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- JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
- 4 Counsel, good morning.
- 5 MR. STONE: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Any housekeeping items this
- 7 morning before we begin?
- 8 MR. OLIVER: No, Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: If not, then at this time
- 10 complaint counsel may call its next witness.
- 11 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor. Complaint
- 12 counsel call Joe Macri.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Macri, would you please
- 14 approach the Bench and be sworn by the court reporter.
- 15 Whereupon--
- 16 JOE MACRI
- a witness, called for examination, having been first
- 18 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 21 Q. Please state your name for the record.
- 22 A. Joe Macri.
- Q. And where are you currently employed?
- 24 A. ATI.
- Q. And what's your title there?

- 1 A. Director of engineering.
- 2 Q. Before we get into the detail on your work at
- 3 ATI, let's get a little more background. Where did you
- 4 go to college?
- 5 A. Worcester Polytech.
- 6 Q. What degree did you receive?
- 7 A. Bachelor's in electrical engineering.
- 8 Q. When did you graduate?
- 9 A. In 1986.
- 10 Q. What was your first job after you graduated?
- 11 A. Working at Digital Equipment Corporation
- 12 designing large ECL mainframe computers.
- 13 Q. I'm sorry, designing?
- 14 A. Large ECL mainframe computers.
- 15 Q. What is ECL?
- 16 A. Emitter coupled logic.
- 17 Q. And how long did you do that?
- 18 A. I worked in that group for about six years.
- 19 Q. And what did you do next?
- 20 A. Next, I worked on a research project dealing a
- 21 gallium arsenide alpha microprocessor.
- Q. What's gallium arsenide?
- 23 A. It's the material that you would make the
- 24 substrate out of, the base material for the device, for
- 25 the microprocessor device. Typically silicon is used,

1 but gallium is in some situations a faster material.

- Q. And how long were you doing that?
- 3 A. Approximately one year.
- 4 O. And what did you do next?
- 5 A. Next I worked in the Advanced Development Group
- 6 in Huntington, Massachusetts designing CMOS alpha
- 7 microprocessors.
- 8 Q. And how long were you doing that?
- 9 A. About two years, two and a half years.
- 10 Q. Okay. What were you doing -- you said you were
- 11 designing CMOS --
- 12 A. Alpha microprocessors. I was in charge of
- doing architecture development, performance modeling,
- 14 some logic design.
- 15 Q. And this is also at Digital?
- 16 A. Yes, this is also at Digital Equipment Corp.
- 17 Q. And what did you do next?
- 18 A. Next I helped start an office in Silicon
- 19 Valley. It was the Palo Alto Design Center, and we
- 20 were in charge of doing low-power alpha microprocessor
- 21 designs.
- 22 Q. And what were you doing there yourself?
- 23 A. There I was in charge of the performance
- 24 modeling and researching, you know, the base
- architecture of the microprocessors that we'd be

- 1 designing.
- Q. Now, when did you leave Digital?
- A. It was approximately 1994.
- 4 Q. Was this after moving to the Palo Alto Design
- 5 Group?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And where did you go after leaving
- 8 Digital?
- 9 A. Went to Silicon Graphics.
- 10 Q. And what were you doing there?
- 11 A. There I was working on a high-speed MIPS
- 12 microprocessor. It's a different architecture than the
- 13 alpha microprocessors.
- Q. And when you say "working on," what were you
- 15 doing?
- 16 A. Again, I was doing -- I was in charge of the
- 17 external interfacing for the cache and memory
- 18 subsystem.
- 19 O. Okay. And when you were there, what was
- 20 Silicon Graphics' line of business?
- 21 A. It was, you know, large graphics systems,
- 22 visual processors, as well as microprocessor design and
- 23 large service systems and workstations.
- Q. And how long were you at Silicon Graphics?
- 25 A. Approximately three and a half to four years.

1 A. ATI's line of business is primarily graphics

- design for the PCs, personal computers, as well as
- 3 set-top boxes, handheld PDAs, but mainly in the area of
- 4 visual -- visualization.
- 5 Q. And when did ATI purchase ArtX?
- 6 A. It was 2000, first quarter of 2000.
- 7 O. Okay. Now, what are your -- well, first of
- 8 all, what were your main responsibilities at ATI when
- 9 you started there?
- 10 A. I was in charge of the circuit -- circuit team
- 11 at Silicon Valley. Their task is doing high-speed
- interfaces, both in the analog and digital area, and
- analyzing buses and timing of those buses.
- 14 I'm also in charge of the relationships with
- 15 our -- with the DRAM vendors and a general resource for
- the company in terms of memory system design as well
- 17 as, you know, providing design and -- circuit design.
- 18 Q. When you say you're in charge of the
- 19 relationship with the DRAM vendors, what does that
- 20 mean?
- 21 A. Well, memory is extremely important to a
- graphics system, so we work very closely with the
- 23 memory vendors on understanding their current
- technologies, understanding their future plans and
- working with them to make sure that they line up with

- our products. So, I'm in charge essentially of
- 2 interfacing on a technical side and providing some
- 3 insight on the business side.
- 4 O. What kind of technical information do you
- 5 discuss with the DRAM manufacturers?
- A. Oh, it's pretty much all aspects of the memory
- 7 interface, things that would affect the DRAM core, the
- 8 interfaces to the DRAM, issues for our interface on our
- 9 ASICs, the bus topologies, pretty much everything to do
- 10 with the memory system.
- 11 Q. Do you talk about DRAM costs with the DRAM
- 12 manufacturers?
- 13 A. Yes, yes, that's very critical.
- Q. And could you describe the discussion that you
- 15 had with the DRAM manufacturers about cost?
- 16 A. Cost, very often we're measuring the impact to
- 17 the area of the silicon, you know, how much larger the
- 18 die area would grow, the DRAM device would grow or our
- 19 ASIC would grow in order to interface to a particular
- 20 DRAM. So, very often we're doing trade-offs of
- 21 particular concepts to see which would be more
- 22 expensive, so price/performance analysis.
- 23 Also, the physical packaging of those devices
- impacts cost dramatically, and so we spent a lot of
- 25 time studying, you know, what our decisions will do in

- 1 terms of impacting that package cost.
- 2 In addition, we take a look at the test
- 3 methodology and test costs associated with new concepts
- 4 and old concepts. We're always trying to simplify,
- 5 reduce costs, you know, essentially get the most we can
- 6 for any given dollar.
- 7 Q. Now, have you ever participated in the design
- 8 of a DRAM?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what have you -- when was the first time
- 11 you were participating in that?
- 12 A. That would have been in the JEDEC committee on
- 13 the DDR1 SDRAM.
- 14 Q. Could you give me some examples of DRAMs whose
- 15 design you participated in?
- 16 A. The DDR1 SDRAM, the DDR2 SDRAM, GDDR2, GDDR2M,
- 17 GDDR3.
- 18 Q. Now, when you say you participated in the
- 19 design of the DRAM, what are you understanding that to
- 20 mean?
- 21 A. The majority of the work is going on on the
- interface, so how you would actually talk to a DRAM.
- We do get into the core, but it's the major core
- 24 attributes, like the number of banks that would be in a
- core, the random accessibility of the core, and some

- 1 major attributes in the core, but the majority of the
- 2 work is by far on the interface.
- Q. Now, you were talking about the core. What do
- 4 you mean by the "core"?
- 5 A. The core is the array of cells that, you know,
- 6 hold the actual bits of data. That's what we would
- 7 call the core. The interface is what really talks to
- 8 the outside world off the DRAM.

- 1 change on any given cycle, and that can also reduce
- 2 power, because essentially if things don't change, they
- 3 don't really use power.
- 4 O. And I'm sorry, when you were saying "we," who
- 5 were you referring to?
- A. It was myself, engineers at ATI, and we
- 7 partnered with a Japanese company called Elpida.
- 8 O. How is the DRAM different from DDR2?
- 9 A. It's different in the area of termination, DDR2
- 10 uses a much higher power termination method. And it's
- 11 different in the area of -- essentially a DDR2 device,
- 12 every cycle, all of its data bits may change, and a
- 13 DDR2M device, we use an encoding method to essentially
- only allow half those bits to change. So, we get a big
- 15 power savings there.
- 16 We also did some minor modification -- you
- 17 know, froze some core attributes, such as burst size
- 18 and -- and let's see, we also froze the CAS, the CAS
- 19 latency.
- 20 Q. When you say you froze, what does that mean?
- 21 A. They were fixed, fixed length.
- Q. Okay. Now, in designing that DRAM, the GDDR2M,
- were you concerned about the cost of that DRAM?
- A. Oh, yes, that was very critical in the design.
- Q. And what did you understand to be the important

- factors in determining DDR cost?
- 2 A. Well, the two areas we focus on are die size
- 3 and package.
- 4 Q. Okay. And did the changes that you proposed
- 5 for the DRAM make it more or less expensive to make
- 6 than GDDR2?
- 7 A. It was less expensive from a die area point of
- 8 view. Package was approximately the same.
- 9 Q. Now, does ATI use GDDR2 in its products today?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And does ATI use GDDR2M in its products today?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, you also mentioned GDDR3. What is GDDR3?
- 14 A. GDDR3 is a device that's evolved from GDDR2, so
- it's a natural evolution, you know, the next step from
- 16 GDDR2.
- 17 Q. Okay. And what did you do with respect to the
- 18 design of that DRAM?
- 19 A. We again focused on the interface, you know,
- 20 the termination method. We wanted -- you know, GDDR2
- 21 was a device that was really for desktop computing
- 22 only. We wanted to reduce the power of it so we could
- 23 also target mobile computing but hit the same level or
- 24 higher levels of performance, actually significantly
- 25 higher levels of performance.

1 Q. And what was your involvement in that project?

- 2 A. My involvement was I was really the -- you
- 3 know, the focal point to bring together, you know,
- 4 largely the DRAM vendors to participate in the design
- 5 of that DRAM.
- Q. Okay. Did you have any design responsibilities
- 7 with respect to that DRAM?
- 8 A. Yes, I was in charge of the majority of the
- 9 interface changes. They were mostly ideas that came
- 10 out of myself or my team.
- 11 Q. And when you were designing the DRAM, were
- there DRAM manufacturers involved in that project?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Was this the same as the GDDR2, there was only
- one DRAM manufacturer involved?
- 16 A. No, there were many. All the major companies
- 17 participated, Samsung, Micron, Elpida, Hynix, as well
- 18 as Taiwanese vendors, such as Nanya, Winbond, Etron.
- 19 O. In designing that DRAM, were you concerned with
- 20 the cost of that DRAM?
- 21 A. Yes, it was very critical.
- 22 Q. And what were the factors that you considered?
- A. Again, it was in the areas of die area, that's
- 24 always the dominant cost, and then, you know, the
- 25 packaging of that DRAM.

- 1 O. Okay. Now, when did you first hear of JEDEC?
- 2 A. That must have been 1997.
- 3 Q. And how did you come to hear of JEDEC?
- 4 A. I was working on an SRAM, call it the DDR SRAM,
- 5 the DDR1 SRAM and a DDR2 SRAM, and I was visiting a
- 6 company in Japan by the name of Fujitsu, and during --
- 7 at some point in the meeting, they disclosed the DDR
- 8 DRAM that was being discussed in JEDEC, and that was
- 9 the first time I had heard of it.
- 10 Q. And what was your involvement in JEDEC in
- 11 '97-'98?
- 12 A. Well, I attended the first -- you know,
- basically as an engineer, when you hear of some
- 14 concepts that you don't agree with, you always think
- 15 you could do better, and so we decided to go to a JEDEC
- 16 meeting and explain to them some of the ways we thought
- 17 the device could be made better.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Who is "we"?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Myself and another engineer from
- 20 Silicon Graphics.
- 21 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 22 Q. What was the name of the other engineer?
- 23 A. Marty Deneroff.
- Q. Now, what's the ma8A wS8Iaphh somcJave been Waldorf, yl Myhat was

- 1 A. I started at that first meeting in '97. It was
- the fall of '97.
- Q. And you have been involved in JEDEC since that
- 4 time?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. What committees of JEDEC have you attended?
- 7 A. Predominantly the JC-42.3 committees, JC-42.5,
- 8 JC-16.1 and .2, and I've attended one or two meetings
- 9 in JC-40.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, have you ever been a -- had a
- 11 chairman or vice-chairman position at JEDEC?
- 12 A. Yes, I was chairman of the Future DRAM Task
- 13 Group, and I am currently the chair of JC-42.3, which
- is the DRAM committee.
- Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned the Future DRAM Task
- 16 Group. What was the Future DRAM Task Group?
- 17 A. That was a group that was formed in 1998, I
- 18 believe March of 1998, to focus on the next genera OkayOougoOou

1 O. I'd like to show you what's been marked for

- 2 identification as CX-398. So, Joe, if you look in that
- 3 pile there, 398 should be in there.
- 4 A. They're not in order.
- 5 Q. The numbers are at the bottom of the document.
- A. I see CX-128 is the top document. Would this
- 7 be CX --
- 8 Q. No, no, it will say CX-398. It's --
- 9 A. 398, okay.
- 10 MR. OLIVER: Your Honor, could I approach the
- 11 witness?
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure, go ahead.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Oh, I see it, it's down here.
- 0kay.
- 15 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 16 Q. Do you have CX-398?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you recognize this email?
- 19 A. Please give me one moment.
- 20 O. Sure.
- 21 A. (Document review.) Yes, I recognize the
- 22 document.
- Q. Okay. I'd like you to turn to the second page
- of the document and particularly your email in the
- 25 middle of that page.

JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, just so I'm clear on

- what we're talking about here, Mr. Davis, can you tell
- 3 me what this is for the record before we go into the
- 4 contents so I'll know when I go through this transcript
- 5 what it is that this email purports to show?
- 6 MR. DAVIS: Okay. Well, my questions will
- 7 relate to the email starting on the second page of the
- 8 document. That's what I was going to ask him about.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay. Well, all I'm asking you
- 10 to do is lay a foundation as to who this email is from,
- 11 who it's to and the subject.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay, okay.
- BY MR. DAVIS:
- 14 Q. Mr. Macri, do you recognize the email in the
- 15 middle of the page there?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. And who is that email from?
- 18 A. It's from myself.
- 19 Q. And who were you sending that email to?
- 20 A. To Jim Townsend.
- Q. And why were you sending that email?
- 22 A. I was sending that email due to some concerns I
- 23 had concerning concepts that would be developed in the
- 24 Future DRAM Task Group, and they were in the areas of
- ownership of patents, and you know, and Jim was someone

of a -- kind of a leader of -- you know, an original

- 2 founder of JEDEC, and so he would be an ideal person to
- 3 bounce these ideas off of.
- 4 Q. So, you sent that email to Jim Townsend because
- of his position at JEDEC?
- A. Yes, to ask advice in this area.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: What's the date of the email,
- 9 for the record?
- MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry.
- 11 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 12 Q. And could you tell me the date of the email,
- 13 please?
- 14 A. May 25th, 1999.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you.
- 16 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 17 Q. Now, in this email you state, "I am a bit
- 18 unsure how to approach this whole patent issue. We
- 19 will have a few concepts that could be patented but who
- 20 will end up owning the patent and paying for the
- 21 process? It would be best if JEDEC owned all the DDR2
- 22 patents and then gave them away to all the world for
- 23 free. Could we do this?"
- 24 Why did you think it would be best if JEDEC
- owned all the DDR2 patents and gave them away to all

- the world for free?
- 2 A. Well, we -- you know, our goal was to create an
- 3 open standard, and it's very critical in an open
- 4 standard that it becomes widely adapted. Obviously
- 5 costs that would be related to IP in that standard
- 6 could prevent the wide adoption of it. So, you know,
- 7 one thought I had was if JEDEC would own all of the
- 8 patents and they would be given Wo-

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. Could you describe what this document is?
- 3 A. This is a presentation I gave at the Platform
- 4 '99 Conference.
- 5 Q. And did you write this document?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. And when did you write this document?
- 8 A. Let's see, probably the night before I gave
- 9 this talk.
- 10 Q. And about when did you give this talk?
- 11 A. It was in 1999.
- 12 Q. Okay. And what was this presentation about?
- 13 A. This presentation was, you know, kind of a
- description of where we were in defining the DDR2
- 15 device. I wanted to give -- you know, the Platform
- 16 Conference was a public conference, and this was an
- opportunity to describe to the world, you know, what we
- 18 were up to.
- 19 O. Could you describe what a Platform Conference
- 20 is?
- 21 A. This was a conference that was created by a man
- 22 by the name of Burt McComis to provide an open forum
- that, you know, where companies could come and present
- 24 concepts relating to personal computers.
- Q. Okay. Could you turn to page 14 of the

- 1 document?
- 2 Did you make this figure?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. What did you intend this figure to describe?
- 5 A. This figure was my personal view of what the
- 6 standards process entailed.
- 7 O. Could you describe how this describes the --
- 8 how the standards process works?
- 9 A. Well, basically we start out with what we call
- 10 a task group, which is a collection of people that
- 11 would get together within JEDEC to start a definition
- of a device. The goal of the task group is to create a
- 13 standard. In order to create a standard in JEDEC, you
- 14 must write ballots, and those ballots need to be voted
- on. And so that's what's labeled as the ballot
- 16 process, the creation of those ballots and the actual
- 17 voting procedures.
- 18 Now, it's not a closed-loop system. We
- 19 actually have this, you know, large oval that's called
- 20 system implementation, and that goes outside of that
- 21 dotted box. The dotted box is intended to show what
- 22 happens within JEDEC versus what appears outside of
- 23 JEDEC. So, the -- you know, the -- we're taking
- 24 feedback in from the outside world as well as from
- within JEDEC, constantly refining the ballots and the

1 concepts until eventually a standard is produced, and

- then people go off and build systems based on that
- 3 standard.
- 4 O. Okay. So, when you say the system
- 5 implementation in that large oval, what does that refer
- 6 to?
- 7 A. That refers to the actual use of the device,
- 8 the DRAM device, in a larger system. A DRAM alone
- 9 doesn't really do anything. It needs to talk to other
- things, and there's a vast array of, you know, system
- 11 types, from like a personal computer to a digital
- 12 television, they all use the DRAM a bit differently.
- 13 And so the system implementation process is
- 14 essentially users of the DRAM using the device, finding
- 15 issues with the standard, and then feeding that data
- 16 back into JEDEC so we can refine the standard to
- 17 satisfy, you know, a wide array of things for the DRAM.
- MR. DAVIS: I would move RX-2234 into evidence.
- MR. STONE: No objection.
- 20 JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered.
- 21 (RX Number 2234 was admitted into evidence.)
- 22 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 23 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked for
- identification as CX-376A. Do you recognize this
- 25 email?

