 time.
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I'll move to strike
- 14 everything after "no" as being not responsive to the
- 15 question and is speculation.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 17 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 20 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 21 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 22 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 23 RX-1425. It is an e-mail from T.C. Chou dated April 1,
- 24 1999, addressed to Mr. Desi Rhoden.
- 25 A. Yes.

1 O. And if you look in the cc box at the very

- 2 last -- next to last line, I believe you'll see your
- 3 name there?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. What is this document?
- 8 A. This is a copy of the Electronic Buyers' News
- 9 article that T.C. Chou was referring to AMI members.
- 10 Q. And do you recall receiving this e-mail at the
- 11 time?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- 13 Q. The e-mail attaches an article from Electronic
- 14 Buyers' News; is that right?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you read this article at that time?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. If I could direct your attention within the
- 19 article to about two-thirds of the way down to a
- 20 paragraph beginning "initially."
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. It reads: "'Initially, we had projected an
- industry demand for direct Rambus of more than
- 24 300 million units for 1999,' said" -- I'll skip the
- 25 name -- "NEC Corporation's associate senior

- vice president and the new head of the company's
- 2 semiconductor group. 'Now that Intel has delayed the
- 3 mass-market introduction of direct Rambus, customer
- 4 demand this year will be much lower than we
- 5 expected.'"
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Now, that was a quote from an individual at
- 9 NEC, but did that accurately reflect your experience at
- 10 Hyundai as of approximately April of 1999?
- 11 A. Yes. The demand for RDRAM was continuously
- 12 being reduced due to delay and delay.
- 13 Q. If I could then ask you to turn to page 2,
- 14 please.
- 15 And if I could direct your attention about
- three-quarters of the way down the page to the
- 17 paragraph beginning "However."
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 O. That paragraph reads: "However, some DRAM
- 20 suppliers, which asked to remain anonymous because of
- 21 contractual obligations to Rambus, said privately that
- 22 they are reluctant to commit additional funds to the
- 23 ramp because of design changes that are still being
- 24 made to the chip. Some of the modifications came as
- 25 recently as a two months ago and have caused vendors

1 to push their production plans out further, they

- 2 said."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Again, did that paragraph accurately reflect
- 6 your experiences at Hyundai as of April of 1999?
- 7 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I'll object to the form
- 8 of the question. It incorporates anonymous people
- 9 talking supposedly to a reporter in private. He should
- just ask him directly if he has personal knowledge of
- 11 what are Hyundai's views as to whether they held back
- 12 for whatever reason.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Restate your question, if you
- 14 would, Mr. Oliver.
- MR. OLIVER: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I believe you said that you did
- 18 read this article at the time that it was sent to you?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. There's a reference in the paragraph that I
- 21 just read to you of design changes that are still being
- 22 made to the chip?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. At that time did you have an understanding of
- 25 what design changes were being referred to?

1 A. Yes. The Rambus system, Intel was continuously

- 2 modifying it to make it robust so it can work in the
- 3 system, and every time they changed some of the
- 4 specification, that means we have to change the
- 5 complete mask set. Every wafer we had input, it had to
- 6 be scrapped.
- 7 So as a result, since Intel would not tell us
- 8 when would be the final one, we hesitant to invest a
- 9 lot of wafer input and mask. Each mask set will cost
- 10 about a million dollars, so every change you do, you
- 11 have to invest another million dollars to get a new
- 12 mask change.
- Q. Can you please explain why Hyundai would have
- 14 been reluctant at that time to invest in wafers?
- 15 A. Yes. Because we didn't know -- because it
- takes three months from wafer input to product output,
- so if we are inputting the wafer and three months later
- 18 it comes out, but Intel meanwhile changed the spec, so
- 19 all this product that are coming is not compliant and
- 20 nobody want it, so we had to scrap it, and we did scrap
- 21 a lot of product.
- 22 Q. If I could direct your attention towards the
- bottom of that page, beginning three lines from the
- bottom there's a sentence that begins, "Because the
- 25 wholesale transition to Rambus requires vendors to

1 convert to their manufacturing lines, they must be sure

- 2 there is a ready market for direct RDRAM before making
- 3 the switch."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, based on your understanding at the time,
- 7 did transition to Rambus require Hyundai to convert
- 8 their manufacturing lines?
- 9 A. Yes. As I explained earlier, that Rambus
- 10 required new packaging, new infrastructure, high-speed
- 11 testers, so we had to abandon our investment and what
- we had for JEDEC product, convert the line, so unless
- we were sure that the customers are going to use this
- 14 product, we were not willing to do that.
- 15 Q. Did Intel ever launch the Camino chipset to
- 16 interface with RDRAM?
- 17 A. I think they eventually launched it toward
- late '99, early 2000 with a lot of modification.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, at this time I do plan
- 20 to use an in camera document. It's a document that
- 21 contains Hyundai information.
- 22 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Very good. At this
- 23 time let me advise the public in the audience that as
- 24 a consequence of a prior court order entered in this
- case that the testimony we are about to hear is

1 considered confidential and is therefore closed to the

- 2 public.
- 3 So at this time all those who have not been
- 4 cleared access for this information, please vacate the
- 5 courtroom, and you will be advised as to when we are
- 6 back in public session.
- 7 MR. LYNCH: Your Honor, I'm counsel for Hynix.
- 8 Am I allowed to stay? I'm not on the protective
- 9 order.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: This is Hynix information,
- 11 Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Then I'm confident that you'll
- 13 probably be all right.
- 14 MR. OLIVER: I think this will be about ten
- 15 minutes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. We should have told them
- 17 that.
- Again, as always, I ask counsel to certify to
- 19 the court everyone at their table and everyone behind
- them is cleared for access to this in camera
- 21 testimony.
- MR. PERRY: That's correct for Rambus.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you.
- MR. OLIVER: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. At this time we are

