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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-666]

In the Matter of Certain Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamp ("CCFL") Inverter Circuits and Products Containing Same; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 15, 2008, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of O2 Micro International Ltd. of the Cayman Islands and O2 Micro Inc. of Santa Clara, California. A letter supplementing the complaint was filed on December 24, 2008. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain cold cathode fluorescent lamp ("CCFL") inverter circuits and products containing same that infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,417,382; 6,856,519; 6,809,938; and 7,120,035. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue exclusion orders and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint and supplement, except for any confidential information contained therein, are available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David O. Lloyd, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2576.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2008).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 8, 2009, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain cold cathode fluorescent lamp ("CCFL") inverter circuits or products containing same that infringe one or more of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 7,417,382; claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,856,519; claims 1-3 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,809,938; and claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 7,120,035, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are —
O2 Micro International Ltd., Grand Pavilion Commercial Centre, West Bay Road, Grand Cayman KY1-1209, Cayman Islands.
O2 Micro Inc., 3118 Patrick Henry Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:
Monolithic Power Systems Inc., 6409 Guadalupe Mines Road, San Jose, CA 95120.

Microsemi Corporation, 2381 Morse Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614.
ASUSTeK Computer Inc., No. 15, Li-Te Road Peitou, Taipei, Taiwan.
ASUSTeK Computer International America, 800 Corporate Way, Fremont, CA 94539.

LG Electronics, LG Twin Towers
20, Yoido-dong, Youngdungpo-gu
Seoul, Korea 150-721.

LG Electronics U.S.A., 1000 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

LG Display Co., Ltd., West Tower, LG Twin Towers, 20, Yoido-dong, Youngdungpo-gu, Seoul, Korea 150-721.

LG Display America, Inc., 150 East Brokaw Road, San Jose, CA 95112.

BenQ Corporation, 16 Jihu Road, Neihu, Taipei 114, Taiwan.

BenQ America Corp., 15375 Barranca Suite A205 Irvine, CA 92618.

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is David O. Lloyd, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, Paul J. Luckern, Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

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By order of the Commission.

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