1 A. Please give me one moment. (Document review.)

- 2 Yes.
- 3 O. And what's the -- who is this email from?
- 4 A. This email is from myself.
- 5 Q. And who were you sending this email to?
- 6 A. To the task group, the Future DRAM Task Group.
- 7 Q. So, this large list of people here next to the
- 8 "To" line, that was the Future DRAM Task Group?
- 9 A. Yes, that was the email list.
- 10 O. And the date of this email?
- 11 A. Is 3/18/1998.
- 12 O. And what was this email about?
- 13 A. Well, it was -- the main subject matter of the
- 14 email was to, you know, announce, you know, really the
- 15 start of the task group and a set of goals, initial
- 16 goals, mission statement, method outline, and also
- informing the group that, you know, I had left Silicon
- 18 Graphics and had joined ArtX.
- 19 Q. So, that's in the first paragraph?
- 20 A. That's in the first paragraph, but the main --
- 21 the meat of this email was really the other stuff that
- 22 I mentioned.
- Q. If you turn to page 2 of CX-376A, there's that
- 24 mission statement you were referring to, and it says,
- 25 "Define and develop a long term roadmap detailing the

1 logical, physical and electrical interfaces for future

- 2 DRAMs. In addition the group is tasked with providing
- 3 the initial specification for each device specified on
- 4 the roadmap."
- 5 Could you tell me what the differences between
- 6 logical, physical and electrical interfaces are? What
- 7 do those terms mean?
- 8 A. Okay, an electrical interface would be, for
- 9 example, the number of volts that a signal would
- 10 represent on a wire. So, it's literally the, you know,
- 11 the voltage, the currents, you know, those electrical
- 12 attributes of the signaling interface.
- The logical interface is, for example, you
- 14 know, that we would have a RAS signal to latch to a row
- 15 address, so it's functional, very functional on how --
- on the description of that interface. The encodings of
- a command, for example, would be part of the logical
- 18 interface.
- 19 The physical interface is literally the number
- of pins, you know, how you would actually connect it
- 21 down to a circuit board, so physically how you would
- 22 interface to that -- to that DRAM.
- Q. Now, in the last sentence of the mission
- 24 statement, you refer to a written specification for
- 25 each device. What is a specification?

- 1 A. A specification is a document -- you know, a
- 2 very detailed document, goes into absolutely all of the
- 3 details needed to understand the device and use the
- 4 device in a real system. So, it's -- would include
- 5 everything, all the electrical characteristics, as well
- 6 as the physical and logical characteristics.
- 7 O. Does the specification relate to other parts of
- 8 the DRAM system as well besides the DRAM?
- 9 A. At times it does, but just as background
- 10 information. I mean, the specification is really
- 11 focusing on the device alone, not so much how you would
- 12 go and use the device.
- 13 O. Okay. Now, under Initial Goals in the middle
- of the page -- do you see that, where it says "Initial
- 15 Goals"?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You list a presentation of initial roadmap at
- 18 6/98 and then a strawman specification in 9/98.
- 19 What is a strawman specification?
- 20 A. A strawman specification would be a first --
- 21 you know, a first attempt at a specification, you know,
- 22 all of the detail wouldn't be outlined, but it would
- 23 provide, you know, enough logical detail and some
- 24 electrical detail so you can understand what the device
- 25 would be.

- 1 Q. Okay. And next you describe an agenda for
- 2 April 16th, 1998. What was this agenda for?
- 3 A. This was for the first meeting of the Future
- 4 DRAM Task Group.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: I'd like to move CX-376A into
- 6 evidence.
- 7 MR. STONE: Your Honor, Exhibit CX-376 is
- 8 already in evidence, so I'm not sure whether this is
- 9 meant to replace 376 or to be in addition to it. I
- 10 believe they have the same production numbers on the
- 11 pages between 376 and 376A.
- 12 My understanding of the difference is, but I
- could be incorrect, is that when Hynix originally
- 14 produced the document, their email search engine, which
- 15 was searching for words in email, resulted in whatever
- 16 words they were searching for being blacked out in the
- one that was produced and that this has eliminated the
- 18 black-outs. I could be wrong, but that's what I think.
- 19 So, I thought maybe it makes sense to simply
- 20 move this into evidence in replacement of 376, which I
- 21 don't know that we need two copies of the same
- 22 document.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: I have no objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Then how is it going to be

- 1 entered? It's CX -- I'm sorry, it's CX-376?
- 2 MR. DAVIS: Yes.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: And that's going to be entered
- 4 in lieu of the previous exhibit?
- 5 MR. STONE: I think since this one is marked A,
- 6 Your Honor, we should simply move in 376A to replace
- 7 376, which then we don't -- we won't need to refer to
- 8 376 hereafter.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, Mr. Davis, is that all
- 10 right with you?
- 11 MR. STONE: That's fine.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: So entered.
- 13 (CX Exhibit Number 376A was admitted into
- 14 evidence.)
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Stone.
- 16 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 17 Q. Now I'd like to show you what's been marked for
- 18 identification as CX-378. Have you seen this email
- 19 before?
- 20 A. Just give me one more moment to finish it.
- 21 (Document review.) Yes, I've seen this.
- Q. Now, who is the top email from?
- 23 A. The top email is from Desi Rhoden.
- O. And who is it to?
- 25 A. Myself as well as what could be described as

1 the JEDEC chairs and leadership at the time of this

- 2 email.
- Q. And what was the date of his email to you?
- 4 A. It was 4/8/1998.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of why Desi
- 6 Rhoden was sending you this email?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And what's your understanding?
- 9 A. He was informing me of the rules regarding
- 10 inviting nonmembers to participate in the Future DRAM
- 11 Task Group.
- 12 Q. And if you look right below his email,
- 13 there's -- it looks like another email. Do you see
- 14 that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And who is that email from?
- 17 A. Myself.
- 18 Q. Was Mr. Rhoden responding to your email to him?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 O. Now --
- 21 A. Not only to him, but to Jim as well as Ken.
- Q. Jim being Jim Townsend?
- A. Jim Townsend and Ken McGhee.
- Q. Now, in your email to, among other people, Desi
- 25 Rhoden, you state, "It is my opinion we should get as

- 1 many parties to come as possible."
- What are you referring to there?
- 3 A. To come to the Future DRAM Task Group.
- 4 Q. And you say, "So I encourage you all to invite
- 5 those that you deem appropriate. I am not fully aware
- of all the rules surrounding JEDEC but I hope that the
- 7 rules would allow non-members to come as guests."
- 8 Why did you want as many members -- as many
- 9 parties to come as possible?
- 10 A. Well, our goal was to create a broad enough
- 11 standard to be used by as many people as possible in
- the world, so it made sense that if that was our goal,
- we would have as many people attend the meeting from as
- 14 many different, you know, applications of DRAMs as well
- as builders of DRAMs, everything surrounding DRAM, so
- that the final standard would have, you know, the
- 17 consensus of the world, so that it would become widely
- adopted and used throughout the world.
- 19 MR. DAVIS: I'd like to move 378 into evidence.
- MR. STONE: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 22 (CX Exhibit Number 378 was admitted into
- evidence.)
- 24 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Now, Mr. Macri, have you created a document

- that describes the DDR2 history?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And do you have that in front of you?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. Okay, that is -- I think we notified --
- 6 Your Honor, may I approach?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I would like to use
- 9 this as a demonstrative.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: What is that, DX-46?
- 11 MR. STONE: I believe you're right, this will
- 12 be 46.
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: It will be 47?
- MR. STONE: I believe this will be 46, Your
- Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, 46. That's what I was
- 17 thinking. If it's not, we will change it later. Okay,
- 18 DX-46.

- were creating DDR2, the DDR2 standard.
- Q. Okay. Since we're talking about the history,
- 3 would you turn to the fourth page into the document.
- 4 Could you describe what that is?
- 5 A. Okay, this is a chart that's showing in the
- 6 vertical axis essentially change. So, when there's --
- 7 when the line is -- you know, when the line is slanted,
- 8 that means there's architectural change. There's
- 9 actual changes to the DRAM going on.
- 10 The horizontal axis is time, so to the left is
- 11 earlier in time and to the right is later in time. So,
- it's change in time. So -- yeah, that's essentially,
- 13 you know --

- 1 list of attributes, major attributes, to create a, you
- 2 know, a real standard which is in the end a
- 3 specification, you must add an infinite amount of
- 4 detail to those attributes. So, this was -- during
- June of 2000 to June of 2001, we were adding the meat,
- 6 you know, the real description that an engineer would
- 7 need to truly understand these -- these concepts.
- 8 Q. Now, between June of 2001 and September of
- 9 2001, as I'm reading this, it seems like there were
- some architectural changes that happened to the DDR2
- 11 standard as well?

- 1 DRAM, you know, systems using that DRAM.
- Q. Now, the changes that occurred in -- the
- 3 architectural changes between June of 2001 and
- 4 September of 2001, did they affect the work that was
- 5 going on inside of JEDEC at those companies?
- A. No, not really, because the changes we put in
- 7 were changes that could be turned on or off. So,
- 8 designs that were already in flight, they didn't need
- 9 to be started over or be, you know, changed in any
- 10 significant way. So, these were really changes that
- 11 were made -- they were made consciously not to cause
- damage to the development that had already started.
- Q. And why was that important?
- 14 A. Well, you know, many -- some systems take a
- 15 very long time to design, and it's really important
- that, you know, we provide stability to the designers.
- 17 If we were to make a change that would cause them to go
- 18 back and essentially tear up their design, we would be
- 19 forcing companies to incur great expense, enormous
- 20 expense, not only on the design period but also on
- 21 their product lines.
- 22 Time to market is extremely critical in this
- 23 world. You could really devastate a company, even a
- large company. You could cause such an economic impact
- to it that, you know, it's possible they may not

- 1 recover.
- 2 MR. STONE: Your Honor, I move to strike the
- 3 last two sentences of the witness' answer on the
- 4 grounds that he lacks foundation to express opinions
- 5 about what causes companies to go out of business or
- 6 not, at least if he has that personal experience in
- 7 that area, it's not part of the foundation that has
- 8 been laid.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: He has been working at a number of
- 10 companies for a while, including a startup that -- that
- 11 dealt with this sort of a risk.
- 12 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'll let it in and then I'll
- 13 give it its due weight. Overruled.
- MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 15 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 16 Q. Now, you explained that the new -- the
- 17 architectural changes that occurred between June of
- 18 2001 and September of 2001 related to presentations
- 19 made by I think you said Intel and ADT and AMD?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And why were those changes made to the
- 22 standard?
- 23 A. They justified that with performance
- improvement, and the committee, you know, came up with
- 25 a set of changes that would allow those performance

- improvements to be realized but in a way that wouldn't,
- 2 you know, destroy the development that was already
- 3 started. So, that's how they got justified.

- 1 meeting, the April 16th, 1998 Future DRAM Task Group
- 2 meeting, are they included in this document?
- 3 A. I do not see the actual meeting minutes. I see
- 4 the meeting agenda, and I see all the presentations. I
- 5 don't see a copy of -- you know, a detailed copy of the
- 6 minutes.
- 7 Q. Okay, but the presentations are the
- 8 presentations that were given at the Future DRAM Task
- 9 Group meeting?
- 10 A. Yes. I'm not sure if this is all of them, but
- 11 these are presentations that were given at the meeting.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 I'd move to admit CX-128.
- MR. STONE: Your Honor, I just -- I'm confused,
- 15 because there's a part of the document dated May of
- 16 '98, which is page 7 and maybe some of the pages
- following, so I'm just concerned whether the document
- is a complete set of materials as the witness described
- 19 them, presentations in April. So, I just wonder if the
- 20 description of the document is consistent with the
- 21 contents.
- I don't object to the admission of it, but I do
- 23 think there might be a question as to whether the
- 24 document has some --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Is complete?

- 1 MR. STONE: -- extraneous pages in it.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you want to comment on that,
- 3 Mr. Davis?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Well, I'll ask Mr. Macri about the
- 5 presentations.
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right.
- 7 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 8 Q. If you turn to CX-128, page 7, this is a
- 9 presentation that runs on for -- it looks like through
- 10 page 13.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether that
- presentation was given at the JEDEC Future DRAM Task
- 14 Group or was given sometime later?
- 15 A. It was given at the JEDEC Future DRAM Task
- 16 Group. It is stated quite clearly on the first page
- that it was, and I do remember discussing all these
- 18 concepts, you know, not only -- you know, at a number
- 19 of meetings. These were not concepts that were just
- 20 discussed once.
- 21 Q. Do you have an understanding of why it says
- 22 "5-98 Santa Clara Meeting" on that?
- 23 A. Well, the first meeting I know numbe Task

- 1 at Silicon Graphics.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You know, it is what it is, Mr.
- 3 Stone.
- 4 MR. STONE: It is what it is, Your Honor.
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: I will take note of your
- 6 statement, but otherwise, entered.
- 7 MR. STONE: Thank you.
- 8 (CX Exhibit Number 128 was admitted into
- 9 evidence.)
- 10 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 11 Q. Now, I'd like to show you what's been marked
- 12 for identification as CX-379A.
- This is a document that was already entered as
- 14 CX-379, and it has the same black-out problem as the
- 15 earlier document. I would propose that we treat it the
- 16 same.
- 17 MR. STONE: I agree with that.
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Is that to say, then, that it's
- 19 being offered at this time, Mr. Davis?
- 20 MR. DAVIS: No, I'll --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You are just showing it at this
- 22 time?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I have the document.

- 1 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. I'm sorry?
- 3 A. I have it.
- 4 Q. Have you looked at it?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, is this -- who is this email from?
- 7 A. It's from myself.
- 8 Q. And when did you send it?
- 9 A. 4/28/1998.
- 10 Q. And who were you sending it to?
- 11 A. I was sending it to the Future DRAM Task Group.
- Q. Okay. And why were you sending this email to
- 13 the Future DRAM Task Group?
- 14 A. It was an email that, you know, outlined action
- 15 items from our -- from our meeting, as well as having a
- 16 copy of the meeting minutes, and at the beginning, I
- 17 think I was prodding some of the companies to forward
- their presentations back to the JEDEC office.
- 19 Q. And when you were talking about a meeting,
- 20 which meeting were you referring to?
- 21 A. That initial meeting of the Future DRAM Task
- 22 Group.
- Q. And that was the same meeting at which the

- 1 Q. Okay. Do you know who wrote these notes?
- 2 A. Some of the notes -- well, some of this is just
- 3 from myself, and the meeting minutes are -- were taken
- 4 by -- let's see, it looks like Jim Rogers actually took
- 5 some notes, but I know Ken McGhee generally takes
- 6 the -- you know, takes the meeting minutes.
- 7 O. Do you remember reviewing these minutes before
- 8 sending them out?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. If you could turn to page 2 of CX-379A, now, in
- 11 the middle of the page under Brief Meeting Summary, it
- says, "The first JEDEC DRAM Futures Taskgroup meeting
- was held on April 23rd. The purpose of the meeting was
- 14 to start the definition of a high speed DRAM type which
- 15 would follow DDR SDRAM."
- Now, you stated earlier that the date of this
- email is April 1998. Do you know if DDR SDRAM at this
- 18 point was being sold in volume at the time?
- 19 A. It was -- it was not being sold in large volume
- 20 at the time.
- 21 Q. Well, why were you and other engineers getting
- 22 involved in trying to define the DRAM that was going to
- 23 come after DDR if DDR wasn't even being sold in volume
- 24 at the time?
- 25 A. Well, the design process is long, and we needed

1 to be proactive. You know, the definition for DDR at

- 2 that point was pretty much complete, and so we decided
- 3 that we should start the -- the definition of the next
- 4 DRAM so we could, one, have the luxury of some time,
- 5 because these things -- you know, they're complicated,
- 6 and to actually complete a full standard and have it
- 7 cover a large number of markets takes guite a bit of
- 8 time. So, we needed to start early.
- 9 We also wanted to, you know, provide, you know,
- 10 a forum where we could bring in industry experts to
- 11 educate the committee so that the standard we did
- 12 produce would be a better standard at the end of the
- day. So, that, again, added time.
- 14 The design cycle was long, so we needed to do
- 15 this very early so that systems could be started to be
- 16 designed -- DRAMs could be designed such that when the
- DDR1 standard, you know, ended its life, the DDR2
- 18 standard and its systems would be ready to take over in
- 19 a seamless fashion. So, we -- you know, we needed to
- 20 be proactive purely because you can't build these
- 21 things in a day. It takes quite a bit of time.
- 22 O. You said the design cycle was long. What did
- you mean by the term "design cycle"?
- 24 A. Well, design cycle is the design cycle of the
- 25 systems that use a DRAM, you know, the actual ASICs,

1 the full systems that surround those ASICs, as well as

- 2 the DRAM itself. You know, DRAMs do take time to
- design, so the design cycle is -- refers to all -- you
- 4 know, every component of the system.
- 5 Q. Okay. Next I'd like you to focus at the bottom
- of the same page at the list following this statement.
- 7 "The following are some common themes/features of a
- 8 future DRAM that were generally agreed upon during the
- 9 meeting."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What's the importance of this list?
- 13 A. I would say, you know, the goal is, you know,
- 14 when you have a design task, you want to create a set
- of boundaries so you can start focusing on more
- 16 specific issues. So, this would be in some ways a
- 17 start of a consensus list so that we could then start
- 18 focusing the group rather than having the group looking
- 19 at a pure -- you know, an infinite number of options.
- Q. Okay. If you look at the first item, it says,
- 21 "Minimal to no system cost adder over PC100."
- 22 What does that mean?
- 23 A. It was a goal that we set forth to the group
- 24 to, you know, not make it inherently more costly to use
- 25 a DDR2 SDRAM than it was to use a PC-100 SDRAM. So,

- 1 minimal cost adder means, you know, you wouldn't
- 2 have -- you know, from the system point of view, the
- 3 system wouldn't take very much more or no more dollars
- 4 to build.
- 5 Q. Next, the next bullet states, "Must have a
- 6 lifetime of 3 DRAM density generations."
- What does that mean?
- 8 A. A DRAM density is the number of bits in a DRAM;
- 9 for example, a 256-megabit DRAM, a 512-megabit DRAM.
- 10 DRAM density generations in some way map back to time,
- and so three generations is typically the minimum a
- 12 standard would survive, and so we set that as, you
- 13 know, as the -- as essentially the minimum lifetime
- 14 qoal.
- 15 Q. Now, you said that the DRAM density generations
- 16 map back to time. How long is three generations
- 17 approximately in calendar time?
- 18 A. It's approximately six years.
- 19 Q. And why was it important that the DRAM
- 20 generation have a lifetime of three DRAM density
- 21 generations or six years?
- 22 A. Well, you know, it's very costly to, you know,
- do a large-scale development of systems, of DRAMs, and
- 24 so it's important that, you know, the manufacturers,
- 25 regardless of where you are in the -- in the chain,

- 1 have the ability to amortize the development costs over
- 2 a large number of years so there can be profit.
- O. Okay. Now, if you could turn to page 9 of
- 4 CX-379A, and I'm referring to the statement, "Which
- 5 architecture should the solution be based on?" That's
- 6 followed by a list of it looks like three different
- 7 DRAM types, Rambus, SLDRAM, DDR SDRAM.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. What does that refer to?
- 11 A. By architecture, these Rambus, SLDRAM and DDR
- were what we would call base architectures. They would
- 13 be a -- you know, a different style of device. That's
- 14 what base architecture means or architecture means in
- 15 this case.
- Q. And what is base architecture? Why were you --
- 17 why was the JEDEC DRAM Future Task Group deciding about
- 18 a base architecture?
- 19 A. Well, we wanted to -- we didn't want to start
- 20 with a clean sheet of paper. We wanted to evolve a
- 21 current DRAM so we could take that user base and move
- 22 them as seamlessly as possible into the future. So, we
- 23 needed to pick the DRAM we would start with and then
- 24 evolve it.
- Q. Why was it important to evolve the DRAM?