- 1 now in in camera session.
- 2 (Per subsequent instruction from the court, the
- 3 proceedings remain in public session.)
- 4 MR. OLIVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 6 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 7 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 8 CX-2338. The first page reads "Rambus Review (2001),
- 9 March 21, 2001, DRAM BU." This actually appears to be
- 10 a collection of different documents prepared at
- different points in time, so I actually expect to ask
- 12 you only about certain documents that make up portions
- 13 of CX-2338.
- 14 A. Okay.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn first, please, to
- 16 page 77.
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. This is a document with a caption Rambus Market
- 19 Status, Strategic Marketing Team, DRAM BU, October 20,
- 20 2000. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- O. What is this document?
- 25 A. DRAM BU is the DRAM business unit where I was

- 1 in charge of the memory marketing. And this is a
- 2 Rambus market status at the time of October 20, 2000.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 79.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Can you please explain in general terms what is
- 6 depicted on page 79?
- 7 A. Yes. The original file was colored,
- 8 Your Honor. The Q1 2000, that tall shape, should be a
- 9 different color.
- 10 So this is Intel Rambus forecast every time
- 11 they visited us. When they visited us in Q1,99, they
- 12 forecast that the TAM for 2000 -- TAM '00 is the first
- color, the left side -- when they visited us in Q1,99
- they told us about 600 million pieces of 128-meg will
- be the Rambus demand for year 2000.
- Then when they visit us in September, they
- said, well, we had to delay the chipset and our TAM is
- 18 now dropping to 500.
- 19 Then again fourth quarter they came and said we
- 20 have to delay our chipset again and now the TAM is only
- 21 300.
- 22 And so in the May of 2000, you know, the TAM
- dropped because they had to cancel and recall some
- 24 motherboards.
- So every time during this from 1099 to 40 2000,

1 every time Intel came to us, they had to reduce their

- 2 forecast, but they also show a very big forecast for
- 3 the future. That's why we couldn't really rely on
- 4 Intel's forecast, because every time we make an
- 5 investment or input the product we had to delay.
- This is actual end of forecast.
- 7 Q. You referred to TAM, which also appears in the
- 8 caption. What does TAM mean?
- 9 A. Total available market for Rambus DRAM for
- 10 Intel requirement.
- 11 Q. And this chart is a bit confusing. Perhaps if
- we could just try to walk through it.
- In other words, if you look at the bar on the
- 14 far left of the table, that was Intel's estimate of
- 15 the total available market for the year 2000, the
- estimate made as of the first quarter of 1999; is that
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. And that showed approximately or slightly less
- than 600 million units?
- 21 A. That's correct. For 2000.
- Q. And then if you look at the next bar, the
- 23 second bar from the left, appearing above 3Q, that
- 24 would reflect Intel's estimate of the total available
- 25 market for the year 2000?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. That estimate being given in the third quarter
- 3 of 1999?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And then looking at the third bar, which
- 6 appears above 4Q, that represented Intel's estimate of
- 7 the total available market for the year 2000 given in
- 8 the fourth quarter of 1999?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 O. And did that show the total available market
- 11 estimate dropping to a little over 300 million or so?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- Q. And then looking above 1000, there are two
- 14 bars. Now, if I understood you correctly, that was
- 15 Intel's estimate made as of the first quarter of 2000
- of the total available market for the year 2000 and the
- total available market for the year 2001?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 O. And the darker bar to the left showing about
- 20 250 million units, that was Intel's estimate as of the
- 21 first quarter of 2000 for the total available market in
- 22 2000?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And the taller bar showing approximately
- 25 900 million units was Intel's estimate as of the first

1 quarter of 2000 for the total available market in the

- 2 2001?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then again for the 20 that would
- 5 show then the relative estimates for total available
- 6 market for the year 2000 and 2001 provided in the
- 7 second quarter of 2000?
- 8 A. Exactly.
- 9 O. And then in the final two bars on the
- 10 right-hand side above 3Q would be Intel's estimates of
- 11 the total available market for the year 2000 and the
- year 2001 provided in the third quarter of 2000?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 54.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. This is a document with a caption Rambus Market
- 17 Status and Strategy dated December 22, 2000?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Do you recognize that document?
- 20 A. Yes, I do.
- O. And what is that document?
- 22 A. This is our market status and strategy for
- 23 Rambus as of December 22, 2000. It was done by my
- 24 group in Korea.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 57.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. It's a page with a caption Rambus' Rocky Road.
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. Can you please explain in general terms what is
- 6 depicted on this page?
- 7 A. Sure. We borrowed this document from
- 8 Electronic Buyers' News that depicted the Rambus
- 9 status from early announcement when they announced
- in '96 as a potential in the DRAM market, you know, at
- 11 the earliest stages when Rambus signed an Intel
- development agreement the potential was very high.
- 13 And then as the time goes on and as Intel saw many
- 14 challenges with Rambus, many technical difficulties
- 15 with the chipset, then they decided to reduce the
- 16 potential.
- 17 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, if I could inquire, so
- 18 far there has been no in camera information from
- 19 Hyundai. It's been about something that was in the
- 20 newspaper. If this kind of chart is going to be used,
- 21 I would like to have my client here because this is all
- 22 about Rambus' rocky road.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, how is this
- in camera evidence that's being discussed?
- 25 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, CX-2338 in its

