UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Before The Honorable James P. Timony Administrative Law Judge



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RAMBUS INC.,

Docket No. 9302

a corporation.

NON-PARTY HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR INCORPORATED'S OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENT'S AMENDED APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA *AD TESTIFICANDUM* ON DR. K.H. OH

Respondent Rambus, Inc. ("Rambus") filed an application for the issuance of a subpoena *ad testificandum* to be served on Dr. K.H. Oh, the former head of the semiconductor group at Hynix Semiconductor Incorporated ("Hynix"). Dr. Oh currently lives and resides in South Korea. On December 6, 2002, Rambus amended its application purportedly to reflect a change in Dr. Oh's U.S. travel plans. In response to that application, Hynix files this opposition.¹

As demonstrated in detail below, Dr. Oh has voluntarily agreed to come to the United States next month to give deposition testimony in connection with this proceeding. Despite his cooperation, Rambus now seeks to punish Dr. Oh by serving him with a subpoena while in the United States solely to give testimony requiring him to travel back the United States for trial. The Administrative Law Judge, however, simply should not permit Rambus to impose such an unreasonable burden on Dr. Oh. Moreover, there is an abundance of caselaw

While Dr. Oh is no longer employed by Hynix, Hynix files this objection in order to protect its own interest in assuring Dr. Oh's continued willingness to travel to the United States for his deposition in this proceeding next month. Dr. Oh is also scheduled to give deposition testimony at that time in connection with a private lawsuit that Hynix has filed against Rambus in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Hynix

immunizing witnesses who voluntarily enter a jurisdiction in aid of a pending action from service of process. Based on this legal precedent, as well as fundamental notions of fairness to Dr. Oh, Rambus' motion should be denied.

ARGUMENT

K. H. Oh is the former chief executive of the semiconductor group of Hyundai Electronics (now known as Hynix). Dr. Oh is no longer employed by Hyundai, Hynix or any affiliate. Notwithstanding the fact that Dr. Oh does not travel to the United States on a regular basis, he voluntarily agreed to come to the United States and give deposition testimony in order to accommodate the Federal Trade Commission and Rambus. Dr. Oh is a busy executive and could well have refused to travel to the United States requiring the parties to travel to Korea to get his testimony. In return for his cooperation, Rambus now seeks to punish Dr. Oh by serving him with a subpoena while in the United States solely to give testimony requiring him to travel back the United States for trial.

There is a longstanding policy that a person who comes into the jurisdiction in aid of litigation should be immune from service of process. The rule is clearly stated in Stewart v. Ramsay, 242 U.S. 128, 129 (1916): "The true rule, well founded in reason and sustained by the greater weight of authority, is that suitors, as well as witnesses, coming from another state or jurisdiction, are exempt from the service of civil process while in attendance upon court, and during a reasonable time in coming and going." See also Page Co. v. Macdonald, 261 U.S. 446, 448 (1923); Shapiro & Son Curtain Corp. v. Glass, 348 F.2d 460, 462-62 (2d Cir. 1965) (quashing a subpoena served on a British citizen while in the United States to testify at trial based upon immunity); American Centennial Insurance Co., 901 F. Supp. 892, 895-97 (D.N.J.

Semiconductor, Inc. et al. v. Rambus, Inc., CV 00-20905 (U.S. Dist. N.D. Cal.). As a result, Hynix wants to ensure that Dr. Oh remains willing to provide that deposition next month.

1995) (granting a Panamanian citizen's motion to dismiss an action for lack of personal jurisdiction based upon immunity from service of process while in New Jersey for a deposition).

The Second Circuit has recognized the deep-rooted history of this immunity, as well as the sound public policy underlying it:

The rule giving certain witnesses, parties and attorneys in civil cases immunity from civil process during the period necessarily required for their appearance has deep roots in history. Judge L. Hand's opinion in Dwelle v. Allen, 546, 548 traces the immunity of a witness who has appeared voluntarily at least as far back as Rex v. Keel, 3 Doublas 45, 47 (1782), and shows that the only point there thought to require discussion was one that rings strangely in modern ears, namely, whether the immunity extended to a witness appearing voluntarily rather than under compulsion. In any event nearly two centuries are quite long enough -- particularly in light of Stewart v. Ramsay, 1916, 242 U.S. 128, 130, where the Court cited the oft-quoted statement in Parker v. Hotchkiss, C.C.E.D.Pa. 1849, 18 Fed.Cas. pages 1137, 1138, No. 10,739, sustaining the immunity as a 'privilege of the court' and explaining that 'it is founded in the necessities of the judicial administration.' While, as pointed out by Judge Wyzanski in United States v. Conley, 80 F. Supp. 700, 701 (D.C. Mass. 1948), the usual rational of the immunity, namely 'to encourage voluntary attendance of suitors and litigants who might stay away if they feared service of process in other litigation' may historically inaccurate as shown by Judge Hand, it is nevertheless a good one.

In re Equitable Plan, 277 F.2d 319, 320 (2d Cir. 1960).

While this rule developed in the context of trial appearances, the rule is plainly applicable to the present facts. Absent Dr. Oh's agreement to come to the United States, his testimony could only be obtained by service of a subpoena for his testimony in Korea. This would be far more expensive and cumbersome for all concerned. On the other hand, Rambus suffers no cognizable prejudice from denial of the subpoena. It can obtain any and all testimony it may seek from Dr. Oh in the form of a videotaped deposition. Preserving Dr. Oh's testimony in this manner will facilitate time management at trial, and allow Rambus and the Administrative Law Judge the full benefit of any evidence Dr. Oh has to give.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Rambus' motion for issuance of a subpoena on Dr.

K.H. Oh should be denied.

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