- 1 A. One of the most critical really design
- 2 attributes is backwards compatibility. What we do, we
- don't want to change everything such that when you
- 4 would design a new system for this DDR2 SDRAM, that it
- 5 would be absolutely incompatible with the past. So,
- 6 we -- you know, we need backwards compatibility.
- 7 If you're looking from the back forward, it's
- 8 kind of forward compatibility. This is probably one of
- 9 the most important design attributes, you know, that we
- 10 needed to keep focused on.
- 11 Q. Now, what actually is going on in this? It
- 12 says that there's Rambus, zero votes, SLDRAM, 12 votes,
- DDR SDRAM, 22 votes.
- 14 A. Well, we're trying to -- you know, this was a
- 15 straw poll. A straw poll is used in a JEDEC committee
- 16 to identify a path, to identify, you know, which -- you
- 17 know, for a question that's given to the committee,
- 18 which way the committee should head. It's not the same
- 19 as a ballot to go into a standard, but what it's used
- 20 as is a way that during the group discussion to send us
- 21 down a fork in the road, you know, decide which fork we
- 22 should take, which path we should take.
- MR. DAVIS: I think we're having a little bit
- 24 of trouble with our --
- MR. OLIVER: Could we go off the record for

- just a moment, Your Honor, to fix our computer here?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Sure, we will go off the record
- 3 so you can iron that out.
- 4 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 5 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, on the record.
- 6 Mr. Davis, you may proceed.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 9 Q. Now, before the break, you were referring to a
- 10 vote on the architecture that the solution should be
- 11 based on. Now, what was the importance of that vote to
- 12 the development of the standard?
- 13 A. Well, as I said, we need -- we wanted to pick
- 14 the base architecture of the device, the previous --
- 15 you know, the DRAM we would start with, and then modify
- it to form the standard, the new standard, DDR2.
- Q. Okay. Now, halfway down that page, you state

- 1 MR. STONE: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 3 (CX Exhibit Number 379A was admitted into
- 4 evidence.)
- 5 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 6 Q. Now, I'd like to show you what's been marked
- 7 for identification as CX-132.
- 8 A. (Document review.)
- 9 Q. Okay, do you know what this is?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Could you describe what this document is?
- 12 A. This is the meeting minutes of the Future DRAM
- 13 Task Group from July 23rd, 1998.
- 14 Q. And how is this -- how were these minutes
- 15 compiled?
- 16 A. These minutes were compiled by most likely Ken
- 17 McGhee from the JEDEC office or -- or it could have
- 18 been another person, you know, taking these.
- 19 O. But you have reviewed these minutes?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And why would you have reviewed these minutes?
- 22 A. It is a task of the JEDEC chairman to review
- 23 the minutes.
- Q. And why would the -- I'm sorry. Why would the
- 25 JEDEC chairman review these minutes?

- 1 A. Well, the JEDEC chairman first reviews the
- 2 minutes to ensure accuracy before they're presented to
- 3 the entire committee, and then, you know, they're
- 4 eventually accepted by the committee itself through a,
- 5 you know, a process of, you know, someone makes a
- 6 motion and a second and then a vote is taken.
- 7 Q. Now, if you could turn to page 4 of CX-132,
- 8 item 6 is listed as Current Consensus. Now, there were
- 9 items listed as current consensus in the previous
- 10 meeting minutes. Is that something that you listed in
- 11 every meeting minute, the current consensus?
- 12 A. Yes, at the beginning of every meeting, we
- 13 would review the current consensus.
- 14 O. And what was meant by the current consensus?
- 15 A. It is the attributes of the DRAM that were
- 16 agreed upon by the task group, the committee.
- 17 Q. Okay. And then the first item in that current
- 18 consensus says, "DDR Based."
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 O. And what does it mean that the future would be
- 21 DDR based?
- 22 A. It means that we would use the DDR1 SDRAM as
- 23 the basic architecture for the DDR2 SDRAM.
- Q. Did you agree that DDR1 should be the basis for
- 25 the future DRAM?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 O. Why?
- 3 A. It was my belief that the DDR SDRAM covered a
- 4 broad range of markets and that it would be a success
- 5 in the industry, and therefore, we should base our --
- 6 our new design on it.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: I'd like to move CX-132 into
- 8 evidence.
- 9 MR. STONE: No objection.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 11 (CX Exhibit Number 132 was admitted into
- 12 evidence.)
- 13 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Now, I'd like you to look at CX-2315. Do you
- 15 have it?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Would you like to look at it before --
- 18 A. Yes, please give me one moment. (Document
- 19 review.) Okay.
- Q. Could you describe what this document is?
- 21 A. This is an email exchange, you know, talking
- 22 about, you know, essentially the success of the DDR
- 23 SDRAM and how it plays into, you know, the possible
- 24 success of the DDR2 SDRAM.
- Q. And who is this email exchange between?

- 1 A. The last "To" section -- the top section is
- 2 from Jim Townsend, and in part he's responding to an
- 3 email I sent to him and a number of other people,
- 4 essentially the JEDEC leadership, and then after that,
- 5 it's emails that I -- that were from Jim Townsend to
- 6 myself as well as Desi Rhoden and Gordon Kelley, and at
- 7 the absolute end was a -- some drafts of an email
- 8 concerning the drafts of a JC-42 agenda and some
- 9 discussion of attending the leadership meeting.
- 10 Q. I'd like to focus you on page 1 of 2315,
- 11 CX-2315, and the line that starts, "At 02:36 p.m.,
- 12 8/10/98, you wrote."
- 13 Are you there?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What follows that, that line?
- 16 A. "Hello, Jim."
- Q. Yes. The first line or so -- you don't have to
- 18 read it. I just wanted you to identify what that was.
- 19 A. This was an email from myself that, you know,
- 20 talked through the way I would -- you know, the way --
- 21 my interpretation of the status of current DRAMs in the
- 22 world and where, you know, the world may go and
- describes, you know, essentially a chicken and egg
- 24 problem concerning the DDR SDRAM.
- Q. Why don't we go to that.

1 Now, first of all, you described who Jim

- 2 Townsend was earlier. You start the email with, "A lot
- 3 of what we are doing in the Future DRAM Task group
- 4 relies on the success of DDR SDRAM."
- 5 Why did the work on the DDR2 SDRAM rely on the
- 6 success of the DDR SDRAM?
- 7 A. Well, firstly, we based the DDR2 SDRAM on the
- 8 DDR SDRAM, and you know, that was very -- you know,
- 9 that was very important for backwards compatibility,
- 10 you know, to make it easy to transition from one DRAM
- 11 to the next, and that was true of the SDRAM to the DDR
- 12 SDRAM.
- So, if the DDR SDRAM wasn't successful, it
- 14 would only make sense to me that any device based on it
- 15 also wouldn't be successful, because there wouldn't be
- 16 a large number of designers in the world that would be
- designing to the previous generation, the DDR, so why
- 18 would a large number of people then start designing to
- 19 the DDR2 SDRAM?
- Q. Okay. Next you say, "With the info I have to
- 21 date it is starting to look like the world may stay SDR
- 22 until Rambus is available."
- By "SDR," what were you referring to?
- A. SDRAM.
- 25 Q. So, single data rate --

- 1 A. The JEDEC single data rate SDRAM.
- Q. Then you say, "This is mainly due to a supplier
- 3 commitment to SDR and Rambus."
- 4 What information did you have that indicated
- 5 that the DDR manufacturers were going to produce SDRAM
- 6 and then move to Rambus?
- 7 A. It was information widely available in the
- 8 public domain, as well as information from DRAM vendors
- 9 on their road maps.
- 10 O. You referred to information from DRAM vendors
- on the road maps. What road maps are you referring to?
- 12 A. These are road maps that are made available to
- me both under NDA and non-NDA. I'd say no details were
- shown here, so there was no violation of the NDAs.
- 15 Q. Then you say, "This includes the memory
- 16 suppliers as well as the companies that support the
- 17 underlying infrastructure. It is a chicken and an egg
- 18 problem... The vendors won't line up to produce the
- 19 device unless there are users... But the users won't
- 20 consider the part unless the suppliers/infrastructure
- 21 is in place."
- 22 Could you describe what you meant by this
- 23 problem is a chicken and egg problem?
- A. Well, the user of a DRAM can't commit to a DRAM
- unless they are sure that the DRAM suppliers are

- 1 actually going to build it. As I said earlier, there's
- a long design cycle, so you're committing to something
- 3 years in advance. And this includes also the
- 4 infrastructure surrounding it, so beyond just the DRAM.
- 5 The support components as well as DIMMs, et cetera.
- Now, the DRAM suppliers, they don't want to
- 7 build the device unless the users are committed to it,
- 8 because again, it takes a long time to design a device,
- 9 and if the users aren't there, then you have a dead
- 10 device. There's no market for it. So, it's -- you
- 11 know, someone has to go first. It's a classic chicken
- 12 and egg problem.
- Q. And how does the industry usually resolve that
- 14 problem?
- 15 A. Well, usually in the DRAM world, there is only
- one choice. You know, it's not a matter of what; it's
- 17 a matter of when. So, users, they can plan their
- 18 transition based on their own -- you know, their own
- 19 internal decision-making process, plan their transition
- 20 to meet their own business needs.
- 21 The suppliers, they know making the investment
- 22 up front is going to be realized, because they know the
- users will eventually move over. It may not all be at
- once, but over a period of time, they can count on the
- 25 market slowly building up.

1 In this particular case, there were two

- 2 choices, and it was very unclear which way the world
- 3 would go.
- 4 O. And is that what you are referring to when you
- 5 state next, "I understand that when the world
- 6 transitioned from EDO to SDR, it was slow and unclear
- 7 when the PC world would move over... However, since
- 8 there was only one alternative, then it was only a
- 9 matter of when not if"?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay, I'd like to have you look at RX-1306,
- 12 please.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Davis, did you offer
- 14 CX-2315?
- MR. DAVIS: No, my understanding is it's
- 16 already in evidence.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: It's already in? Okay, good
- 18 enough.
- 19 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you describe what it is?
- 23 A. These are meeting minutes for two Future DRAM
- Task Group meetings, one on 9/18/1998 and one on
- 25 10/12/1998.

1 Q. So, to be clear, this is an email from you to a

- 2 number of people --
- 3 A. Yes, distributing the meeting minutes.
- 4 O. And when was this email sent?
- 5 A. Let's see, it looks like it was sent Thursday,
- 6 November 5th, 1998.
- 7 Q. And who were you sending it to?
- 8 A. The task group, the Future DRAM Task Group.
- 9 Q. And why were you sending the -- this email to
- 10 the Future DRAM Task Group?
- 11 A. It is a matter of JEDEC policy that the meeting
- 12 minutes are distributed to the task -- to the task
- 13 group members.
- Q. Okay. I'd like to turn to page 8 of RX-1306,
- okay, and on page 8 is a list of action items.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What does that mean, "action items"?
- 19 A. Action items are essentially work tasks that
- 20 are assigned to either an individual or a company or
- 21 multiple individuals or multiple companies to be
- 22 completed by the next meeting.
- Q. Okay. If you look at item number -- I'm sorry,
- 24 action item number 3, it says, "Removing DLL and impact
- on turn around time HP."

- 1 Could you describe what that means?
- A. Okay, first I need to define "turnaround time."
- 3 Turnaround time is, you know, a DRAM really has two
- 4 basic functions. You send data to it on writes; you
- 5 receive data from it on reads. And the turnaround time
- is when you do the transition from a write to a read or
- 7 a read to a write, essentially some time that is left
- 8 dead on the bus to allow the bus to change direction.
- 9 So, this task was to investigate what would --
- 10 you know, what would be the impact of the turnaround
- 11 time if the DLL was removed from the DDR2 SDRAM.
- 12 Q. Okay. And why was this action item being
- 13 considered?
- 14 A. You know, one of the overriding goals of the
- 15 D -- of the task group, the Future DRAM Task Group, was
- simplification, and so any time you remove something
- 17 from a DRAM device, you're going to make it simpler.
- 18 So, we were obviously looking at this for simplicity.
- 19 DLLs, their nature, you know, they're
- 20 complicated little circuits, and so if we could
- 21 eliminate the circuit, you know, we would simplify the
- 22 DRAM significantly.
- O. Okay. And was the DLL or has the DLL been
- removed from the DDR2 standard?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 O. And why not?
- A. Well, we were DDR-based, and you know, the DLL
- 3 is a part of the clock system of the DDR SDRAM
- 4 standard, and the clock system is -- it's, you know,
- one of the most fundamental aspects of the standard,
- 6 and it was decided since we were DDR-based that we
- 7 should preserve the clock system to keep the backwards
- 8 compatibility, that overriding issue of backwards
- 9 compatibility, you know, keep that easy, and that's why
- 10 the DLL was left in.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 I believe that also is already in.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you.
- 14 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 15 Q. I'd like to show you what has been marked for
- identification as CX-392. I think you've passed it.
- 17 A. Is it CX-390?
- 18 Q. 392.
- 19 A. Oh, 392, sorry.
- 20 O. Who is Paul Coteus?
- 21 A. Paul Coteus was the vice-chair of the Future
- 22 DRAM Task Group.
- Q. And why would he be sending out a Future DRAM
- 24 Task Group -- or it says task force, sorry, status
- 25 report?

- 1 A. I mean, as vice-chair, he may have -- you know,
- 2 he probably was sending out a status of the group. He
- 3 may have also been sending it out just through his
- 4 position in IBM.
- 5 Q. And if you look at the date, it's January of
- 6 1999. Is that close in time to another Future DRAM
- 7 Task Group meeting?
- 8 A. Yes, we had a meeting in December of '98, and
- 9 we typically -- and we also had a meeting scheduled
- 10 that -- in March of '99. Typically we did a meeting in
- 11 between those two dates. We typically met eight times
- 12 a year, at every JEDEC meeting and then in between
- 13 every JEDEC meeting.
- Q. Okay. If you would turn to the bottom of page
- 3 of CX-392, there's the bullet that states, "DDR
- 16 Based."
- 17 A. Um-hum.

- 1 standard and the DDR2 standard in a way that, you know,
- 2 wouldn't be unduly costly. You know, you could do it
- 3 in a way that would be, you know, easy.
- Q. And why was that important to the Future DRAM
- 5 Task Group?
- 6 A. Well, it's important because when you

1 unfortunately, sometimes things don't work, you know,

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1 A. This means that a DRAM manufacturer would
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- 2 design their DRAM such that it would have both the DDR
- 3 functionality and the DDR2 functionality on the same
- 4 piece of silicon, on the same die. There could then
- 5 be, you know, a metal change, you know, a piece of
- 6 metal on the die, configure that piece of silicon to
- 7 either be a DDR1 or a DDR2, and that could be done very
- 8 late in the manufacturing process.
- 9 You could also use a fuse to do it. There's a
- 10 number of ways to do that, that late bonding, and this
- is, again -- well, that's what it is.
- 12 Q. Okay. You said metal -- a piece of metal.
- 13 What were you referring to there, that would be able to
- 14 set between the DDR and DDR2 device?
- 15 A. Well, there would be a piece of metal just
- like, you know, a wire from a microphone to the
- 17 speaker. There's metal on silicon to allow the
- 18 electronics to flow from one place to another. It's
- 19 quite possible with a piece of metal that you could
- 20 configure the DRAM device to have the DDR1 attributes
- 21 or the DDR2 attributes by connecting things slightly
- 22 differently.
- Q. And why was that important to the -- to the
- 24 Future DRAM Task Grouplibouplllld b0ijTqu.n22 d1,t or tfi

- 1 it's important to the DRAM manufacturers.
- Q. Okay. And why was it important to the DRAM
- 3 manufacturers that they be able to support DDR and DDR2
- 4 at the same time?
- 5 A. Well, again, it's risk mitigation. They're
- doing a design, believing the user community will be
- 7 there ready to accept it, but they, too, don't have
- 8 control of their destiny. They're dependent on the
- 9 users and other people to build the infrastructure.
- 10 So, they want to make sure that the design they do
- 11 still has a market, and this allows them to more
- 12 seam -- you know, to manage that transition from the
- 13 previous technology to the new technology with a
- 14 minimum amount of risk.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, if you'd turn to page 5 of the
- document, and I'm referring to the very bottom header,
- it says, "No read or write burst interrupt commands,"
- and then it states that, "At high data writes, burst
- 19 interrupt commands are of less value, and are more
- 20 difficult to engineer. The perceived engineering and
- 21 test costs were higher than the perceived value of the
- 22 commands."
- 23 At the time, what was your perception of the
- 24 engineering and test costs for burst interrupt at that
- 25 time?