1 entirety was designated as in camera. I don't know

- 2 which information within the document it was not. I
- 3 would defer to counsel for Hynix in terms of whether
- 4 there is any in camera information to be designated.
- 5 MR. PERRY: My only point is I'd like to be
- 6 able to rely upon my client to respond, if there is a
- 7 response to this through this witness, to something
- 8 that is entitled Rambus' Rocky Road.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: The problem is this whole thing
- 10 is in camera. Your client hasn't been cleared and I
- 11 can't allow him access.
- MR. PERRY: If I could have just a minute.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- 14 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- MR. LYNCH: Your Honor --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you want to stand, sir, and
- 17 identify yourself.
- MR. LYNCH: My name is Patrick Lynch.
- 19 Mr. Nissly was whispering in my ear that our motion was
- 20 quite specific as to pages within this document. This
- 21 page is not --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Then --
- MR. LYNCH: I don't know where counsel is
- 24 going, but nothing I've heard would require in camera
- 25 treatment.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Then if it's not in camera,

- 2 then let's get the public back in here, but before we
- do so, are you done with your in camera examination?
- 4 MR. OLIVER: Well, Your Honor, I do have
- 5 another question about this page, but so long as this
- 6 page --
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: But if this page has not been
- 8 deemed to be in camera evidence, then there's no need
- 9 to be in in camera.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Yes. In that case, this is the
- last page in this document that I intend to ask about.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Let me ask you this, Mr. Perry.
- 13 Up to this point, has there been anything in in camera
- that you would like to inquire about before we go back
- in the public session?
- MR. PERRY: No. Your Honor, I may cross on
- this page, but that would be in public.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Could I ask you, sir, to please
- 19 ask the public to come back in, and then that ends the
- in camera portion of this proceeding and we'll go back
- 21 into the public session.
- 22 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- Okay. Then, Mr. Oliver, at this point you may
- 24 proceed.
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 2 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, if I could ask you a few specific
- 3 questions about page 57 of CX-2338.
- First, if you see above the date February '99
- 5 there's a bullet point and then next to that reads
- 6 "Intel 820 chipset launch delayed."
- 7 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 8 the time that you first saw this of what that referred
- 9 to?
- 10 A. Yes. That was the first time Intel delayed the
- 11 chipset due to whatever reason, technical reasons they
- 12 had.
- 13 Q. Then moving then to the right, there's a bullet
- 14 point above June 1999. Next to that it reads, "Intel
- says PC133 SDR w/P-III is possible."
- 16 Would you please explain your understanding at
- 17 the time you saw this of what that referred to.
- 18 A. Initially Intel was going to support
- 19 exclusively Rambus under 820 chipset. As they saw
- 20 difficulties with that, they introduced the option that
- 21 PC133, means the JEDEC standard 133 megahertz, can also
- 22 be used as an option.
- Q. And by the way, I notice that the line has
- 24 gone from the first bullet point that I pointed out to
- you to the right and somewhat down. I'm interested in

1 the downward direction measured against the left-hand

- 2 axis.
- 3 Can you please explain your understanding of
- 4 what that depicted?
- 5 A. Right. When Rambus was not anymore exclusive,
- 6 then if Intel offers an option, then the Rambus
- 7 percentage as a penetration would drop because now
- 8 people have a choice between PC133 and Rambus, so
- 9 that as a result the penetration percentage will
- 10 drop.
- 11 Q. Then the next bullet point appears above
- 12 August '99 and the caption is to the left of that
- 13 bullet point. It reads, "Intel confirms PC133 will be
- offered as alternative to D-RDRAM in P-III."
- 15 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 16 the time of what that referred to?
- 17 A. Right. Initially --
- MR. PERRY: Excuse me. I'd like just to state
- 19 an objection that he told us that this chart came from
- 20 a newspaper, Electronic Buyers' News, and now he's
- 21 being asked to explain it. He didn't write it. He's
- 22 not the newspaper reporter.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You can ask him about his
- understanding, but you can't ask him to interpret it.
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 BY MR. OLIVER:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, could you please explain your
- 3 understanding of that statement.
- 4 A. Again, at that time Intel confirmed that
- 5 they're going to use PC133 to use in P-III as an
- 6 alternative to Rambus. As a result, the percentage of
- 7 Rambus dropped again.
- 8 Q. By the way, the P-III there refers to what?
- 9 A. Pentium III.
- 10 Q. The next bullet point appears above
- 11 September '99. The caption to the right of that reads,
- "Intel 820 chipset delayed again."
- 13 Again, what was your understanding at the time
- of what that referred to?
- 15 A. Intel, after delaying in February, they said
- the next launch date will be in September, so everybody
- was getting ready for September. When the September
- 18 came, Intel says no, we're going to delay it again,
- 19 because we have technical difficulties.
- 20 O. The next bullet appears above November of '99.
- 21 The caption that appears to the left of that reads,
- "Intel 820 chipset introduced."
- 23 Again, can you please explain your
- 24 understanding at the time of what that referred to?
- 25 A. This is final date that Intel was able to

