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| 15 | v. () | UNITED STATES' OPPOSITION TO MOTION OF DEFENDANTS AU |
| 16 17 | AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION; AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION AMERICA; | OPTRONICS CORPORATION AND |
| 18 | HSUAN BIN CHEN, aka H.B. CHEN; HUI HSIUNG, aka KUMA; | AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION AMERICA TO SPECIALLY SET |
| 19 | LAI-JUH CHEN, aka L.J. CHEN; SHIU LUNG LEUNG, aka CHAO-LUNG | SENTENCING HEARING |
| 20 | LIANG and STEVEN LEUNG; BORLONG BAI, aka RICHARD BAI; | |
| 21 | TSANNRONG LEE, aka TSAN-JUNG LEE and HUBERT LEE; | |
| 22 | CHENG YUAN LIN, aka C.Y. LIN; WEN JUN CHENG, aka TONY CHENG; and | |
| 23 | DUK MO KOO, | |
| 24 | Defendants. | |
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US' OPPOSITION TO MOTION OF DEFENDANTS AUO AND AUOA TO SPECIALLY SET SENTENCING HEARING [CR-09-0110~SI]

The United States opposes defendants' motion to delay their sentencing and requests that sentencing of all defendants proceed, as scheduled, on September 14, 2012 because (a) defendants were convicted almost six months ago, (b) the parties received comprehensive draft presentence reports in early August, (c) the parties lodged objections to the draft reports, (d) the objections lodged by defendants are comprehensive, contain lengthy expert declarations, and are essentially draft sentencing memoranda, (e) the final presentence reports were sent to the parties today, (f) the parties exchanged draft expert declarations and economic data related to sentencing issues over five weeks before the sentencing date, and (g) the parties have ample time to provide the Court with comprehensive sentencing memoranda by next Friday, thereby allowing the Court to sentence defendants on September 14 without the need for extensive, additional argument.

Contrary to defendants' recitation of the facts, the September 14 sentencing date was never set by the Court as a mere "place-holder." (Dkt. 933 at 2.) After Rule 29 arguments were completed on May 25, the government asked the Court to set a sentencing date in recognition of the fact that at least six months would elapse between the date of the jury's verdict and sentencing. (Tr. at 37:2-17.) Defendants objected to setting a sentencing date on the ground that an order granting some or all Rule 29 motions would obviate the need for a sentencing. (Tr. at 37:20-22.) The Court rejected defendants' attempt to evade a sentencing date and scheduled sentencing for September 14 with the caveat that it would be necessary to revisit or vacate the sentencing if some or all Rule 29 motions were granted: "I'll set September 14th now. And then, if in light of the [Rule 29] ruling we need to change that, you can meet and confer, and we'll do it. But we will at least have a date to aim for." (Tr. at 38:13-17.) The Rule 29 motions were denied in their entirety.

Defendants also indicated at that hearing that it was possible they would want a status conference for the purpose of setting dates for the exchange of economic data in advance of sentencing, thereby impacting the sentencing date. (Tr. at 38:2-9.) Defendants never did request such a status conference because it was unnecessary; the parties met and conferred, agreed, and did exchange expert declarations over five weeks before the September 14 sentencing date.

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Thus, there has been no reason to revisit the September 14 sentencing date since it was set by the Court over three months ago. There are no more issues of first impression to be decided; what remains to be done is to apply the Sentencing Guidelines to the relevant volumes of commerce and impose sentences on defendants. That can and should be done on September 14, as currently scheduled. Dated: August 31, 2012 Respectfully submitted, /s/ Peter K. Huston Peter K. Huston Heather S. Tewksbury **Antitrust Division** U.S. Department of Justice