- 1 A. Well, it was burst interrupt in the JEDEC SDRAM
- 2 standard, the single data rate standard, as well as the
- 3 DDR1 standard. The way the burst interrupt was
- 4 standardized provided the most flexibility to the user,
- 5 and all that flexibility had a cost to the DRAM
- 6 designer. It was -- it proved to be difficult to
- 7 implement that flexibility and implement it in a way
- 8 that did not affect the speed of the DRAM. So, that's
- 9 where, you know, it was difficult to engineer.
- 10 Q. And what was your perception of the value of
- 11 the burst interrupt colefity anin a ardIe?, it was difficult dif
- depended on the use of the DRAM. In some cases, there
- 14 would be absolutely no benefit to the burst interrupt,
- and in other cases, the benefit was extremely small,
- 16 and there were very, very few cases where, you know,
- this very general purpose burst interrupt provided, you
- 18 know, a significant boost.
- 19 Q. Okay. Was it part of your perception of the
- 20 value of the burst interrupt colefityin a it would
- 21 potentially avoid Rambus patentsIe?, it was difficu2t difu
- 24 actually, CX-392 has been already moved into evidence. ?, it was

- 1 Q. I'd like you to look at what's been marked for
- 2 identification as CX-397. Mr. Macri, it looks like
- 3 this (indicating).
- 4 A. Okay. 397?
- 5 Q. CX-397.
- 6 A. Did we already discuss it once or -- no?
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, may I approach?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 10 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 11 Q. Could you identify the cover page for me before
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- 1 A. Yes, it seems like it's the information.
- Q. Okay. Now, if you look at the first page of
- 3 that package, it's page 2 of the document, there's a
- 4 figure at the top with a line above it stating,
- 5 "Evolutionary design, building on tradition of SDR and
- 6 DDR SDRAM."
- 7 Now, what does "evolutionary design" mean in
- 8 that sentence?
- 9 A. Evolutionary design is when you start with
- 10 something and you modify it to get something else, so
- it evolves, just like monkeys to humans.
- MR. STONE: That was a long trial, too, Your
- Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Noted.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I guess it depends on how you
- 16 look at it.
- 17 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Now, in the figure below, there are arrows
- 19 going from boxes with the terms PC-100, PC-133, DDR and
- 20 DDR-II, and those boxes represent the DDR -- I'm sorry,
- 21 the JEDEC standards. Is that accurate?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what do the arrows represent?
- A. They represent the change from one standard to
- 25 the next.

1 O. Okay. Now, is programmable CAS latency using

- the mode register part of the proposed DDR2 standard?
- A. Yes.
- 4 O. And how did programmable CAS latency become
- 5 part of the proposed DDR2 standard?
- 6 A. Well, it was inherited from the PC-100, the
- 7 PC-133 and the DDR standard.
- Q. So, it's in the DDR2 standard because it was in
- 9 the previous standards?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is programmable burst length using the mode
- 12 register part of the proposed DDR2 standard?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And how did programmable burst length become
- 15 part of the DDR2 standard?
- 16 A. It was used in the PC-100, the PC-133 and in
- 17 the DDR SDRAM standard.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, is dual edge clocking part of the
- 19 proposed DDR2 standard?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And how did that develop --
- 22 A. Well, clocking -- we call it dual edge strobing
- 23 instead of clocking, because it's the strobe that is --
- the data is associated with on dual edge.
- Q. Okay, thank you.

1 Could you describe what you mean by a strobe so

- 2 we understand?
- A. Well, the strobe is a signal that is timed with
- 4 the data, but it's not the same as the clock that goes
- 5 to the SDRAM. The data is not tightly coupled to the
- 6 DDR SDRAM clock. It's tightly coupled to the DDR SDRAM
- 7 strobe.
- 8 Q. And so the difference between a clock and a
- 9 strobe, could you describe the difference between --
- 10 A. A clock is a free-running signal that forms
- 11 kind of the watch of the system, whereas strobe can be
- 12 loosely related to the clock, may or may not be free
- 13 running -- in the case of DDR SDRAM it's not free
- 14 running, it's not always moving -- and it is very
- 15 tightly coupled to the data.
- 16 Q. And by "free running," you mean running all the
- 17 time?
- 18 A. Running all the time, like a wrist watch.
- 19 O. Now, how did dual edge strobing become part of
- the proposed DDR2 standard?
- 21 A. It was in the DDR SDRAM standard.
- 22 Q. Now, finally, is the use of DLL on a DRAM part
- of the proposed DDR2 standard?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. And how did the use of DLL on a DRAM become

- 1 part of the DDR2 standard?
- 2 A. It was in the DDR SDRAM standard.
- Q. Now, below that on the same page, there's a
- 4 statement, "Designed by users and suppliers in JEDEC
- 5 Future DRAM Task Group, " and the third bullet below
- 6 that lists a number of organizations, M14, SL-DRAM
- 7 consortium, PC/Graphics/Server companies.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What's the value, if there is any, of having
- all these different types of firms involved with the
- 12 standards-setting activity?
- 13 A. Well, we were, you know, designing a DRAM that
- we wanted to be an open standard and an open standard
- 15 that covered a vast array of markets, so it would be
- 16 used by, you know, essentially the entire world. By
- 17 having all of the, you know, major and minor
- 18 companies -- for example, ArtX, the company I worked
- 19 at, was just a little 25-person startup. So, to have
- 20 as many possible companies working on it, you have
- 21 consensus, and so when the device is eventually
- 22 produced, you have a -- you already have people that
- agree with it and agree to use it, so it becomes
- 24 widely, widely used.
- Q. Okay. If you could turn to page 12 of the

- document, now there's a page that's titled Command
- 2 Encoding. What does "command encoding" mean?
- 3 A. Command encoding is, you know, when you have a
- 4 number of bits of signals that are encoded to specify a
- 5 specific command, such as a read or a write.
- 6 Q. So, the encoding tells the DRAM that, hey, this
- 7 is a write or tells the DRAM this is a write?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And on page 13, it says, "Command Encoding --
- 10 Another Option."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. What's the difference between the command
- 14 encoding schemes on page 12 and page 13?
- 15 A. On page 13, it's essentially the historical
- standard command encoding for a DRAM that's been
- 17 adopted by JEDEC for -- you know, and DRAM designers
- 18 for, you know, many, many, many years, going back --
- 19 you know, even prior to synchronous DRAM, going back to
- fast page DRAM, EDO, you know, it's been essentially
- 21 the way everybody has talked to a DRAM.
- 22 Page 12 was the actual future DRAM the task
- 23 group considered in breaking that historical trend, so
- instead of having the traditional encodings, we wanted
- 25 to explore to see if there was a better way.

- 1 Q. Now, what were the benefits of sort of the new
- 2 scheme that's described on page 12?
- A. Well, page 12, because of its -- you know, the
- 4 historical nature of it, you know, was very
- 5 restrictive, and -- I'm sorry, page 13, correct myself,
- due to the historical nature of the way we used the
- 7 bits, it was very restrictive, and so on page 12, we
- 8 kind of broke history. We said, well, let's see if we
- 9 broke history, if we could come up with something that
- 10 could be compelling.
- 11 So, you know, when you start with a cleaner
- sheet of paper, you can, you know, do things that are
- maybe more compact, maybe save pins, provide additional
- 14 encodings for future options, for example.
- 15 Q. Now, do you know if the command encoding scheme
- that's being proposed here saved any pins in relation
- to the command codes on page 13?
- 18 A. Yes, it did save one or two pins, if I recall
- 19 correctly.
- Q. So, if you look on page 13, in the -- sort of
- 21 the paragraph right before the table, it says -- the
- 22 very last sentence, it says, "This is like DDR today,
- and requires 2 more pins," and it says that's a
- 24 consensus proposal, but --
- 25 A. Two pins.

1 Q. -- when that says it was a consensus proposal,

- 2 was that referring to the proposal on page 12?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. Now, which proposal ended up being used in
- 5 DDR2?
- 6 A. The one on page 13.
- 7 O. Okay. The one on page 13, the one that used
- 8 two additional pins?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And it had a less efficient -- well, why was
- 11 the -- why was the page -- why was the scheme described
- on page 13 chosen above the scheme that was described
- 13 on page 12?
- 14 A. Primarily for backwards compatibility. In
- order to support -- you know, if we went with the
- scheme on page 12, it would have forced the designers
- to put into the command path, which is the critical
- 18 path in getting a command off the controller to the
- 19 DRAM, additional circuitry to deal with both the old
- scheme, the DDR1 scheme, and then the new scheme if you
- 21 wanted to design a compatible controller, and instead
- of creating this natural critical path, this timing
- path, the committee decided that backwards
- 24 compatibility was far more important than any potential
- 25 pin savings.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 I'm trying to determine whether CX-397 is
- 3 admitted or not.
- 4 MR. STONE: It is.
- 5 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 6 Q. Now, I'd like you to look at CX-426, please.
- 7 A. (Document review.)
- 8 Q. Okay, could you describe what 426 -- first of
- 9 all, have you seen 426 before?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 O. And what is 426?
- 12 A. This seems like a set of emails and meeting
- notes on it looks like a task group or a sub-task group
- in this case of the Future DRAM Task Group to look at
- 15 clocking schemes for DDR2.
- 16 Q. And when was this email sent?
- 17 A. November 29th, 2000.
- 18 Q. And -- I'm sorry?
- 19 A. That was the top email.
- 20 O. And who was that from?
- 21 A. That was from Terry Lee.
- Q. And who was he sending that to?
- 23 A. The sub-task group.
- Q. And were you one of the members of that
- 25 sub-task group?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, were you involved in this conference call?
- 3 A. Yes, I was.
- 4 O. And what was the reason for the conference
- 5 call?
- A. It was to discuss DDR2 clocking schemes.
- 7 Q. Was one of the topics relating to whether there
- 8 was going to be a single data rate or double data rate
- 9 clock being used for DDR2?
- 10 A. That was one of the alternatives discussed.
- 11 Q. And why was that being discussed?
- 12 A. During one of the task group meetings, the
- 13 Future DRAM Task Group meetings, a presentation was
- 14 made on clocking alternatives, and you know, it was
- decided that, you know, we needed to form a sub-task
- 16 group to kind of open the door to all alternatives if
- 17 we were going to take a look at any alternative at that
- 18 point in time, and so that's why we formed this group.
- 19 O. Okay. Now, on page 2 of CX-426, it looks like
- 20 the first entry below that dotted line, where it says,
- 21 "Survey on elimination of strobes," and then it
- 22 mentions ATI, was that where you were working at that
- 23 time?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Does this refer to you?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. It says after that, "Likes to keep
- 3 strobe for compatibility between DDR I and DDR II.
- 4 Acknowledges unidirectional idea and likes pin count
- 5 saving by removing strobes. Prefers single data rate.
- 6 Prefers common C/A and write clock."
- 7 So, first of all, what does that first sentence
- 8 mean where it says, "Likes to keep strobe for
- 9 compatibility between DDR I and DDR2 II"?
- 10 A. Basically I wanted to keep the same clocking
- 11 scheme that DDR1 had for compatibility reasons.
- 12 Q. Okay, but below that you say in the first
- 13 bullet, "Prefers Single data rate."
- What was that referring to?
- 15 A. Well, this -- you know, it was kind of the
- 16 sub-bullet under the "acknowledges" part. Single data
- 17 rate -- if we were going to make a change, I thought
- 18 going with a single data rate, you know, a higher speed
- 19 single data rate clock was the way to go.
- Q. Okay. Now, do you remember what happened to
- 21 this proposal, the idea of going to a single data rate?
- 22 A. It -- after, you know, some discussion, I mean,
- 23 this conference call, it was the majority of
- 24 discussion, you know, the committee decided to not
- 25 consider the alternative -- you know, to keep the DDR

1 style of clocking for the compatibility reasons.

- Q. I'm sorry, for the which reasons?
- 3 A. For backwards compatibility.
- 4 Q. So, it was your -- I'm sorry?
- 5 A. To state that clearly, the committee decided
- 6 that DDR2 would keep the DDR1 style of clocking for
- 7 backwards compatibility.
- 8 Q. Okay. So, in order for the DDR2 standard to be
- 9 backward compatible with DDR1, you wanted to maintain
- 10 the dual edge clocking aspect of the standard?
- 11 A. Yeah, the same DDR1 style of clocking, correct.
- 12 Q. Dual edge strobe?
- 13 A. Dual edge strobe, correct.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, you testified that you joined ATI
- in 2000. Is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 (The in camera testimony continued in Volume
- 18 25, Part 2, Pages 4749 through 4782, then resumed as
- 19 follows.)
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Davis. You may
- 21 proceed.
- MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Could you describe what this presentation was
- 25 about?

1 A. Well, we -- we at Silicon Graphics, we looked

- 2 through the existing DDR proposals that were being
- 3 presented. We created a presentation to give at JEDEC
- 4 to give some other options, some ideas that we thought
- 5 may be better than the existing proposals.
- 6 Q. This was the presentation you were talking
- 7 about earlier regarding -- with Mr. Deneroff?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. Okay. What was the focus of these -- of this
- 10 presentation?
- 11 A. Well, we focused on clocking, how the data move
- relative to strobes and clocks was occurring between
- the controllers and the DRAM.
- Q. Was part of the presentation in relation to
- 15 having the DLL on the DRAM?
- 16 A. Part of it was concerning the DLL, yes.
- 17 Q. And what was that -- what was that part about?
- 18 A. Well, we were concerned with the DLL -- the
- 19 ability of the DRAM designers to put the DLL onto the
- 20 DRAM and have it function as predicted. So, we really
- 21 wanted to ensure that if the DLL was there, that it
- 22 could be turned off for at least the initial DDR, that
- we could operate our system with the DLL disabled.
- Q. Now, actually, what was the purpose of having
- 25 the DLL on the DDR SDRAM?

1 A. The purpose is that it aligns the -- loosely

- 2 aligns the read data strobes, the output strobes, to
- 3 the dual edge clock, and by realigning that, it gives
- 4 you a better idea of where the data is on the data bus.
- 5 So, earlier I described this concept of turning around
- 6 the data bus. Well, that can aid in minimizing that
- 7 turnaround time.
- 8 In addition, the strobe architecture had this
- 9 concept called preamble pulse, and by loosely aligning
- 10 the strobe to the input clock, it made it easier to
- 11 find this preamble pulse, so then the controller knew
- when to look for the strobe edges that were going to be
- 13 tightly coupled to the data.
- 14 Q. Now, did you have an understanding at the time
- of whether the DLL was necessary?
- 16 A. Well, for the data rates that we were looking
- 17 at initially with DDR, we at Silicon Graphics
- 18 determined that the system would work fine with the
- 19 current strobe methodology and the defined preamble
- 20 pulse -- preamble size at speeds of 200 megahertz data
- 21 rates, 200 mbps.
- 22 Q. Okay. So, did you think at the time that if
- the DRAM was going to go faster than 200 megahertz,
- that a DLL was going to be required?
- 25 A. You know, we felt that the 266 mbps rate, the

1 DLL might be needed. It was more probable than at the

- 2 200 mbps rate. At above that, we started to believe,
- 3 with the architectural definition of the preamble
- 4 pulse, you know, as it was, that, you know, you would
- 5 probably, you know, strongly consider having the DLL
- 6 there.
- 7 O. Now, you said with the architectural definition
- 8 as it was. What were you referring to?
- 9 A. Well, I mean, the preamble pulse was
- 10 approximately one DRAM cycle as defined at that point
- 11 by JEDEC. Now, obviously you can design systems
- 12 without the DLL being there at all, but with the DLL
- there, it led to certain conclusions, certain
- 14 architectural decisions.
- 15 If we didn't want to have the DLL there at all,
- 16 we could easily come up with methods that -- a
- 17 different set of architectural solutions to solve that.
- 18 This was just, you know, we were coming in not at the
- 19 beginning of the discussions but kind of two-thirds of
- the way through the discussions. It's how much
- 21 disruption on the standards-making process did we want
- 22 to cause?
- We wanted to minimize that disruption so that
- 24 we would have the devices to meet our schedule or our
- 25 systems. So, we didn't want to go and cause everything

- 1 to start over. We really wanted to cause people to
- 2 pause and think. You can kind of tell by that first
- 3 set of words on the slide, you know, they're pretty
- 4 strong words, "Existing DDR proposals do not work."
- 5 Well, the goal there was to get people to pause and
- 6 think, and I believe we were successful in that.