1 introduce the 820 chipset to the market and that was

- November of '99.
- 3 Q. Then I'll skip a bullet point.
- The next bullet point over May '00, the caption
- 5 that appears to the left reads, "Intel 820 M/Bs
- 6 recalled due to defect in SDRAM-enabling MTH."
- 7 Let me break that down a bit.
- 8 First of all, what was your understanding at
- 9 the time of -- well, I withdraw the question.
- 10 Let me just ask you generally, what was your
- 11 understanding at the time of what that caption referred
- 12 to?
- 13 A. Yes. If you look at that back in August Intel
- said that they will offer the P-III with the PC133, the
- 15 reason they were -- I mean, the way they were offering
- this option was through a device called memory transfer
- 17 hub, and that's the MTH.
- 18 So Intel was kind of -- the chipset was here
- and they were adding this MTH to interface with
- 20 synchronous DRAM or to direct Rambus. So they were
- 21 giving option through this MTH. And Intel had to
- 22 cancel that and recall it because they had technical
- 23 problems in the field.
- Q. So if I understood your testimony correctly,
- 25 the MTH is what permitted Intel's Camino or 820 chipset

- 1 to interface with SDRAM?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- Q. And if there's a defect in the MTH, what
- 4 effect, if any, did that have on the ability of the
- 5 Camino chipset to interface with SDRAM?
- A. It had a lot of technical errors and problems
- 7 and they had to recall all of the boards in the field.
- 8 It basically was a reliability mainframe.
- 9 Q. Now, at the time were there other chipsets that
- 10 interfaced with SDRAM?
- 11 A. Yes. There were competing company to Intel
- 12 that were offering the Pentium III chipset.
- For example, VIA of Taiwan was one of the main
- companies offering PC133 chipset that works with
- 15 Pentium III and they gained quite a bit of market share
- 16 at that time.
- 17 Q. That is, gained market share at the expense of
- 18 Intel?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. If I could direct your attention to the next
- 21 bullet point, it appears above June of 2000, and to the
- left of that reads, "Intel canceled MTH; delays launch
- of Timna integrated processor."
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at

- 2 the time of what that referred to?
- 3 A. Intel basically decided that they cannot have
- 4 the Camino working both with Rambus and SDR through
- 5 MTH, so they decided that they will cancel the MTH.
- 6 That means there will be no option of SDR.
- 7 And Timna was going to be another chipset, that
- 8 it was designed for Rambus interface, but it was for
- 9 integrated graphic chipset.
- 10 So we have two chipset. One is for the main
- 11 memory and one is for graphic. Intel decided to
- 12 combine the two in one chipset and they called it
- 13 Timna. For the low-end application and portable
- 14 application.
- 15 And since Timna was also interfacing with
- Rambus, they had major problem and they delayed that.
- 17 Q. Then the next bullet point appears above
- July 2000. The caption to the left reads, "Intel
- 19 confirms P-IV will support PC133 in addition to
- 20 D-RDRAM."
- 21 Can you please explain your understanding at
- the time of what that referred to?
- 23 A. So at this time Intel decided that their
- 24 Pentium IV not only will support Rambus, will support
- 25 PC133 with two different chipsets.

1 Q. And then the final bullet point appears above

- 2 November 2000. The caption reads, "The launch of
- 3 P-IV."
- 4 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 5 the time of what that bullet point referred to?
- 6 A. Yeah. In November 2000 Intel launched their
- 7 Pentium IV.
- 8 Q. Now, in general terms, the line connecting
- 9 those various dots falls from the upper left towards
- 10 the lower right before turning up very slightly at the
- 11 right-hand edge of the chart.
- 12 What was your understanding at the time of what
- was depicted by that line?
- 14 A. Again, the Pentium IV was introduced and in the
- 15 high end. Initially the Pentium IV when it's
- introduced at the beginning it's for the high-end
- 17 application and high end was using Rambus, you know,
- 18 because the price was high so that they could use it,
- 19 so that's why it shows the Rambus penetration went up a
- 20 little bit, because Pentium IV was meant to be a
- 21 high-end processor.
- Q. So does that answer refer to the very tail end,
- 23 the very right-hand portion of that line?
- A. Yes. When it reduced at the beginning, that
- 25 brought some momentum to Rambus based on high-end

- 1 performance PC.
- 2 Q. Can you describe your understanding at that
- 3 time of the line as a whole starting from December 1996
- 4 through November of 2000?
- 5 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, I would object if this
- 6 is being offered for the truth. If we're just getting
- 7 his understanding, it's fine, but --
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- 9 MR. PERRY: Thank you.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, could I have an answer
- 11 to that question for his understanding?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, I'll let him have his
- understanding, but then let's get off.
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Again, at the beginning when
- 16 Intel introduced they're going to use Rambus, the
- 17 expectation was Rambus will be almost 80 percent of the
- 18 market. With all the problems that Intel had and when
- 19 Intel optioned the alternative, the Rambus penetration
- 20 came down to maybe around 10 percent or lower than
- 21 that.
- Currently, Rambus' total market is about
- 4 percent of the total DRAM market, so it's very much
- down from 80 percent that we were forecasting.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, if I could have just a

1 moment, I'd like to see if there's any material I could

- 2 skip here.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 4 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 5 MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 6 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 8 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 9 Q. Mr. Tabrizi, I've handed you a document marked
- 10 CX-2334. The first page has a caption Hyundai
- 11 Electronics, Taiwan/Korea/Japan/China, April 1999,
- above that PC100/133 to PC266 Migration Path, the date
- in the upper right-hand corner April 1999.
- Mr. Tabrizi, do you recognize this document?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What is the document?
- 17 A. This document was prepared for our Asia Pacific
- 18 technology forum that we had for our salespeople.
- 19 Q. Do you recall seeing this document in about the
- 20 April of 1999 time frame?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 Q. By the way, what was your understanding of what
- was meant by "PC100/133 to PC266 migration path"?
- A. PC100/133 is SDR. PC2666 is basically double
- 25 the 133, so it's the double data rate of 133.

1 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 4.

