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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

12 IN RE STATIC RANDOM ACCESS
13 MEMORY (SRAM) ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

Case No. M:07-CV-01819-CW
MDL No. 1819

**ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH
SAMSUNG**

15 This Document Relates to:
16 ALL INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS

Hearing Date: January 27, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Courtroom: 2, 4th Floor
Judge: Hon. Claudia Wilken

19 The Court, upon noticed motion and hearing, having reviewed the Settlement Agreement
20 (“the Settlement”) entered into between Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and
21 the Class, with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Semiconductor, Inc., and Samsung
22 Electronics America, Inc. (collectively “Samsung” or the “Settling Defendants”) hereby ORDERS
23 that:

24 1. For purposes of this Order, except as otherwise set forth herein, the Court adopts
25 and incorporates the definitions contained in the Settlement;

26 2. For settlement purposes only and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23,
27 the Court provisionally certifies the following settlement class (the “Settlement Class”):
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1 All persons and entities residing in the United States who, from
2 November 1, 1996 through December 31, 2006 (the “Class Period”),
3 purchased SRAM (as defined in paragraph 2) in the United States
4 indirectly from the Defendants. The class excludes the following
5 persons and entities: the Defendants; the officers, directors or
6 employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any of the
7 Defendants has a controlling interest; any affiliate, legal
8 representative, heir or assign of any Defendant; any federal, state or
9 local governmental entities; and any judicial officer presiding over
10 the Action and the members of her immediate family and judicial
11 staff.¹

12 3. The Court further provisionally finds that the prerequisites to a class action under
13 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 are satisfied for settlement purposes in that:

14 (a) there are thousands of class members and therefore joinder of all members is
15 impracticable;

16 (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the class which predominate over
17 individual issues;

18 (c) the claims or defenses of the class plaintiffs are typical of the claims or defenses of
19 the class; and

20 (d) the class plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class, and
21 have retained counsel experienced in complex antitrust class action litigation who have and will
22 continue to adequately represent the class.

23 4. The Court finds that the Settlement agreed to by the parties (as set forth in the
24 Settlement) falls within the range of possible approval to justify future publication of notice of the
25 Settlement to Settlement Class members and scheduling of final approval proceedings.

26 5. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, subject to a hearing on the
27 final approval of the Settlement (the “Fairness Hearing”).

28 6. The Court will hold the Fairness Hearing pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
Procedure 23(e) on a date to be set. The Fairness Hearing will be held to determine the following:

¹ Paragraph 2 of the Settlement Agreement defines SRAM as “all types of static random access memory (including pseudo static random access memory known as “PSRAM”), whether or not packaged, and any parts and modules thereof.”

1 (a) Whether the proposed Settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable and should be
2 granted final approval by the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e);

3 (b) Whether a final judgment should be entered dismissing the claims of the Settlement
4 Class against the Settling Defendants with prejudice as required by the Settlement; and

5 (c) Such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

6 7. To avoid the possible duplication of class notices, notice of this partial class
7 settlement shall be deferred. The Court will address the content of notice and the notice plan at a
8 status conference on a date to be set.

9 8. Each class member shall have the right to be excluded from the Settlement Class by
10 mailing a request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator within a time period, and in a
11 manner and form to be set by the Court. At a time to be set by the Court, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall
12 file with the Court a list of all persons who have timely requested exclusion from any of the
13 classes.

14 9. Any class member who does not properly and timely request exclusion from the
15 Settlement Class shall, upon final approval of the Settlement, be bound by all terms and provisions
16 of the Settlement so approved, including but not limited to the releases, waivers, and covenants
17 described in the Settlement, whether or not such person or entity objected to the Settlement and
18 whether or not such person or entity made a claim upon the settlement funds.

19 10. Each class member who does not timely exclude itself from the Settlement Class
20 shall have the right to object to the Settlement by filing written objections with the Court within a
21 time period, and in a manner to be set by the Court, and copies of which shall be served on all
22 counsel listed in the Class Notice. Failure to timely file and serve written objections will preclude
23 a class member from objecting at the Fairness Hearing.

24 11. All further class proceedings as to the Settling Defendants are hereby stayed except
25 for any actions required to effectuate the Settlement or that are otherwise permitted by the
26 Settlement Agreement or agreed to by the settling parties.


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1 12. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over this action to consider all further
2 matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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5 Dated February 11, 2011


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Honorable Claudia Wilken
United States District Court
Northern District of California
Oakland Division

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