1 A. Ah, for all intents and purposes, yes. It's

- 2 not as simple as a yes or no question, because
- 3 standards -- they're living. We are constantly
- 4 updating them to include faster end points, taking
- 5 feedback from real world experiences to clarify the
- 6 specification, but you know, for all intents and
- 7 purposes, the specification is finished.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, did you propose to change the DDR2
- 9 standard to remove the DLL or the DRAM standard?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Why not?
- 12 A. Well, it was already in the DDR1 JEDEC
- 13 standard. Backwards compatibility was extremely
- important to our products, and we would have then
- 15 forced ourselves to make a fundamental change in the
- 16 clocking methodology, which is the most important --
- it's the thing we focus on first, because it is the
- 18 most important feature of any system.
- 19 So, an incompatibility at the clock level, the
- 20 architectural clocking level, is a huge
- 21 incompatibility. It's not a minor incompatibility.
- 22 O. Now -- and what would have been the effect on
- the industry had you changed that?
- A. Well, it would have forced us to -- you know,
- in order to keep compatibility, we would have had to

- 1 have created circuits to talk both ways. This may
- 2 have, you know, may have caused increases in die areas,
- 3 possibly increases in pin count, would have complicated
- 4 things in an area where you're striving towards
- 5 simplicity.
- I mean, in clocking, you know, elegant
- 7 simplicity is elegant

designs around them so we would meet up in time to have

- 2 a product that we could both ship.
- Q. Did you have an understanding at the time of
- 4 the effect a change to the DDR2 standard to remove the
- 5 DLL, what effect that would have on these companies
- 6 that were designing to the standard?
- 7 A. I mean, it was a -- you know, basically the
- 8 earliest adopters would have had to go back to the
- 9 design stage. Clocking is not something they can
- 10 change in a trivial manner. You know, I'm sure it
- 11 would have ranged from medium to large impacts. You
- 12 know, depending on the size of the company, you know,
- 13 the impact could have, you know, been much, much
- 14 greater.
- 15 Small companies would have been impacted far
- 16 more than large companies. Resources are just less in
- 17 small companies. So, I mean, it's not something you
- 18 want to go change at that point in time. You really
- 19 need a gun to your head.
- Q. Did you propose to change the DDR2 standard in
- 21 order to remove dual edge clocking from the standard?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. And why not?
- A. Forward and backward compatibility reasons. As
- 25 I said, clocking is extremely important. We always

- 1 strive to keep the clock system simple. You know, we
- 2 would only make a change to clocking when we had to,
- 3 when the physics of the situation, you know, literally
- 4 the physics, you know, the physics we live in drive us
- 5 to make that change. We don't make that change for
- 6 trivial reasons.
- 7 Q. Now, would changing the DDR2 standard to remove
- 8 dual edge clocking have had any effect on those
- 9 companies that were designing to the DDR2 standard in
- 10 September of 2000?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what is that?
- 13 A. Well, it would have caused them to go back to a
- 14 redesign, both from the DRAM side and the user side,
- 15 you know, the support component side would have
- 16 probably been affected, and it would have -- you know,
- 17 it -- again, you're shaking the foundations of the --
- of the standard and not changing a minor piece of the
- 19 standard. It's one of the foundations.
- 20 Q. And you said support components, what were you
- 21 referring to?
- 22 A. Like, for example, a POLL on a register, you
- know, they're designed to produce, you know, certain
- 24 frequency ranges of clocks with certain attributes.
- Those attributes most likely would have had to have

- 1 changed.
- Q. Okay. Would that have affected the companies
- 3 manufacturing those components?
- 4 A. Of course.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't
- 6 have any more questions.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, thank you very much. I
- 8 think this is a pretty good time to take a break for
- 9 lunch. It's almost 12:30. What if we convene back at
- 10 1:45?
- 11 MR. STONE: That's fine, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: At that time, we will begin the
- 13 cross examination. Hearing in recess.
- 14 (Whereupon, at 12:27 p.m., a lunch recess was
- 15 taken.)

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2		(1:45 p.m.)
3		JUDGE McGUIRE: This hearing is now in order.
4		At this time, you may begin your cross
5	examinat	tion, Mr. Stone.
6		MR. STONE: Mr. Macri, would you like to take
7	the star	nd?
8		CROSS EXAMINATION
9		BY MR. STONE:
10	Q.	Good afternoon, Mr. Macri.
11	Α.	Hello.
12	Q.	Who do you work for?
13	А.	ATI.
14	Q.	And when you say ATI, is there a corporate
15	name, a	correct, proper name?
16	Α.	Yeah. AT Cyss 7 the 16 S And. pro

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. You have documents at your office in Santa
- 3 Clara that relate to the things you've testified to
- 4 today, don't you?
- 5 A. Can you be more specific? I have a subpoena of
- 6 some sort?
- 7 Q. Well, you were shown some emails today that you
- 8 were copied on.
- 9 A. Oh, yes, of course.
- 10 O. You have those emails in Santa Clara?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you generated documents in connection with
- 13 your work on the Future DRAM Task Group, did you not?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And those documents would be at your office in
- 16 Santa Clara?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And mailings that you would receive from the
- 19 JEDEC office would be in your files in Santa Clara?
- 20 A. Yes, in my computer actually.
- 21 Q. You told us earlier today about a meeting you
- 22 attended in September of 2000. Do you recall that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And then after that meeting, you told us you
- 25 thought about alternative ways to do things. Do you

- 1 recall that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you write down --
- 4 MS. KORDZIEL: I'm sorry, if you are going to
- 5 go into that meeting and the discussions, could we have
- 6 the Court be in camera again?
- 7 MR. STONE: Your Honor, all I was asking is
- 8 what he did after the meeting. I thought what he did
- 9 afterwards was not subject to the in camera order.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: You are not going to get into
- 11 the merits of the discussion, right?
- MR. STONE: Not at this time.
- MS. KORDZIEL: The activities were still part
- 14 of the --
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: You know, I can't hear you,
- 16 ma'am, if you would please step forward.
- 17 MS. KORDZIEL: What he did afterwards, the
- 18 activities, that was actually all part of the in camera
- 19 portion of his testimony from this morning.
- 20 MR. STONE: That's fine. I don't want to go
- 21 into in camera, Your Honor, and in fact, if that's the
- 22 position, that what he did is -- should not be
- considered public, I'll just defer that and come back
- 24 to it.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, very good.

1 Ma'am, what's your name again for the record?

- 2 MS. KORDZIEL: Linda Kordziel, K O R D Z I E L.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, thank you.
- 4 MS. KORDZIEL: I also wanted to raise one
- 5 thing, because I wasn't sure, but to the extent that --
- 6 the documents 1383 and 1384, can I have those deemed
- 7 confidential? I'm not sure if they are marked that or
- 8 not.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: It would have been also easier
- if you would have brought that up when they were
- 11 introduced.
- 12 MS. KORDZIEL: I didn't realize that -- I
- 13 didn't have the documents.
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Have these already been
- 15 introduced in the record previously or were they
- offered and accepted this morning?
- 17 MR. STONE: Those documents were produced by
- 18 Rambus, but -- they were produced by Rambus, not by
- 19 your client.
- MS. KORDZIEL: Right.
- 21 MR. STONE: So, they are Rambus' documents, but
- they are already subject to the in camera order.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, if they are already
- treated in camera, then they are already protected.
- MS. KORDZIEL: I just wasn't sure.

- 1 that you just asked the question, yes.
- Q. Okay. And are each of the products along this
- line, then, backward compatible, as you use the phrase,
- 4 with the term that just -- with the product that just
- 5 precedes it to the left?
- A. Yes, it's the product that precedes it to the
- 7 left you could call to be in some ways the basis for
- 8 the following generation.
- 9 Q. Okay. And your testimony today is that DDR2 is
- 10 backward compatible with DDR, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now, am I correct that DDR2 requires the use of
- 13 a different motherboard than DDR?
- 14 A. Ah, well, I wouldn't say that it's impossible
- 15 to design a motherboard that would be compatible with
- 16 both DDR2 and DDR1.
- 17 O. No, sir.
- 18 A. Okay, then I don't understand your question.
- 19 O. There are motherboards that were designed for
- 20 use with DDR, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Those motherboards cannot be used with DDR2,
- 23 can they?
- A. Not if they were designed before DDR2 was
- 25 understood.

- Q. And are there any motherboards in the market
- 2 today that are designed for both DDR and DDR2 so far as
- 3 you know?
- 4 A. I am not aware of any motherboards where -- let
- 5 me make sure I understand your definition of
- 6 "motherboard." Is that the -- would that be the main
- 7 board that would form the basis of a personal computer?
- Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Okay, I do not know of any DDR2 motherboards
- 10 available today.
- 11 Q. And the modules that were designed for use with
- DDR won't work with DDR2, will they?
- 13 A. The modules that were designed before DDR2 was
- 14 known will not work with DDR2.
- 15 Q. And are there any modules in the market today
- that will work with both DDR and DDR2?
- 17 A. As I already stated, I do not know of any

- 1 different?
- A. By "receptacle," do you mean a socket?
- Q. Yes.
- 4 A. I do not know of any situation where we are
- 5 plugging DDR1 DRAMs directly into a socket, nor do I
- 6 know of a situation where we are plugging DDR2 DRAMs
- 7 directly into a socket.
- Q. Instead, you're connecting them in modules in
- 9 your experience?
- 10 A. Generally, they are soldered down to some type
- of a module.
- 12 Q. Okay. And is it also correct that the
- 13 controller designed to work with DDR will not work with
- 14 DDR2?
- 15 A. Are you saying that controllers that were
- 15 7 Q. Yes.

- 1 Q. Well, what I mean is you'd have to design a
- 2 controller that is different than the controller that
- 3 was designed to work with DDR1 if you wanted it to work
- 4 with DDR2. Isn't that a true statement?
- 5 A. I would start with my DDR1 controller and
- 6 modify it to work with DDR2, and then I would have a
- 7 controller that would work with both.
- 8 Q. And that would be different than what you
- 9 started with, would it not?
- 10 A. If I had to add -- if I had to add the design
- 11 elements to support both DRAMs, it would have to be
- 12 different, yes.
- 13 O. Yes. And in order to make it work with DDR2,
- 14 you would have to add design elements, would you not?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. When did you prepare Exhibit 2234, Mr.
- 17 Macri?
- 18 A. Let's see, it was done the night before I gave
- 19 the talk.
- 20 O. And when was that?
- 21 A. Let's see, this was -- I know it was during the
- 22 Platform '99 Conference. I don't recall the exact
- 23 date, but that is --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Can you help him out there, Mr.
- 25 Stone?

- 1 MR. STONE: I can't, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You don't have it in front of
- 3 you?
- 4 MR. STONE: I have the document in front of me.
- 5 It does not have a date on it.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Very good.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Publicly available.
- 8 BY MR. STONE:
- 9 Q. Okay, sometime in '99?
- 10 A. Sometime in '99.
- 11 Q. Turn to page 2, if you would, of 2234.
- 12 Was it your intention to invite non-JEDEC
- members to participate in the JEDEC Future DRAM Task
- 14 Group?
- 15 A. Yes, I believe I've already testified to that.
- 16 Q. And did you, in fact, do that?
- 17 A. Yes, I have.
- Q. And did you explain to them that they were or
- 19 were not subject to any JEDEC rules as a result of
- 20 participating?
- 21 A. At the beginning of every task group meeting,
- 22 we always say that the full JEDEC rules are in effect,
- and during discussions with these companies, I said, of
- course, you would have to abide by the JEDEC rules.
- Q. And did you explain to them what they were?

1 A. In generalities, yes. I don't recall the exact

- 2 words I used or -- or the details of those
- 3 conversations.
- 4 O. Did you hand out copies of the rules to them?
- 5 A. I did not hand out written copies of the rules
- 6 to them.
- 7 Q. Did you give them a presentation on the JEDEC
- 8 patent policy?
- 9 A. That's always -- always disclosed at the
- 10 beginning of every JEDEC meeting by standard practice.
- 11 We state that the -- you know, what -- that there is a
- 12 patent policy, there's information given out, and we
- ask if there's any questions generally, you know, at
- least in all the meetings I attend.
- 15 Q. And that was done at the Future DRAM Task Group
- 16 meetings that you chaired?
- 17 A. Yes, to the best of my knowledge.
- 18 Q. Now, none of the minutes that we saw today of
- 19 meetings of the Future DRAM Task Group make any
- 20 reference to that, do they?
- 21 A. I did not read the minutes in absolute detail,
- 22 so I would have to go back and review all those
- 23 minutes.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. But I believe you -- can you just tell me?

- 1 Q. Can I tell you what, sir?
- 2 A. If they are in those minutes.
- 3 O. I didn't see them.
- 4 A. Okay.
- Q. Let me ask you about page 2 of Exhibit 2234, if
- 6 I can. Down at the bottom it says, "Goals: Open
- 7 Standard It's Free."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Was it your goal to make sure that no royalties
- 11 would be owed to any company as a result of the design
- that came out of your Future DRAM Task Group?
- 13 A. As a goal, I wanted it to be an open standard.
- 14 As a goal, I wanted it to be free. Achieving goals can
- 15 only be known after the fact, and I still do not
- 16 believe if that goal -- if we know if we have achieved
- 17 that goal or not.
- 18 Q. My question just, Mr. Macri, is very simple.
- 19 Was it your goal to ensure that no royalties would be
- 20 owed on whatever design came out of the Future DRAM
- 21 Task Group?
- 22 A. My goal was that it would be an open standard
- and it would be free. I do not know if we achieved
- 24 that goal.
- Q. And again, let's see if we can just try to

- 1 focus. I just want you to confirm or not whatever the
- 2 case is, that your goal -- not what you achieved, but
- 3 your goal -- was to ensure that no royalties would be
- 4 owed with respect to a product manufactured in
- 5 accordance with the design that came out of the Future
- 6 DRAM Task Group.
- 7 A. I'd say it was a general goal.
- Q. Okay. And in order to do that, one of the
- 9 things you wanted to do was make sure that you avoided
- 10 including in the standard anything that was the subject
- of patents, correct?
- 12 A. As part of the goal, did we -- I just don't
- 13 know if we have been able to achieve that.
- Q. And again, sir, I'm not asking what you 8

1 O. Well, let me take you away from the words for a

- 2 moment and just ask you about what was in your mind in
- 3 1998 and 1999 as you started chairing the Future DRAM
- 4 Task Group. Can we put yourself back in that same
- 5 time?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Were you trying to develop a design that would
- 8 not infringe upon the patents of companies that might
- 9 feel that they were entitled to royalties?
- 10 A. That wasn't in my mind. My mind was to develop
- 11 a standard that would be widely adopted throughout the
- world, and in my mind, that meant that this needed to
- be an open standard, and based on my knowledge, the
- 14 previous open standards were free, and so I was just
- 15 carrying on with the tradition of the open standard.
- I didn't put thought into patents or what was
- 17 happening in the world surrounding patents or the
- issues of third-party companies with patents.
- 19 O. Well, when was the first Future DRAM Task Group
- 20 meeting where patents were discussed?
- 21 A. You mean where someone brought up a patent
- 22 issue?
- Q. No, where any patents were discussed at the
- 24 meeting.
- 25 A. I just don't recall that date. I don't know --

- 1 I mean, I know there were -- you know, as in any JEDEC
- 2 meeting, sometimes there are people -- you know, people
- 3 that are required to disclose their patents and their
- 4 pending patents and, you know, and any knowledge of
- 5 anybody else's patents. So, I am sure during the
- 6 course of the Future DRAM Task Group, those situations
- 7 came up, and people did make those statements.
- Q. Well, patents of third parties were discussed
- 9 at the Future DRAM Task Group meetings, were they not?
- 10 A. It was -- there have been -- I don't recall if
- it was third parties or if it was the companies that
- owned the patents themselves. There could have been
- 13 both. I just don't remember.
- Q. Well, more specifically, weren't Rambus patents
- discussed at meetings of the Future DRAM Task Group?
- 16 A. The only time Rambus was discussed was at the
- initial meetings where we were trying to identify the
- 18 basic -- you know, the basis that we should start with
- 19 for the DDR2 standard. I don't recall discussions on
- 20 Rambus intellectual property at the meetings.
- 21 Q. Don't you recall discussions at meetings of

- 1 to understand that issue and examine alternatives.
- Q. And wasn't it true that among the IP problems
- 3 that were brought up at these meetings were discussions
- 4 of Rambus patents?
- 5 A. I don't recall direct discussions on the Rambus
- 6 patents.
- Q. When did you, Mr. Macri -,a,a,a,a,a,a,a,a,a,a,a,ae8 A

1 Rambus patent, but more in a conversation of what was

- 2 going on in the public space. I mean, it was -- you
- 3 know, in the engineering community, it was a -- you
- 4 know, the lawsuits surrounding Rambus and the
- 5 litigation and stuff was, you know, discussed, but not
- in the context of, you know, DDR2 specifically.
- 7 Q. Before there was any litigation, before you
- 8 knew of the litigation, did DRAM manufacturers come to
- 9 you and say, you know, we're aware of Rambus patents,
- 10 and we're looking at whether we should modify our
- 11 designs to avoid any possible infringement of those
- 12 patents?
- 13 A. I don't recall direct conversations with -- I'm
- just trying to think. I can't remember if there were
- 15 conversations before or after that date, if it happened
- before or after the litigation. I just don't remember.
- 17 Q. You did learn at some point that among the
- 18 claims that Rambus had were claims that might cover
- 19 programmable CAS latency, programmable burst length,
- 20 the use of dual edge clocking and the use of DLL on
- 21 chip, correct?
- 22 A. I did become aware of those, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. Are you -- did you ask in this particular time
- 25 frame or just ever?

- 1 Q. I did not ask you a particular time.
- 2 A. At some point, I did become aware of those.
- Q. And you first became aware of the Rambus design
- 4 in the early nineties, did you not?
- 5 A. Yes, when I was at Digital Equipment
- 6 Corporation.
- 7 Q. You had a meeting, am I not correct, with Dr.

1 Q. And in the time frame when you had your meeting

- with Dr. Farmwald and Mr. Hampel, they left you with
- 3 some documents about Rambus and its technology, didn't
- 4 they?
- 5 A. They may have, yes. I just don't remember.
- 6 Q. And didn't you know at that time that one of
- 7 the features of the Rambus design was the use of dual
- 8 edge clock?
- 9 A. Oh, I wasn't interested in -- I don't recall
- 10 being interested in that particular feature at all. I
- 11 was interested in the higher level architecture of the
- 12 DRAM, not the low-level architecture of the DRAM.
- Q. And not to be derogatory with the use of "high"
- 14 and "low" in terms of levels, but let me ask you one
- more question which may be on a low level.
- 16 Didn't you also become aware in the early
- 17 nineties that Rambus' technology included the use of a
- 18 DLL?
- 19 A. Again, that would be a low-level issue. I was
- 20 concerned with more the serial packet nature. That's
- 21 what I was more interested -- that's what I was
- 22 interested in. How the DRAM was clocked in the early
- 23 nineties was what I would call a nit, a very low-level
- thing that would be interesting if we wanted to go down
- 25 that path, but at the beginning, we always work at a

1 high-level architectural phase, which doesn't really

- 2 care about any of those issues. It's more the
- 3 performance modeling phase.
- 4 So, we're -- we're looking at the big picture,
- 5 not at, you know, really the nits of the design. I
- 6 mean, that's almost irrelevant at that stage.
- 7 O. Didn't you ultimately become involved in the --
- 8 helping the design of the alpha servers at DEC?
- 9 A. No, I wasn't at DEC at the time they did the
- 10 alpha servers. The -- well, I guess the alpha
- 11 microprocessors I did, but not -- you know, in these --
- the alpha servers I guess indirectly, by working on the
- 13 microprocessors, I did participate in the alpha
- 14 servers.
- 15 Q. And did you have any involvement while you were
- 16 at DEC in introducing RDRAM products into your design?
- 17 A. No, the only thing I did was do some initial
- 18 research in how to emulate a different DRAM using a
- 19 combination of RDRAM and some on-chip features. That
- 20 was only done at the research stage, and that work went
- 21 nowhere. All of the use of RDRAM at DEC, I believe,
- 22 took place after I left.
- Q. And then when you arrived at Silicon Graphics,
- 24 did you find that they were working on designs that
- 25 utilized RDRAM?