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. At page 4 is the caption in the middle of the
- 4 page DDR Can Share Existing SDRAM Investment and
- 5 Infrastructure. And then under that there are eight
- 6 boxes.
- 7 Can you please explain your understanding of
- 8 what is depicted there?
- 9 A. Yes. One of the main advantage of DDR was that
- 10 the DRAM companies did not need to make additional
- investment. They could use the same factory and the
- 12 same infrastructure to build SDR and in terms of DDR
- 13 and in terms of the technology was similar enough that
- we could learn it in a very quick time period so we
- 15 could ramp up very quickly.
- 16 Q. If I could direct your attention to the lower
- 17 right-hand box in particular, it reads "SDRAM yield
- 18 learning curve." Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Can you please explain your understanding of
- 21 what that referred to?
- 22 A. Yes. Every time we introduce a new product, at
- 23 the beginning the yield is very low, and by the time
- 24 the product becomes mature, the yield reaches
- 25 90-95 percent. Since SDR and DDR are very similar, we

1 expected we can achieve high yield in a very quick

- 2 time.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 22.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Towards the top of the page the bullet point
- 6 reads "Hyundai 64M DDR SDRAM Has," under that,
- 7 "Finished Successful Customer Feedback in Actual
- 8 System."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 12 the time of what that referred to?
- 13 A. Yes. It meant that DDR, it actually has been
- 14 evaluated and validated by our customer, so it is not a
- technology that we don't have enough experience.
- Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 23.
- 17 It has a caption Hyundai nDRAM Development Plan.
- And let me ask first, what was your
- understanding of the term "nDRAM"?
- 20 A. Yes. "nDRAM" was a term that was used by Intel
- 21 before they decided which technology they want to use
- for the next-generation DRAM. And since they didn't
- 23 know what it is, they called it nDRAM, so it could be
- 24 Rambus, DDR or SyncLink.
- Q. And if I could direct your attention to the

1 first line here, PC at the left-hand side, begins with

- 2 SDRAM and then in the middle RDRAM and underneath that
- 3 BDDR SDRAM and then to the right RDRAM and SLDRAM.
- 4 Can you please explain your understanding at
- 5 the time of what that row depicted?
- A. Sure. For personal computer, currently there
- 7 was a 100 megahertz PC100 being used. The
- 8 next-generation Rambus was already decided that will be
- 9 used by the Intel in a PC.
- 10 BDDR was question mark. That's the
- 11 bidirectional DDR that was being discussed at JEDEC.
- We didn't know if there is a chance or not. That's why
- it's question mark.
- And for the generation after that we had still
- three chances, either RDRAM or SLDRAM or something
- 16 totally different, a new architecture of DRAM. So
- 17 still the options were open.
- 18 Q. If I could ask you to turn, please, to page 27.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. The page with the caption Hyundai Rambus DRAM
- 21 Strategy. In the upper left-hand corner is a box with
- 22 cons, D-RDRAM still not fully proven, have no solution
- for migration beyond direct RDRAM, and cost
- 24 (royalty/test/yield).
- Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Can you please explain your understanding at
- 3 the time of what that box referred to?
- 4 A. Yes. These are the disadvantages of the Rambus
- 5 product, that the technology was not yet fully proven.
- 6 We still had a lot of technical difficulty, both us and
- 7 the Intel and the enabler. We had no road map beyond
- 8 RDRAM. We didn't know what's next, so it was just a
- 9 one-generation thing. And also the cost was high due
- 10 to royalty, test and yield.
- 11 Q. Down at the bottom of the page, the box Hyundai
- 12 Strategy. The first two bullet points read: "High
- 13 priority due to customer requirement. Put the
- 14 resources to solve retaining problems."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And can you please explain your understanding
- 18 at the time of what those two bullet points referred
- 19 to?
- 20 A. Sure. I think the "retaining" should be
- 21 changed to "remaining." Sorry. That's Kenglish,
- 22 Korean English. They made a mistake.
- But high priority due to customer requirement,
- 24 put highest priority to Rambus because customer needs
- it. Intel wants us to develop it.

1 Put the resources to solve the remaining

- 2 problem. You know, if there is a problem with cost or
- 3 technology, put the best resources to solve it, so we
- 4 were really focused on Rambus.
- 5 MR. PERRY: Excuse me just a second. Could I
- 6 speak to counsel?
- 7 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 8 BY MR. OLIVER:
- 9 Q. By the way, Mr. Tabrizi, if I could ask you to
- 10 turn back to page 23.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. In the upper right-hand corner there is a date
- that appears to be September 1997?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Do you have an understanding as to whether this
- document was dated as of April 1999 in its entirety or
- whether it consisted of different portions with
- 18 different dates?
- 19 A. No. It entirely was April '99. We borrowed
- 20 that foil from the earlier version and insert it in
- 21 this presentation, so our strategy was still the same.
- Q. Now, Mr. Tabrizi, a couple moments ago you
- 23 described the declining line in the Rambus Rocky Road
- 24 page, and I believe you said that the projections for
- 25 the RDRAM total available market declined over time.

1 As of the 1999 and 2000 time frame, did you

- 2 have an understanding as to where that market share
- 3 shifted to?
- 4 A. Yes. Rambus Intel focused on the high end and
- 5 high end means PCs over \$2,000. And there for the
- 6 low-end PC they adopted the industry standard SDR and
- 7 DDR.
- 8 Q. So in other words, as the projections for
- 9 market share of Rambus declined, that was taken up by
- 10 SDRAM and DDR SDRAM?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And there you're referring to JEDEC-compliant
- 13 products?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, Mr. Tabrizi, based on your understanding,
- has Hyundai had any involvement in the JEDEC DDR-II
- 17 standard?
- 18 A. Yes, we have.
- 19 Q. Have you personally had any involvement?
- 20 A. Yes, I have.
- 21 Q. What is the nature of your involvement in the
- 22 DDR-II standard?
- MR. PERRY: Your Honor, this is entirely beyond
- 24 the scope. There was no testimony this morning about
- 25 DDR-II.