1 A. Not in the part of the company that I worked

- 2 in.
- 3 Q. Did you --
- 4 A. I worked --
- 5 Q. -- did you know that they were in other parts
- of the company?
- 7 A. Yes, but I wasn't aware of the details of what
- 8 they were doing.
- 9 Q. And then when you -- when you went to ArtX,
- were you involved with any RDRAM products there?
- 11 A. Ah, we -- we had no RDRAM products.
- 12 Q. Did you work at all on the Nintendo product
- when you were at SGI?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Earlier, when there was some testimony about
- Nintendo, that's a product that you were not involved
- 17 with at SGI?
- 18 A. I was not involved with the Nintendo product at
- 19 SGI.
- Q. The -- look, if you would, still at 2234, and
- 21 go, if you would, to page 10. In 1999 when you
- 22 prepared Exhibit RX-2234 for the presentation you gave
- 23 at the Platform Conference, did you present at that
- time a list of features that you were contemplating
- 25 would be in DDR2 that would have enhanced the cost or

- 1 improve the cost of the product?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Was one of those improvements the elimination
- 4 of a burst interrupt command?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And was that something you were recommending in
- 7 1999?
- 8 A. I myself, yes, did recommend that we remove
- 9 that command.
- 10 Q. Okay. And in 1999, was it one of the
- 11 contemplated cost improvements that you would use a
- 12 fixed burst length of four?
- 13 A. It wasn't due to costing that we did that.
- 14 There was an overriding goal of DDR2 to be simple. A
- 15 DRAM specification is quite thick, and as an engineer,
- I didn't like that, and so the goal was to remove all
- 17 unneeded features unless someone could justify them.
- 18 And at the time, this is where we -- you know,
- 19 we thought we could remove this feature because no one
- 20 could come up with a compelling justification.
- 21 Q. And if you removed the programmable burst
- 22 length, was it expected that that would reduce testing
- 23 costs?
- 24 A. Whenever you make something simpler, you remove
- 25 something to test, you always remove some costs from

- 1 the test perspective.
- Q. So, the answer to my question is yes?
- A. But it's because of simpler is simpler. I
- 4 can't put it any simpler than that.

1 100 percent sure that would be true of every design in

- our product line, but I would say for the most part,
- 3 that is true.
- 4 Q. Let me ask you, you have also right on the
- 5 right-hand side, you have your demonstrative, DX-46, if
- 6 we could bring that up and go to the fourth page of it,
- 7 if you wouldn't mind.
- 8 Between June of 2001 and September of 2001,
- 9 there were certain changes made in the specifications
- 10 for DDR2, right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. That's why we see the upper sloping line?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. And did one of those changes relate to burst
- 15 length?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What was the change that related to burst
- 18 length that occurred during the time period June
- 19 through September 2001?
- 20 A. The committee had received a presentation by
- 21 both Intel and AMD that showed there were performance
- 22 gains for adding back burst eight and also showing
- 23 performance gains by adding a very simple burst
- interrupt so that you could interrupt a burst eight and
- 25 turn it into a burst four. Those presentations were

1 justified on performance, but they were also justified

- 2 on the fact that they would be nondisruptive changes to
- 3 the design.
- 4 O. But it hadn't been disruptive to have in the
- 5 design a fixed burst length up until that point, had
- 6 it?
- 7 A. Our goal was simplicity, and since previously
- 8 no one was able to come up with a performance
- 9 justification, that's why we simplified it.
- 10 Q. Okay, and my question asked you about
- 11 disruptive. My question was, was it disruptive to have
- 12 had a fixed burst length of four in the specifications
- prior to September of 2001?
- 14 A. I guess I -- I don't understand why -- how
- 15 you -- what you mean by "disruptive." It was the
- 16 consensus of the group, so I guess by definition -- you
- 17 know, I don't know. I just --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, restate, Mr. Stone, so he
- 19 understands your question.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I don't understand.
- 21 BY MR. STONE:
- 22 Q. Let me ask it this way, Mr. Macri: You told us
- 23 a little earlier that certain changes would be
- 24 disruptive if you had to make them.
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you remember that?
- 2 It wasn't thought to be disruptive to designing
- 3 products that there be a fixed burst length of four,
- 4 was it?
- 5 A. Well, the burst length of four issue was
- 6 decided early on, and when you do stuff early on,
- 7 there's never a disruption. When the change was made
- 8 between June and September of 2001, it was critical at
- 9 that point that the addition of this functionality not
- 10 be disruptive, because that was later in time, but
- 11 burst -- going to the burst four only was decided very
- early on, so there -- just by definition, there could
- 13 be no disruption, because it was done early in time
- 14 before any designs were started.
- 15 Q. So, if in April of 1998 a decision was made to
- 16 have burst length four -- which it was made to go with
- it at that time, right?
- 18 A. I'm not sure. It was early in that time frame,
- 19 sometime after that I imagine.
- Q. Okay, so -- I didn't mean to interrupt you. I
- 21 apologize.
- So, if an early decision was made to go with
- 23 burst length four and you had stayed with a fixed burst
- length throughout, that would not have been disruptive?
- 25 A. Yeah, with no change, by definition, how can

- 1 group obviously thought keeping the same general
- 2 clocking scheme, where clocking scheme means using
- 3 strobes to move data and having the strobes be loosely
- 4 coupled to clock, changing that would have been
- 5 disruptive.
- Q. And it was considered by you to have been
- disruptive to consider removing the DLL from the chip,
- 8 even if you had considered that early in the DDR2
- 9 process?
- 10 A. Because it would have affected that fundamental
- 11 clocking scheme.
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. That's my belief. I can't speak for other
- 14 people's belief.
- 15 Q. Okay. And when you decided as a group to
- introduce programmable burst length sometime between
- June and September of 2001, you knew that including
- 18 programmable burst length might result in infringing
- 19 Rambus patents, did you not?
- 20 A. We knew -- we knew that it was in DDR1 --
- 21 Q. I'm sorry, you knew it was --
- 22 A. We knew it was in the DDR1 standard, and it was
- 23 unclear to me if that would infringe on a Rambus
- 24 patent.
- Q. Well, you knew that Rambus thought it would

- 1 infringe.
- 2 A. Yes, but that's different than infringing on a
- 3 Rambus patent.
- 4 O. Yes. You knew that Rambus thought it would
- 5 infringe, correct?
- 6 A. Rambus -- I -- you know, I think they would
- 7 have thought it would have infringed. I don't know if
- 8 it would have infringed their patent. That's
- 9 different.
- 10 Q. And did you make any effort to find out?
- 11 A. No. I did not make any personal effort to, you
- 12 know, read through the piles of documents or whatever
- to determine on the DDR2 standard if this decision
- 14 process would -- I'm not in a position to make that
- 15 call. I don't -- I'm an engineer. That's a legal
- 16 issue.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, Ms. Kordziel?
- 18 NEW SPEAKER: I just want to object to -- he's
- 19 a fact witness, to the extent this his questions are
- 20 calling for a legal conclusion, and I just wanted to
- 21 object and caution the witness not to reveal any
- 22 attorney-client privilege.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: So noted.
- 24 Proceed.
- 25 BY MR. STONE:

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- Q. Mr. Macri, did you -- after a proposal was made
- 2 to introduce programmable burst length into the DDR2
- 3 standard, did you make any effort before you went down
- 4 that path to determine whether or not doing so might
- 5 result in the infringement of a Rambus patent?
- 6 A. I am not in a position to make that decision.
- 7 O. And sir, let me just --
- 8 A. I don't understand how I could go --
- 9 Q. Mr. Macri, let me interrupt you. I'm not
- 10 asking you what you were in a position to do. I'm just
- asking you whether you did something or didn't do
- 12 something. I'm trying to make it as simple as I can,
- if that helps.
- A. Well, it's -- you're asking me --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, he hasn't asked you
- 16 a question now, Mr. Macri. Let him just take a second,
- 17 and Mr. Stone, you can state your next question.
- BY MR. STONE:
- 19 Q. Let me try to put it as simply as I can, Mr.
- 20 Macri, because I don't want to get into areas that
- 21 concern your lawyer.
- 22 After a proposal was made to introduce
- 23 programmable burst length to the Future DRAM Task
- 24 Group, did you, as the chair of that task group, do

1 change might result in the infringement of Rambus

- 2 patents?
- 3 A. I just don't know -- I don't know how to answer
- 4 that question, because I don't have -- at the time, I
- 5 didn't have the ability to determine these things, and
- 6 I never waste my time doing something I don't have the
- 7 ability to determine. I'm a busy person. I apply my
- 8 time very conservatively, and that would have been --
- 9 other people are in a position to make that call, not
- 10 myself.
- 11 Q. Did you ask anyone to report to the Future DRAM
- 12 Task Group on that issue?
- 13 A. I do not recall assigning anyone a task to do
- 14 that.
- 15 Q. Did anyone talk at the Future DRAM Task Group
- 16 committee about whether introducing programmable burst
- 17 length might result in the infringement of Rambus
- 18 patents?
- 19 A. I don't recall that.
- 20 Q. Okay. But you knew at the time that Rambus
- 21 contended that programmable burst length was subject to
- their patents and that that feature would infringe,
- 23 correct?
- A. At that time, I did have knowledge that Rambus
- 25 may have believed that statement. Whether that

1 statement is true was not for me to determine. They

- 2 could have believed anything they wanted about anything
- 3 in the universe.
- 4 O. You knew that was an issue in the litigation
- 5 that was then pending.
- A. Well, I wasn't aware of pending litigation, but
- 7 in America, you can sue over anything. I don't believe
- 8 every lawsuit has -- you know, a lawsuit does not mean
- 9 the reason for the lawsuit has merit. I believe there
- 10 has to be a judgment.
- 11 Q. Did you say I wasn't aware of any pending
- 12 litigation or I was?
- 13 A. No, I said I was aware. All I said was the
- 14 fact of a lawsuit does not mean it's true.
- 15 Q. Let me ask you about a couple of documents you
- 16 were shown earlier today. If you would, look at
- $17 \quad CX-370.$
- 18 A. 378 or --
- 19 Q. 3-7-0. It's the "Existing DDR proposals do not
- 20 work" chart.
- 21 A. Okay, I've got it.
- Q. Do you have that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. When was it that you made this presentation?
- 25 A. I believe Marty and I did it a couple of days

- 1 DDR1 proposal?
- 2 A. Yes, this was the only DDR proposal being
- 3 considered.
- 4 Q. And what changes were made in the DDR1 proposal
- 5 after your presentation that resulted from issues you
- 6 raised in your presentation?
- 7 A. Let me review this for a moment.
- 8 Q. Certainly.
- 9 A. I need to review this presentation to remember
- 10 what we... (Document review.)
- Now, this presentation, I believe that nothing
- 12 was adopted.
- Q. Oh, so you came in, you slapped them in the
- 14 face, you got noticed, you said there's these things
- wrong with your proposal, and they rejected everything
- 16 you said?
- 17 A. Ah, at the -- through discussion,
- 18 essentially -- I believe they already had planned for a
- 19 DLL disable mode at the time. We wanted to ensure that
- 20 that was there. We didn't know it was there at the
- 21 time. I don't believe this proposal had anything to do
- 22 with it ending up in the final specification.
- As I said, you know, you always believe you're
- 24 right as an engineer, but sometimes you're wrong. I
- 25 think, you know, we had a lot of good ideas here, but

- 1 they were too disruptive to the standard, where it was,
- 2 and they weren't adopted, just like many of the
- 3 proposals I have made over the years.

1 A. I didn't write this information. I reviewed it

- 2 and forwarded it to the group.
- 3 Q. Do you know who wrote it?
- 4 A. Let me double-check. I think it might actually
- 5 be -- I believe it was Jim Rogers and possibly Ken
- 6 McGhee also had something to do with this, but I just
- 7 reviewed it.
- Q. Okay, let me focus you to the bottom part of
- 9 page 8, if we can, where it says, "Paul Coteus," from
- 10 there to the end of the page.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Is what follows after the name Paul Coteus a
- 13 reference to -- the next two lines to what he said? Is
- that how you understand this document?
- 15 A. That would make sense, yes.
- 16 Q. And was there a discussion on the possible use
- of verniers at this particular meeting to which
- 18 Exhibit-379A relates?
- 19 A. Yes, this would be verniers on the memory
- 20 controller, not on the DRAM.
- 21 Q. And then did you at the same meeting where it
- 22 says "Joe Macri," it says, "Do we need only one DRAM
- 23 device type, " is that a reference to something you said
- 24 at the meeting?
- 25 A. I don't recall saying it, but it could be

- 1 something I said, yes.
- Q. Then turn, if you would, to just the last page.
- A. That would be page 10?
- 4 Q. That would be page 10.
- 5 There's a reference three lines down that says,
- 6 "Joe Macri: Should we force the issue with SDF?
- 7 Should we merge the SDF into this task group?
- 8 Everybody said yes."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And is SDF a reference to the Server
- 12 Development Forum?
- 13 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you, if you would, to look at
- 15 CX-132, which is the minutes of the Future DRAM Task
- 16 Group dated July 23rd, 1998 that we looked at earlier.
- 17 A. Okay.

- 1 Is that right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And were you still at ArtX at the time?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And on these particular minutes, you'll notice
- 6 it starts off with an introduction, and then it goes to
- 7 quest speaker, and you'll see there's no reference to
- 8 any discussion of any patent policy at this meeting.
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes, I don't see the meeting -- the reference.
- 11 Q. And then if you would look at the sign-in sheet
- for this meeting, which begins on page 6 and continues
- on through page 8, was this the normal way a sign-in
- sheet was done at your Future DRAM Task Group meetings?
- 15 That is, a piece of paper would be passed around and
- 16 people would sign in on it?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. There wasn't any formalized sign-in
- 19 sheet that had certain language on it where you signed
- 20 in?
- 21 A. Ah, I think it was -- I'm just not sure. I
- 22 mean, I don't know if this was a notebook sheet or if

O. As you look at this sign-in sheet, it appears,

- does it not, not to have any preprinted language on it?
- 3 A. All I see is name --
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: The Court takes notice; it
- 5 speaks for itself.
- 6 MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 7 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Let me ask you now, if you would, to look at
- 9 CX-426. This was the minutes of a conference call you
- 10 had to discuss certain clock timing issues with a
- subgroup of the Future DRAM Task Group, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. At the conclusion of this call, was there a
- 14 consensus that you would not go with single data rate?
- 15 A. I'm not sure if it was at the conclusion of
- this call or if it was when we reviewed this during the
- 17 larger committee meeting. I just don't recall when we
- 18 made that -- that exact decision.
- 19 Q. Look, if you would, at page 4 of this document.
- 20 Down at the bottom, under Overall Summary, item number
- 21 3, doesn't that read, "Single data rate clock is
- 22 preferred provided that we can make it work"?
- 23 A. Yes, and in the context of this, that would
- 24 mean if we were to go and do large -- you know, this
- 25 large-scale change.

1 O. So, if you made a large change, the preference

- was for single data rate?
- A. That's what that statement says, yes.
- 4 O. And that was the consensus of this call, wasn't
- 5 it?
- 6 A. Ah, I would assume so, yes. There was -- the
- 7 word "preferred" also used in the previous two -- two
- 8 statements. I think the real -- the overriding
- 9 question during these calls were, one, we decided to
- 10 have a call where we can think out of the box, so, I
- 11 mean, I think the overriding question was always do we
- 12 make a wholesale change, but this is free thinking.
- 13 This was a free thinking call to see if we could come
- 14 up with something cool, better.
- 15 Q. And the summary of the conclusion of the free
- 16 thinking call was that single data rate clock was
- 17 preferred?
- 18 A. If it -- if it -- I believe so, based on this
- 19 statement.
- Q. Okay. Was it a part of your proposal for the
- 21 Future DRAM Task Group to borrow features from other
- designs to use in what you were putting together?
- A. Well, we started with the DDR1 SDRAM as the
- 24 basis for the design, so the fact of -- we, of course,
- 25 borrowed everything from the DDR1 design.

1 O. That was one we did earlier. It was the first

- 2 document we looked at when I started my examination.
- 3 It's your presentation to the 1999 Platform Conference.
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. Do you need some help in finding it?
- A. No, there it is. I've got it.
- 7 Q. Look, if you would, at page 3 of RX-2234. In
- 8 the presentation you gave in 1999 about Future DRAM
- 9 Task Group, did you say in the last line on page 3 that
- one of the things the group was going to do was borrow
- from the design of SRAMs, SLDRAMs and others?
- 12 A. Those were examples I used.
- 13 O. Okay. Before the Future DRAM Task Group was
- 14 formed, there were discussions of removing the DLL from
- the design of DDR1, correct?
- 16 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. And in fact, at a JEDEC meeting, you suggested
- 18 to Toshiba that the DLL be removed from the design.
- 19 A. I don't recall who I suggested it to, but I
- 20 know I -- at one point, I had a belief that the DLL
- 21 should be removed.
- Q. Let me ask you to take a look at RX-927.
- 23 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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- 1 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Do you recognize Exhibit RX-927 as a copy of an
- 3 email that you received on or about May 21st of 1997?
- A. Yes, it was sent to me. Just give me a moment
- 5 to review it so I can see if I can remember it.
- 6 (Document review.) Okay, I don't remember this exact
- 7 email, but I do remember -- distinctly remember, you
- 8 know, questioning the DLL part.
- 9 Q. Okay. And is this a -- this document, RX-927,
- 10 a report of a meeting that you attended with
- 11 representatives from Toshiba?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And on the second page of the document,
- 14 as I think you just referred to, item number 7 says
- 15 that Joe Macri suggested that Toshiba remove the DLL or
- that they at least include a bypass around the DLL.
- Do you see that nrreme 7 se DLL.8 12

- 1 O. And what position did he have in 1997?
- 2 A. He worked at the HP labs. I'm not sure of his
- 3 position.
- Q. Let me show you, if I can, what's previously
- 5 been marked as RX-1060.
- 6 May I, Your Honor?
- 7 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- BY MR. STONE:
- 9 Q. Mr. Macri, you will notice that Exhibit RX-1060
- is an email from Mr. Wiggers to you dated November 18,
- 11 1997.
- 12 A. Give me a moment to refresh myself. (Document
- 13 review.) Okay, I've familiarized myself with it.
- 14 Q. Do you recognize this to be an email that you
- received from Mr. Wiggers in November of 1997?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And this was in response to an email you
- 18 had sent to him, correct?
- 19 A. Yes, I think I asked him if he wanted to get
- 20 together to just have a chat. I think it says right
- 21 here, draw some pictures.

- 1 wasn't -- it was maybe Hans and Bill were maybe the two
- people I was trying to get together.
- O. And in his email back to you, he says -- and
- 4 this is a discussion, is it not, about DLL?
- 5 A. This was a discussion -- the top section or the
- 6 bottom section?
- 7 Q. The top section includes a discussion about
- 8 DLL?
- 9 A. Yes, it does.
- 10 Q. And there's a statement in there about, oh,
- 11 four or five lines down which says, "There is some
- 12 nervousness about the required accuracy, " and that
- refers to the DLL, does it not?
- 14 A. That refers to the DLL in a noisy DRAM
- 15 environment, yes.
- Q. Then it goes on to say, "but in principle, they
- 17 all know how to do DLL's since they have a license for
- 18 the 'dark side.'"
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you understood that at the time you
- 22 received it to be a reference to Rambus, the reference
- to the "dark side," correct?
- A. Yeah, I mean, that was my interpretation

- 1 Q. Let me go back --
- 2 A. Then I don't understand your question.
- 3 O. Let me ask my question again, if I can, so we
- 4 can try to get a clear record.
- 5 You understood Mr. Wiggers to be saying to you
- 6 that in his view, the DRAM manufacturers had learned
- 7 how to implement the DLL on a DRAM chip in a noisy
- 8 environment from Rambus, correct?
- 9 A. He didn't state anything about a noisy
- 10 environment. All he says -- his statement says what it
- 11 says.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. I do not --
- 14 O. I'll take it at that. That's fine.
- 15 A. I don't want to think what he was thinking.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 JUDGE McGUIRE: Objection sustained.
- 18 MR. STONE: Thank you.
- 19 BY MR. STONE:
- 20 O. You were shown earlier I believe CX-2315. Do
- 21 you have that in front of you or is it easier if I just
- give you another copy?
- 23 May I approach, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 25 THE WITNESS: It's always easier if you give me

- 1 another copy.
- 2 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. I'll just hand you another copy of it. Here
- 4 you go.
- 5 A. Okay, thank you.
- 6 Q. Do you recall looking at this email earlier
- 7 today?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. You -- when you were asked about this email
- 10 earlier, you were asked about I think the bottom of the
- 11 first page of CX-2315. Do you recall that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. And at the time that you -- let me strike that.
- 14 When you wrote this email, the one that's on
- 15 the bottom of the first page, and you talked about the
- 16 world transitioning from EDO to SDR, you were talking
- 17 about a transition in DRAMs from extended data out to
- 18 the first of the SDRAM devices, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And that was a change from an asynchronous
- 21 device to a synchronous device, correct?
- 22 A. Pseudo-asynchronous.
- Q. Pseudo-asynchronous to synchronous, correct?
- A. Yes. Well, pseudo-synchronous to synchronous.
- Q. And the -- when you said here what was unclear

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- 1 was not whether they would move but when they would
- 2 move, did you mean by that to say that there were no
- 3 choices other than moving from extended data out to
- 4 SDRAM?
- 5 A. That was the next standard DRAM that was being
- 6 discussed by JEDEC, so it was -- and I think they
- 7 would -- I do not know of other DRAM technologies in
- 8 that time frame that you could consider other than
- 9 maybe some -- there may have been proprietary stuff.
- 10 Q. When was the first time, to your knowledge,
- 11 that the customers who buy DRAMs had a choice as to
- 12 which path could be taken?
- 13 A. You mean between a new -- two new technologies
- 14 being introduced at the exact same time?
- 15 Q. Or roughly the same time.
- 16 A. That may have been the -- the Rambus case, I
- 17 think.
- 18 Q. And what was the choice --
- 19 A. At least to my knowledge.
- 20 O. -- what was the choice between?
- 21 A. It would be between DDR or Rambus.
- Q. And that's what you were talking about earlier
- in your email where you said, "The world may stay SDR
- 24 until Rambus is available."
- 25 You thought that the world might choose Rambus

- 1 over DDR, right?
- 2 A. That's what -- the info that I had to date.
- 3 That info was based on what was in the public press.
- 4 Q. Did you have any personal knowledge on that
- 5 issue one way or the other on your own?
- 6 A. Like I stated earlier, that through
- 7 nondisclosure agreements, we saw road maps from the
- 8 DRAM vendors, and Rambus was on their road map.

- 1 A. Um-hum.
- 2 O. What was that? What was M14?
- 3 A. I don't believe it's a group. It was just
- 4 referring to the 14 memory companies that were in the
- 5 world at that point, but I don't believe there was
- 6 actually a group.
- 7 Q. Did you know whether or not there were meetings
- 8 of M14 or M9 or M11?
- 9 A. I did not have any knowledge of what the DRAM
- 10 manufacturers were up to.
- 11 Q. They never told you that they got together, did
- 12 they?
- 13 A. I did have knowledge through my work in JEDEC
- 14 that the Japanese DRAM makers, through their -- I want
- 15 to say it's EIJ, a trade organization in Japan maybe,
- 16 EIAJ, something like that, that I believe they would
- 17 get together to discuss issues, but I'm not -- I was
- 18 never privy to their discussions.
- 19 O. Okay. If I could show you a document, we may
- 20 have looked at this earlier, it's RX-1306.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 22 MR. STONE: May I just approach, Your Honor?
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Do you recognize RX-1306 as an email set of
- 25 minutes that you sent out for the Future DRAM Task

1 Force meeting that occurred in November of 1998?

- 2 A. It was actually two sets of minutes.
- 3 O. Two sets of minutes?
- 4 A. One from September; one from October.
- 5 Q. Okay. So, this is your email sending out those
- 6 two sets of minutes, is it?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And if you could turn to page 3, Exhibit
- 9 RX-1306 --
- 10 A. Just to be clear, they are not my minutes.
- 11 They were reviewed by me.
- 12 Q. Okay. So, someone else writes them, you review
- them, and then you send them out?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Turning to page 3 of the minutes that
- 16 you reviewed and sent out, RX-1306, do the minutes
- 17 begin about a third of the way down where it says,
- 18 "September 18, 1998, Future DRAM Task Group"?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And you'll see the very first heading is, "M9
- 21 Presentation. Fujitsu presented for M9."
- Do you see that reference?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And is it -- is this meant to convey to
- 25 everyone that there was a presentation made on behalf

of the DRAM manufacturers with Fujitsu being the

- 2 presenter?
- 3 A. Yes, that would have been the case.
- 4 O. And does this group include companies from the
- 5 U.S. as well as other countries?
- 6 A. IBM is mentioned.
- 7 O. And Micron?
- 8 A. And Micron.
- 9 Q. And at this meeting, if you would turn to page
- 10 5, the fourth bullet point down where it starts, "Burst
- interrupt for users, Jon Jasper did a nice survey.
- 12 Some discussion about variable burst length."
- Do you see that reference?
- 14 A. Five?
- 15 Q. It's the third bullet point down, third and
- 16 fourth?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Was there a discussion at this meeting in
- 19 September of '98 about the possibility of eliminating
- 20 the variable burst length feature?
- 21 A. I just don't remember so many years ago, and it
- 22 would seem to indicate so since there was a note here.
- 23 I just don't remember. I'm sorry.
- Q. That's okay.
- Turn, if you would, to page 8, Mr. Macri.

1 Under the Action Items -- and we talked about the

- 2 heading Action Items earlier.
- 3 A. Um-hum.
- 4 O. And I think this portion of the minutes is
- 5 still the September minutes, but I'm not positive.
- 6 A. Yes, it looks like the September minutes.
- 7 O. Okay. Under Action Items, item number 3 says,
- 8 "Removing DLL and impact on turn around time," and I
- 9 believe you were asked about that earlier.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Was someone at HP assigned the responsibility
- to look into the possibility of removing DLL from the
- design of DDR2?
- 14 A. Yes, that's indicated by these minutes.
- 15 Q. And who at HP was given that assignment?
- 16 A. I don't recall.
- 17 O. Was there someone at IBM who undertook to
- 18 examine eliminating the variable burst length?
- 19 A. Yes, that's indicated here.
- Q. And do you know who that was?
- 21 A. No, I don't recall.
- Q. And was someone from MOSAID given the
- responsibility to do a survey and see what the
- 24 preferred burst length would be of the various members
- of the Future DRAM Task Group?

1 A. Yes, that would be -- that's indicated here

- 2 also.
- 3 Q. And do you know who that was?
- 4 A. I don't recall.
- 5 Q. Let me ask you, if you would, to take a look at
- 6 CX-137, which is minutes of the DRAM Future Task Group.
- May I approach, Your Honor?
- 8 JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 10 BY MR. STONE:
- 11 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit CX-137 to be minutes
- of your task group at a meeting that was held in
- December of '98 in San Diego?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And let me direct you to the third page.
- You'll notice item number -- it's on the right-hand
- 17 side, item number 10, "HP elimination of DLL
- 18 presentation." It's on the screen in front of you if
- 19 that's easier to read, Mr. Macri.
- 20 Do you see that there?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Now, do you have an independent recollection of
- 23 that presentation?
- A. I remember that meeting. I don't remember that
- 25 exact presentation. Let me see if there's anything

- 1 here in the minutes that --
- Q. Let me see if I can short-circuit that. I'm
- 3 not going to ask you about the details then of the --
- 4 A. It's just it was so many years ago.
- Q. Let me ask you this, if you would turn back to
- 6 the first page.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you will see that there's one individual
- 9 from Hewlett Packard who appears on the list of
- 10 attendees.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. A Mr. Johnson, is it?
- 13 A. Right, Jon Jasper.
- Q. I'm sorry, then there's another one for -- I'm
- 15 not doing very good. There's another one for Hewlett
- 16 Packard.
- 17 A. I see one Hewlett Packard, but it's Mr. --
- 18 Q. One Hewlett Packard and one HP.
- 19 A. Jon Jasper from Hewlett Packard. Oh, there
- 20 are --
- Q. Look up a little higher.
- 22 A. Oh, I see it, yes, Leith Johnson.
- Q. Seeing those two names, does that at all jog
- 24 your memory as to who it was from HP who took
- 25 responsibility for this elimination of the DLL issue?

1 A. I don't believe it was Leith, because he was

- 2 focused more on -- I'm not -- I can't --
- 3 Q. Okay, that's fine.
- 4 A. -- confirm. I just -- I would believe -- I
- 5 would guess it might be Jon, just based on the type of
- 6 presentation.
- 7 Q. Now, look, if you would, at page 4, Mr. Macri,
- 8 of Exhibit CX-137. There is an item under the heading
- 9 Verniers.
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And it says, "IBM made another presentation --"
- 13 I'm having trouble reading it, if we could pick up
- 14 under Verniers.
- 15 "IBM made another presentation (see Attachment
- 16 I) that if we don't have data strobes -- that if we
- 17 have data strobes we don't necessarily need a DLL, but
- if we have verniers, we don't necessarily need a
- 19 bi-directional data strobe."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Earlier when I asked you about verniers, you
- 23 indicated that they were in the controller rather than
- with respect to the DRAM?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 O. Is this again a discussion related to the

- 2 controller, or is this a discussion related to use of
- 3 verniers on the DRAM, if you know?
- 4 A. I believe verniers there -- so, this -- can I
- 5 explain -- not just to pick out a piece of this
- 6 sentence, but give you some answer on both pieces or
- 7 just one? Verniers, I believe they were on the
- 8 controller.
- 9 O. On the controller?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay, hang on to that one more minute.
- 12 Turn, if you would, to page 27 of CX-137, and
- do you see at the bottom half of the page, there's a
- sign which says -- it's a PLL with a symbol of "not"?
- 15 Do you see that? That's the heading. So, this was
- 16 part of a presentation of Why No PLL?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. And then up above is their quote from Einstein
- 19 that I botched earlier?
- 20 A. I may have botched it, too.
- 21 Q. Yes, okay. That's all I have on that one.
- 22 Let me show you, if I might, CX-140, which is
- 23 the minutes of another DRAM Future Task Group.
- 24 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.

- 1 BY MR. STONE:
- 2 Q. Do you recognize these to be the minutes from
- 3 the meeting that was held in April of 1999 in Tokyo?
- A. Give me one moment, please. (Document review.)
- 5 Yes.
- Q. And turn, if you would, to page 3, item number
- 7 6. Is this a summary of your presentation at the
- 8 meeting regarding the basic philosophy of the Future
- 9 DRAM Task Group?
- 10 A. Yes, that's my synopsis of it.
- 11 Q. And did you review these minutes before they
- 12 were sent out?
- 13 A. Most probably, yes.
- 14 Q. You were shown earlier by Mr.
- 15 JUDGE McGUIRE: Davis.
- 16 BY MR. STONE:
- 17 Q. -- Davis -- I am sorry, that's very
- 18 embarrassing -- a copy of CX-398, which you may have in
- 19 front of you, but if I can approach, Your Honor, I'll
- 20 give you another copy so you don't have to hunt.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: That would be great.
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. I know we're getting a stack here.
- Do you recall seeing this document earlier?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And the -- this is an email exchange that
- 3 started way back on the second page of the document
- 4 with a note from Mr. Townsend to various people that
- 5 doesn't seem to include you and references you, though,
- 6 by name, and then somehow you get picked up on the
- 7 chain.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. I --
- 10 Q. If you look at the bottom of page 2, the
- original message, I think, from Jim Townsend to Bill
- 12 Gervasi and a number of others, and I didn't -- oh,
- 13 you're there. Your name's there, Joe Macri. So, this
- is where it started, right?
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- 16 Q. Then at some point you made a proposal to Mr.
- 17 Townsend, did you not, that the participants in the
- 18 JEDEC Future DRAM Task Group should patent the new
- 19 ideas that they came up with during the -- the course
- 20 of their work?
- 21 A. I think I stated in JEDEC. I mean, if -- it
- 22 was more of a question than a proposal, but I thought
- it might be best if JEDEC owned all the DDR2 patents.
- Q. Okay. And your idea was that if JEDEC could
- own all the DDR2 patents, then they could charge

1 royalties to non-members if they wanted?

- 1 A. I have no idea if that's accurate.
- Q. Was there a discussion at your Future DRAM Task
- 3 Group meetings about certain MOSAID patents on DLL
- 4 features?
- 5 A. Could you --
- 6 O. It's not in that document, Mr. Macri.
- 7 A. No, I'm not looking at the document. I just
- 8 have -- I'm just thinking. I can't recall exactly, but
- 9 I do recall --
- 10 Q. Let me see if I can show you a document that
- 11 will jog your memory in this respect.
- 12 May I, Your Honor?
- 13 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- 15 Q. Let me show you what's been marked as RX-1457.
- 16 Do you recognize this to be a series of emails
- involving Mr. Foss at MOSAID and various other persons,
- including yourself?
- 19 A. Yes, I recognize it as an email.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall any discussions regarding
- 21 the subject of MOSAID patents on DLLs in the course of
- 22 JEDEC meetings or Future DRAM Task Group meetings?
- 23 A. Just give me a moment to read through the whole
- thing. Maybe it will jog my memory.
- O. Please.

1 A. (Document review.) I don't recall if -- I just

- 2 don't recall if this took place in a committee or in
- 3 the Future DRAM Task Group.
- 4 Q. Do you recall any discussion in any JEDEC
- 5 context?
- 6 A. Not directly. I'm not picturing it in my mind.
- 7 I don't recall a discussion in reference to the work
- 8 that we were doing in the Future DRAM Task Group.
- 9 Q. Do you recall anyone ever objecting that Mr.
- 10 Foss' disclosure of the DLL patents occurred after the
- 11 patents had issued rather than while they were in the
- 12 application stage?
- 13 A. No, I just don't recall this discussion.
- 14 Q. Do you recall anyone ever objecting that the
- 15 two-tiered license arrangement that Mr. Foss describes
- in the top paragraph of this email chain was in any way
- 17 inappropriate?
- 18 A. I just don't recall right now.
- 19 O. You'll notice he talked about a difference
- 20 depending on whether you license somebody broadly or
- 21 whether you license them just on the DLL patents.
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yeah, he is inferring that he taught people DLL
- 24 design.
- Q. I'm sorry?