- 1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, I have nothing further
- 3 at this time.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Oliver.
- 5 Mr. Perry, do you have further redirect?
- 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. Mr. Tabrizi, if you could pick up the April '99
- 9 document that's CX-2334 that Mr. Oliver was asking you
- 10 about.
- Do you have that in front of you?
- 12 A. CX-2334, right.
- 13 Q. And he pointed out to you that although the
- 14 cover says April '99, if you see on page 23, there's
- something that was created back in September '97. Do
- 16 you see that on page 23?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And do you see that page 25 is also from back
- 19 in some earlier time frame? Do you see references in
- there to products that will be available in '98?
- 21 A. Pardon me?
- Q. Look under Hyundai Strategy. Do you see where
- it says ES will be available at 3Q98? Do you see
- 24 that?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 O. Doesn't that tell you that this chart was

- 2 created prior to the third quarter of '98?
- A. Again, I'm sorry about the English, but this is
- 4 prepared by a Korean staff and this meant that ES was
- 5 available from 3098.
- 6 Q. So you think this particular chart was prepared
- 7 in '99? Is that what you think?
- 8 A. This presentation was given in '99 to our own
- 9 internal sales, in Asia Pacific, people, so it was a
- 10 combination of the foils that they felt they needed to
- 11 have. A combination of the slides. Sorry.
- 12 Q. Isn't it true that the last page of this
- exhibit was prepared in 1997?
- 14 A. No. Again -- maybe the original was prepared
- 15 in '97, but it still was valid at the time and we were
- still just trying to show what's our strategy in each
- 17 product.
- 18 Q. Is it your testimony that you have personal
- 19 knowledge that this document was deliberately -- that
- 20 the last page of this document was deliberately
- 21 attached to this April 1999 presentation because
- 22 everything on it was still then true?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. So it was still then true in April 1999, if
- 25 you'll look in the column -- we're on the last page of

1 the exhibit -- if you'll look on the column entitled

- 2 Pros, the box entitled Pros, was it still true as of
- 3 April 1999 that the Rambus DRAM provided the highest --
- 4 higher performance ever even in existing technology?
- 5 A. Of course. Yes, sir.
- 6 O. Yes?
- 7 A. Of course.
- Q. Was it widely licensed at the time?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And was it field proven?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Now, I'll ask you to go back to the Rambus
- 13 Rocky Road document that you said was taken from the
- 14 newspaper. It's CX-2338-57.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do you see that on the screen?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you don't have personal knowledge as to
- 19 Intel's motivations in deciding to offer a PC133 SDRAM
- 20 alternative on its Pentium III chipsets?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. You have personal knowledge as to why Intel did
- 23 that?
- A. Yes. We worked with Intel very closely.
- Q. And do you have access to their internal

- 1 memoranda that describe their reasoning?
- 2 A. Not internally, but they give us an update
- 3 every quarter. We meet with them.
- Q. And do you have personal knowledge as to why
- 5 they delayed the launch of Timna?
- 6 A. Yeah. Because of the difficulties they had --
- 7 Q. Just yes or no, Mr. Tabrizi.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And is that based upon looking at internal
- 10 Intel documentation?
- 11 A. Not in internal, just external.
- 12 Q. Just what they told you?
- 13 A. Just what they told us.
- Q. And over this time period that's reflected on
- this chart from the newspaper, is it correct that
- 16 throughout that time period -- well, let me ask you to
- do this. Let's leave the chart up and I'm going to ask
- 18 you to pull out a document that we looked at this
- 19 morning that was RX-1280A, and it's on the very bottom
- of the stack in front of you.
- 21 A. 1280?
- 22 Q. A.
- 23 A. A.
- Q. And that's your September 25, 1998 memoranda to
- 25 the folks in Korea about your pricing forecast. Do you

- 1 see that?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. And you say in the second sentence that you
- 4 think we can use this opportunity to adjust the overall
- 5 DRAM pricing in the market and to increase the DRAM
- 6 percentage of the overall PC cost to about 10 percent
- 7 when PC was using RDRAM.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. You wanted to use the opportunity that was
- 11 presented by the introduction of the RDRAM to increase
- the overall percentage of the price of a PC that was
- 13 attributable to the DRAM chip; right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And do you have personal knowledge as to
- 16 whether other DRAM manufacturers had the same
- 17 strategy?
- 18 A. I have no idea what other companies' strategy,
- 19 but since the Rambus was high price to manufacture, I
- 20 thought this is a good chance to increase the
- 21 percentage of the total memory cost in the PC.
- 22 Q. And that's because once the -- if you were able
- 23 to do that, once you had experience manufacturing and
- 24 the costs came down, then you would have higher profit
- 25 margin; right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And do you have an understanding as to what
- 3 percentage of the developments on this rocky road are
- 4 due at least in part to the desire of DRAM
- 5 manufacturers to increase their profit margin on the
- 6 chips used in PC?
- 7 A. I think the failure of Rambus was exclusively
- 8 the Rambus difficulty in design and Intel failure to
- 9 deliver Camino in time.
- 10 Q. And that's what you referred to earlier when
- 11 you were explaining what you meant by Rambus --
- 12 A. All the technical difficulties they had and the
- 13 not readiness of the market and Intel chipset caused
- 14 Rambus to lose momentum and collapse.
- 15 Q. You testified this morning in response to
- Mr. Oliver's questions about SyncLink, that your
- 17 understanding was that the SyncLink patents were
- intended to be licensed to everybody royalty-free. Do
- 19 you remember that?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. And you said that your understanding was that
- 22 everybody will be able to develop products without
- 23 anybody's patents blocking them; right?
- A. Yes. That's correct.
- Q. When you gave that testimony, were you aware

1 that the SyncLink patents are now held by AMI-2?

- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And when you gave that testimony, were you
- 4 aware that the SyncLink patents that AMI-2 holds are
- 5 only available to members of AMI-2 and not available to
- 6 everybody?
- 7 A. It is available to the members and the AMI
- 8 position is defensive. They will not -- everybody can
- 9 use it.
- 10 And if you want, you can get a statement from
- 11 AMI. Everybody can use their patent.
- 12 Q. So when you gave that testimony this afternoon
- in response to Mr. Oliver, you understood that AMI-2
- would make its patents available to anybody even if
- they weren't an AMI member?
- 16 MR. OLIVER: Objection, Your Honor.
- 17 Mischaracterizes the testimony. The questions earlier
- 18 were with respect to the SyncLink patents long before
- 19 AMI-2 was formed.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sustained.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- 22 Q. So when you gave your testimony, were you
- 23 making any assumption about whether or not today those
- 24 SyncLink patents are available to everybody?
- 25 A. Even today, SyncLink is open standard and the

- 1 patents are available without charge to everybody.
- Q. Well, back in 1998, was it your understanding
- 3 that if SyncLink obtained patents based upon its
- 4 technical advancements and somebody wanted to use those
- 5 patents to make non-SyncLink products that they could
- 6 do that?
- 7 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 8 O. Yes.
- 9 Was it your understanding back in 1998 that if
- 10 SyncLink obtained patents and somebody wanted to use
- 11 the intellectual property protected by those patents to
- make devices that were not SyncLink devices, could they
- 13 do that for free?
- 14 A. From the beginning, my understanding was to use
- 15 within SLDRAM. I never thought about it if somebody
- wants to use it outside SLDRAM, if they have to pay or
- 17 not. The intention was for the SLDRAM spec, so I have
- 18 no knowledge of if they would charge royalty for
- 19 nonusage or not, so -- but the intention was open,
- 20 royalty-free and the patent holder positions was
- 21 defensive only, not offensive.
- Q. Well, let me show you a document from that time
- period that you received, CX-2722.
- 24 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. And the portion of this e-mail that I'm going
- 3 to be asking you about is in the very middle, but it's
- 4 from Kevin Ryan to someone at Cisco.
- Do you see where it says "Thanks, Kevin"?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And above that he says, "I've included Farhad
- 8 in case he wants to clarify this."
- 9 A. That's right.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Who again is, for the record,
- 11 Kevin Ryan?
- MR. PERRY: Mr. Ryan -- I believe it's
- 13 undisputed he was at Micron at the time.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. He's an engineer at Micron.
- Mr. Ryan was involved in SyncLink, wasn't he?
- 18 A. Yes, he was.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 And do you see that he talks about the IP in
- 21 this portion?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see where he says: "SLDRAM must have
- complete control over the use of the core. Not to make
- 25 money from licensing fees, but to make sure that the IP

is only used in SLDRAM or DDR SDRAM-based systems. We

- 2 would not want to allow a situation where an outside
- 3 developer of the core could use the IP in
- 4 non-SLDRAM/non-DDR systems"?
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. I see that.
- 7 Q. Was it your understanding that the only people
- 8 who could use the SLDRAM patents, was it your
- 9 understanding as of '98, were people who wanted to
- 10 build SLDRAM devices?
- 11 A. Frankly, I never thought about it. I mean,
- this e-mail, even though I know I was copied on this,
- 13 kind of for me the first time I'm looking at it. The
- intention was I frankly thought everybody will use
- 15 SLDRAM. The chances of them using it outside, if it
- didn't interfere with SLDRAM, probably we didn't mind.
- I mean, SLDRAM again was defensive purposes.
- 18 We were not going to litigate. We were not going after
- 19 anybody. So we just wanted to protect the members from
- 20 others filing patents and charging us.
- 21 Q. And you testified that the SLDRAM device
- development of that simply died in '99; right?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do you have any idea why AMI-2 continued to
- 25 pursue and prosecute those patents?

1 A. They are not -- what do you mean, "prosecute?"

- 2 Are they going after anybody?
- Q. Pursue the issuance of the patents for long
- 4 after '99.
- 5 A. Yeah. The member felt these are good
- 6 technology, we may want to continue it and at least get
- 7 the patent. Still we are protecting the members. So
- 8 nobody else can go file a patent.
- 9 So again, it's a holder to show that this
- 10 technology was developed and come and use it, it's free
- 11 of charge.
- 12 Q. And you testified that SyncLink died after you
- left, after you were no longer chairman; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. I want you to look at RX-1361. It's just one
- 16 page. Let's pull it up on the screen.
- 17 Can you read that? Is that an e-mail that you
- 18 prepared in December of 1998?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you sent it to Dr. Oh in Korea. Was he
- above you in the management chain at Hyundai?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. And the subject is an Intel meeting?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Let's pull up the top half of the document.

1 And what Intel had requested in that phone

- 2 call to you is that they'd like to start working on
- 3 the next-generation memory solution beyond RDRAM;
- 4 right?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- Q. And they were coming to the DRAM manufacturers
- 7 to work with them on that next-generation memory
- 8 device; right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And then you say at the very bottom on your PS:
- "I am no longer the head of SLDRAM Inc. as of 12-17-98
- and I believe the organization will die slowly from
- 13 here on. Job accomplished"; right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And you said "job accomplished" because the
- 16 job of the SyncLink Consortium as you understood it was
- 17 to convince Intel to come back to the DRAM
- 18 manufacturers for the next-generation memory
- 19 architecture; right?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. You said, "Job accomplished." You thought
- you'd done your job, didn't you?
- A. He asked me to quit, I quit, and I told him,
- Hey, you asked me and I did it, job accomplished.
- 25 Q. So when you refer to job -- in your saying "job

1 accomplished" you meant the job of quitting; is that

- 2 your testimony?
- 3 A. That's me leaving the SLDRAM -- he asked me to
- 4 resign, and I resigned, so this was the first time I
- 5 sent an e-mail after he asked me, so I just wanted to
- 6 contact him telling him that job was accomplished.
- Q. When you say "job accomplished," you meant the
- 8 job of quitting SLDRAM?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: I don't understand what that
- 11 means, "the job of quitting."
- 12 THE WITNESS: He asked me to resign from
- 13 SLDRAM. He's our president at the time. And then
- 14 this was the first chance I had, Your Honor, to
- 15 contact him, and I couldn't say in the e-mail, Because
- 16 you asked me to resign, you know, I resigned and all
- 17 that.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm not -- I'm not questioning
- 19 that. I'm just not quite sure what context you're
- 20 talking about, and you've explained it and that's your
- 21 testimonv.
- MR. PERRY: If I could, Your Honor.
- BY MR. PERRY:
- Q. You made that statement in the e-mail where you
- told Dr. Oh that Intel had come to you to pursue the

1 development of the next-generation memory device with

- the DRAM manufacturers; right? Right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you thought that was very positive news;
- 5 right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And that's why you said "job accomplished,"
- 8 wasn't it?
- 9 A. I wrote the e-mail, and believe me, these two
- 10 nothing had to do, Intel meeting with my job
- 11 accomplished at SLDRAM, was totally separate. It was
- just the same e-mail. It was the first time after he
- asked me to resign I was responding to him, really
- 14 nothing to do with each other.
- Q. And the phrase "job accomplished" had nothing
- to do with the Rambus killing that you told your
- superior about in 2000 that you thought you'd been very
- 18 close to doing; correct?
- 19 A. That's my testimony.
- MR. PERRY: I have nothing further.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Oliver, anything?
- 22 MR. OLIVER: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Sir, you're excused from
- this proceeding. Thank you for your testimony.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Counsel, if that concludes the

- 2 presentation for today, we'll convene tomorrow morning
- 3 at 9:30.
- 4 Mr. Oliver?
- 5 MR. OLIVER: Before we finish for the day,
- 6 there are two exhibits that I'd like to move in, if I
- 7 could.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 9 MR. OLIVER: First is CX-2314A. Unfortunately
- 10 I've misplaced my copy.
- MR. PERRY: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 13 (CX Exhibit Number 2314A was admitted into
- 14 evidence.)
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you.
- The second, from CX-2338 -- this is the
- document we looked at that consisted of a number of
- 18 different documents placed together. I would propose
- to admit CX-2338 pages 54 through 76.
- 20 MR. PERRY: Are those not in camera? Have you
- 21 checked?
- 22 MR. OLIVER: We've only checked the one page.
- 23 We'd have to check the remaining pages.
- MR. PERRY: I'm just raising that for the court
- 25 reporter and for the record.

1 JUDGE McGUIRE: Right. Is any aspect of those

- 2 pages to be treated as in camera, Mr. Oliver?
- 3 MR. OLIVER: I can't answer that now,
- 4 Your Honor. I can get back to you.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: Would you get back to me on
- 6 that.
- 7 Otherwise, you have no objection?
- 8 MR. PERRY: I have no objection.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: It will be entered and then it
- we'll determined tomorrow if any portion should be
- 11 treated in camera.
- 12 (CX Exhibit Number 2338-54 through 2338-76 was
- 13 admitted into evidence.)
- MR. OLIVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- In addition, also from CX-2338 pages 77 through
- 16 82.
- MR. PERRY: Again, the same issue, the only
- objection or the only question I would have is --
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right. Entered on that
- 20 basis.
- 21 (CX Exhibit Number 2338-77 through 2338-82 was
- 22 admitted into evidence.)
- MR. PERRY: And we would also propose that the
- testimony that was in camera before there was an
- 25 agreement that there was no need to be in camera --

2	testimony or was it just a certain portion?
3	MR. OLIVER: Is it the entirety of the
4	testimony that at this point we've determined, you

JUDGE McGUIRE: Is that the entirety of that

- 5 know, did not need to be in camera?
- 6 MR. LYNCH: Your Honor, I do not believe that
- 7 any of the testimony that Mr. Tabrizi gave about that
- 8 exhibit needs to be in camera.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Then I'm going to go back on
- 10 that and then we'll instruct the court reporter to go
- 11 back to the portion that I determined was in in camera
- 12 and change that to being in the public session, and
- that's how it shall be treated for this record.
- MR. PERRY: Thank you.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Anything else?
- MR. OLIVER: No. That's it, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: If not, then we'll adjourn and
- 18 convene tomorrow morning at 9:30.
- 19 (Time noted: 5:19 p.m.)

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10	knowledge and belief.
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20	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I proofread the
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