1 A. He is inferring that he taught people DLL

- 2 stuff, but I don't recall this conversation.
- O. Well, if you look up at this Re: line, you will
- 4 see the Re: line is, "The MOSAID DLL patents."
- 5 MR. DAVIS: Objection, Your Honor. He has
- 6 already stated a couple of times that he doesn't
- 7 recall.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes, he has. Sustained.
- 9 BY MR. STONE:
- 10 Q. Let me show you a document and ask if you can
- 11 confirm that this is Mr. Townsend's response to Mr.
- 12 Foss' email.
- If I may approach, Your Honor, and show the
- 14 witness CX-400?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 16 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Can you identify CX-400 as a document that --
- 18 an email from Mr. Townsend to Mr. Foss, copied to a
- 19 variety of people, including yourself?
- 20 A. Yes, I was copied on it.
- 21 Q. And is this Mr. Townsend's response to the
- two-tiered description in the exhibit we just looked
- 23 at, RX-1457?
- A. It is Mr. Townsend's response.
- Q. Did you ever after receipt of this email ever

1 raise with anyone that you thought the two tiers were

- 2 not reasonable?
- A. No, I mean, this -- at the time frame of this,
- 4 I was not worried about JEDEC leadership issues. I was
- 5 more getting my hands around the task group and keeping
- 6 them focused. This would have been something that I
- 7 got copied on and, you know, I may have -- I don't
- 8 know -- I don't recall this, so I may never even have
- 9 read it. I just don't know.
- 10 Q. Let me take you back to some of your task group
- 11 issues, if I might. Do you recall Micron making a
- 12 proposal to go with fixed CAS latency during the course
- of your Future DRAM Task Group meetings?
- 14 A. I recall there was a discussion on reducing
- 15 test costs, and Micron -- I'm not sure who did any
- 16 presentations, and I'm not sure -- I'm just not sure.
- 17 Q. Did Micron also make other proposals for how to
- determine CAS latency other than the use of
- 19 programmable CAS latency as it had been used in DDR1?
- 20 A. I don't recall any direct presentations on
- 21 that. Maybe you can jog my memory.
- MR. STONE: May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. I've shown you, Mr. Macri, what's been

1 identified as CX-2766, a document that appears to be a

- 2 Micron presentation entitled Pin Selectable Posted CAS
- 3 for DDR-II.
- 4 A. Yes, I see that. I see that title.
- 5 Q. Do you have any recollection of this
- 6 presentation being made at a Future DRAM Task Group
- 7 meeting?
- 8 A. I mean, I do remember this discussion.
- 9 Q. Does this relate -- earlier today I think we
- 10 talked -- how can I phrase this -- let me ask it this
- 11 way, Mr. Macri: Can you explain to us what pin
- 12 selectable posted CAS for DDR2 is as it's referred to
- in this document in a few sentences?
- 14 A. Posted CAS had to do with how the commands were
- 15 issued to the DRAM, the relative position between the
- 16 RAS command and the CAS command, and this allowed them
- 17 to be back to back or any number of cycles up to where
- 18 the CAS would be for, you know, a normal DDR1 SDRAM.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. The pin selectability of that allowed more
- 21 dynamic control of where you place that CAS relative to
- 22 the RAS. That was the -- you know, that was the --
- 23 that had to be the major goal of this, and there may
- have been side effects.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, I think he's satisfied.

1 MR. STONE: I am. Thank you, Your Honor.

1 various clock forwarding schemes utilized by DDR1,

- 2 SLDRAM and RDRAM?
- A. Yes, the three rather drastically different
- 4 schemes were referenced.
- 5 Q. And were they being discussed because
- 6 consideration was being given to each of those three
- 7 for possible use in DDR2?
- 8 A. Yes, this was I believe a DDR2 presentation.
- 9 Q. So, is it correct, then, that in September of
- 10 2000, the Future DRAM Task Group was considering the
- 11 use of the DDR1 clocking scheme, the SLDRAM clocking
- 12 scheme and the RDRAM clocking scheme?
- 13 A. No, they had already settled on the DDR1
- 14 clocking scheme. This was a presentation, you know, to
- 15 see if the committee could come -- you know, Micron
- thought they might have a better way, and they wanted
- 17 to see if they could convince the committee of it, and
- 18 they brought up the three rather, you know, totally
- 19 different clocking schemes.
- Q. And then if you turn to the fifth page, the
- 21 next page, Mr. Macri, you'll see that Micron proposed
- 22 yet a fourth scheme which was one covered by a patent,
- 23 4,519,034.
- Do you see that reference?
- 25 A. Yes, I see the reference.

- Q. And so, is it consistent with your recollection
- 2 that one of the proposals or proposed alternatives that
- 3 Micron asked your group to consider was a scheme that
- 4 was patented under the patent number I just read?
- 5 A. Yes, they were fulfilling their JEDEC
- 6 responsibility.
- 7 Q. And -- Di 6 rtere fulfilld alteir Jusir JEDE(

1 scheme that would not be covered by the Rambus patents?

- 2 A. No, I don't believe that at all. The --
- 3 their -- Micron and many companies would bring
- 4 proposals to JEDEC all the time. They would bring
- 5 these proposals because they believe there's an
- 6 inherent advantage. There are disadvantages to the
- 7 clocking scheme used by DDR1. Engineers always try to
- 8 come up with better solutions, and they are presented
- 9 to the committee for the committee's judgment. This
- 10 was just, you know, yet another Micron presentation on
- 11 an alternative scheme.
- 12 O. And is one of the considerations that you take
- into account whether or not they're covered by patents?
- 14 A. Micron had pointed out that there was a patent.
- 15 They met their JEDEC responsibility. And they pointed
- out that the patent was due to expire before the
- 17 production date. They were using this as -- you know,
- 18 I don't recall exactly, but they may have used it to --
- 19 as part of the -- you know, just to set members at
- 20 ease.
- 21 Q. Going back to my question, Mr. Macri -- and
- 22 just focus on my question, not on this -- was it one of
- 23 the goals of the Future DRAM Task Group to take into
- 24 account whether a particular technology was or was not
- 25 patented?

- 1 A. That's not a goal of the Future DRAM Task
- 2 Group. JEDEC has a patent policy that says if a patent
- 3 is -- is exhibited, if there is a patent exhibited, the
- 4 committee must examine alternative methods, and it's in
- 5 the -- in the -- I don't know if the exact wording is
- 6 correct, but there is wording in the patent policy
- 7 that -- or in the policy somewhere in JEDEC that says,
- 8 you know, we should try to come up --
- 9 Q. What alternatives did JEDEC look at for the
- design of DDR2 to avoid the Rambus patents?
- 11 A. I don't recall us doing -- having an effort to
- 12 avoid the Rambus patents. So, this was, you know, a
- scheme that was actually presented in September of
- 14 2000, so this was fairly far down the road of the
- 15 definition of DDR2.
- Q. Well, it wasn't so --
- 17 A. If Micron would have did this in '98, maybe we
- 18 would have -- there may have been a -- you know, a --
- 19 you know, a better look at this, but I don't recall the
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1 back to my question, let's just see if I can get a

- 2 shorter, simpler answer perhaps.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 O. What, if anything, did either the Future DRAM
- 5 Task Group do or did JEDEC do in the DDR2 design to
- 6 look for alternatives to those designs which Rambus
- 7 contended were covered by its patents?
- 8 A. I don't recall us doing anything to get around
- 9 what Rambus was contending.
- 10 O. And did the committee listen to and consider
- 11 the presentation that Micron gave in September of 2000?
- 12 A. The committee has to listen to all
- 13 presentations. You -- the committee does not have a
- 14 choice.
- 15 Q. You were shown earlier Exhibit 426, I believe,
- 16 CX-426. Let me hand you another copy.
- 17 If I may approach, Your Honor?
- 18 JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I've got a little bit of a mound
- 20 here.
- 21 BY MR. STONE:
- Q. Yes, you do.
- Do you recall CX-426?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And this is an email that was sent from

- 1 path, and SDR may be a preference.
- Q. Okay. And then if you turn to the third page,
- 3 under that -- halfway down the page where it says,
- 4 "TBM."
- 5 A. Um-hum.
- 6 O. You'll see there's a reference under IBM where
- 7 it says, the second bullet point, "Agrees with the need
- 8 to avoid IP issues."
- 9 A. Yes, I see that.
- 10 Q. Weren't those Rambus IP issues that were being
- 11 talked about at this time frame, November of 2000?
- 12 A. I believe it was just IP issues in general.
- Q. You don't think there was any mention in
- 14 November of 2000 of the Rambus IP issues?
- 15 A. I do not recall the discussion of Rambus IP
- during this call or during the task group meeting.
- 17 Q. Well, wasn't it your obligation to tell JEDEC
- 18 members of any patents that you knew of?
- 19 A. Ah, yes, we all have an obligation to -- to
- 20 notify the committee of patents that we do not believe
- 21 the membership already knows about.
- Q. And wasn't it -- wasn't it your obligation, if
- you knew of Rambus patents, to tell the committee?
- A. It was my belief that by this time everyone
- 25 knew of Rambus' allegations. There was no need to

- 1 reinforce that.
- Q. So, you didn't tell them about the Rambus
- 3 patents because you assumed they all knew?
- 4 A. At this point, it was common knowledge in the
- 5 press. You'd have to live in a hole not to.
- 6 Q. And if -- I'm sorry, you would have to?
- 7 A. Live in a hole, under ground.

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- 1 believed that the members already knew about them?
- 2 A. At this point in time, there was -- you know,
- 3 there was discussions among membership, you know, of
- 4 what was happening in the press regarding Rambus. At
- 5 that --
- 6 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, now again, when you say
- 7 at this point in time, you're talking about the year
- 8 2000?
- 9 THE WITNESS: I'm talking about -- yeah, the
- 10 time frame that he's talking about here.
- 11 JUDGE McGUIRE: Well, we just get so far down
- 12 the road that we tend to lose context, so I just want
- it to be clear, you know, for the record the time frame
- 14 we're talking about now.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, for this question here. I
- 16 mean, I don't know what happened at every JEDEC
- 17 meeting, you know, I just don't know, but I know at
- 18 this point in time for this call, I believe that the
- 19 committee had already understood Rambus' belief on
- 20 their patents.
- 21 BY MR. STONE:
- O. Well, had there been a discussion at a Future
- DRAM Task Group meeting of Rambus' patents?
- A. I do not recall a discussion at this point in
- 25 time on Rambus' patents.

Q. What led you to the belief that everyone knew

- 2 about them if there had been no discussion?
- 3 A. The sheer fact that at this point in time, it
- 4 was all -- it was in the press. People were talking
- 5 about it in the street. It was common knowledge. I
- 6 did not believe that, you know, standing up and wasting
- 7 the committee's time informing them of something they
- 8 already knew would be beneficial to the committee.
- 9 Q. Did your committee later -- did you sort of --
- 10 did it get merged into the work of the JC-42.3
- 11 committee?
- 12 A. Yes, eventually all task groups dissolve and
- merge back into the committee.
- 14 Q. And by March of 2001, had that happened?
- 15 A. I believe that's probably true. I don't know
- the exact date, but the task group slowly dissolved.
- 17 Q. Let me show you, if I might, CX-168. Do you
- 18 recognize CX-168 to be the minutes of the March 2001
- 19 meeting?
- 20 A. (Document review.) Yes, that's what they look
- 21 like, the minutes of the March 2001 meeting.
- 22 Q. Okay. And were you the chairman at this time?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Can I ask you to turn to page 7, the
- 25 bottom of page 7?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Where there's a vote, the very bottom, it says,
- 3 "Motion by AMI2, seconded by Samsung to send to council
- 4 to modify. The vote was unanimous."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And that's a vote on a particular low-power SDR
- 8 function, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Then if you turn to page 8 at the very top, it
- 11 says, "Later in the meeting Mr. Ryan showed a comment
- 12 he had received on patents affecting this ballot,
- 13 Rambus 6,021,076 and Siemens 6,046,953."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. When those patents were identified later in the
- meeting after the vote had been taken, did the
- 18 committee do anything in response to those patents
- 19 being identified, such as pull the ballot back, revote
- it, table it or anything like that?
- 21 A. I don't know. I mean, this was for low-power
- 22 SDRAM, and that's a discussion that I just wasn't
- 23 interested in.
- Q. But you were still the chair, though, right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. And as the chair, in trying to apply the
- 2 JEDEC patent policy as you understood it at the time,
- 3 did you as the chairman say, wait, a patent has now
- 4 been disclosed by Micron, two patents in fact, that
- 5 relate to this ballot, and we need to revote it or
- 6 table it until we get resolution of any patent issues?
- 7 A. No, I didn't. As I said, I mean, this was
- 8 something that I wasn't interested in and just -- hsw.g thaon in

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- 1 A. I'm not aware of anything that was not
- 2 consistent with the JEDEC rules.
- Q. Okay. When was the preliminary specification
- 4 for DDR2 published, the first one? Was that July of
- 5 2001?
- 6 A. Yes, I'm not sure of the date, but there was --
- 7 and I'm not -- actually, I have got to be honest, I'm
- 8 not -- I'm not sure when the first revision of
- 9 JESD-79-2 was published.
- 10 Q. Well, what I have is a preliminary
- 11 specification. Do you recall that being published?
- 12 A. But preliminary -- so, that may have been
- within the committee itself, but it's not published
- 14 generally in JEDEC meetings that's outside of the
- 15 committee.
- 16 Q. That's fine. Someone took the time and effort
- into putting together a complete specificationeliminary -- so, t
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- 1 the process that you felt it appropriate to assign
- 2 someone to put the specification together for committee
- 3 purposes?
- 4 A. Well, it was actually -- we actually did it
- 5 much earlier than that even. It was just -- it was a
- 6 very small group of people that were keeping the
- 7 compilation of all the past ballots, and we finally got
- 8 enough together that it seemed appropriate to start
- 9 getting more people to look at it, to find errors and
- 10 inconsistencies in the specification. So, you know, we
- 11 very often keep things small until, you know, it's
- 12 appropriate to have more people look at it.
- MR. STONE: May I approach, Your Honor?
- 14 BY MR. STONE:
- 15 Q. Let me show you, Mr. Macri, RX-1854.
- 16 A. Okay.
- Q. Can you identify this as the preliminary DDR2
- 18 SDRAM specification as of July 2001?
- 19 A. It looks like it is that.
- 20 Q. Okay, prepared within your group?
- 21 A. Prepared actually by the person I assigned to
- 22 it and -- you know, and that was underneath the -- I
- 23 believe that was still underneath the task group at
- 24 that point.
- Q. Okay. I notice it says JC-42.3 in the upper

- 1 right corner.
- 2 A. Yes.
- O. Does that indicate that it had been taken out
- 4 of your group and given to JC-42.3, or was this still
- 5 part of your group?
- 6 A. I -- we would have to -- we would have to go
- 7 through the JEDEC meeting minutes and find when we kind
- 8 of dissolved the task group, but 42.3 was what the task
- 9 group was under, so that was -- it could be either.
- 10 Q. And I'm just trying to speed us along, so if
- 11 you feel like I'm cutting you off, it might be true,
- 12 but it's in the interest of time.
- 13 A. Don't worry, you can't insult me.
- Q. And can you confirm that as of this date, July
- 15 of 2001, the burst length was fixed at four in this
- 16 particular specification? And I might direct you to
- 17 page 20.
- 18 A. Yes, in this specification, it was fixed at
- 19 four. Only past ballots could go into this
- 20 specification, so the ballot process had to be
- 21 completed on any concept that had been discussed. That
- 22 was the rule.
- Q. And after this specification had been put
- together and circulated within the committee, did you
- 25 receive a letter or a copy of a letter from Desi Rhoden

on behalf of AMI2 in which he disclosed to you certain

- 2 AMI2 patents that might relate to your specification?
- A. That may have occurred. I just don't recall.
- 4 O. Did the committee at any point in time do
- 5 anything to look at the AMI2 patents and consider
- 6 whether they should redesign the specification in
- 7 response to the disclosure that AMI2 had patents?
- 8 A. It depends on the nature of that letter. I
- 9 don't recall --
- 10 Q. And I'm not going to ask you about the letter.
- 11 Let me interrupt you for a second and withdraw my
- 12 question and just put it to you again and see if I can
- 13 keep us focused.
- 14 Did the committee do anything to look at
- 15 alternatives to features covered by any patents held by
- 16 AMI2?
- 17 A. I don't recall that at all.
- 18 Q. Okay. And let me ask you if a vote was taken.
- MR. DAVIS: Mr. Stone, is there a time when we
- 20 could take a break?
- 21 MR. STONE: I was trying to get to the in
- 22 camera part before we broke, Your Honor. We can break
- 23 now if we need to. In about ten minutes or less, I
- should be to the in camera part.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Do you want to break now, Mr.

- 1 Davis?
- 2 MR. DAVIS: Ten minutes is okay.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: If you need to break now, we'll
- 4 break now.
- MR. DAVIS: No, that's okay.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Let's go ten minutes, then
- 7 we'll have a good clean separation.
- 8 MR. STONE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 9 BY MR. STONE:
- 10 Q. Do you recall when there was a vote taken on
- 11 going to a programmable burst length?
- 12 A. I don't remember the date, but I remember that
- we did have a ballot to cover, you know, the burst
- length and also a separate ballot for the interrupt.
- 15 Q. And a separate ballot to cover?
- 16 A. The interrupt.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. The burst interrupt.
- 19 Q. If I can show you the minutes from September of
- 20 2001.
- 21 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- BY MR. STONE:
- Q. I've handed you what's been marked for
- 25 identification as CX-174, and you'll see at the top of

1 the first page, it says, "Joe Macri, Chairman."

- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And you presided, did you not, at the September
- 4 2001 meeting in Las Vegas?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Turn, if you would, to pages 7 and 8 under the
- 7 item 4, DDRII Request for Changes Item, and then
- 8 there's 4.1, and then on page 8, there's 4.2.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And do you see -- is this the meeting at which
- 11 the vote was taken on adding a burst length eight?
- 12 A. Yes. The ballot was given -- we were given
- 13 permission to write the ballot or Intel was given
- 14 permission to write the ballot.
- 15 Q. And so was this the first vote taken on whether
- those issues should be put to ballot, namely, going to
- 17 programmable burst length?
- 18 A. Yes, by voting and with a motion and the motion
- 19 passing.
- Q. Okay, one last document.
- 21 Were you -- from time to time, did you attend
- the meetings of 42.4?
- A. 42.4? I can't remember the name of that
- 24 committee. Is that one of the SRAM volatile --
- 25 O. The nonvolatile committee.

- 1 A. I rarely attended. It's more if there's no one
- 2 else to go, then I might, but I'm generally not
- 3 interested in nonvolatile issues.
- 4 Q. And some of the minutes I've looked at show you
- 5 in attendance and others show you're a member absent.
- 6 Is that consistent with your recollection?
- 7 A. Yeah, sometimes I was sitting there working
- 8 away when the sign-in sheet would come by.
- 9 Q. And did you get distribution of minutes and
- 10 mail from 42.4?
- 11 A. I may have, but not that I would pay any
- 12 attention to.
- Q. Did you -- were you aware of an issue involving

- 1 May I, Your Honor?
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Go ahead.
- 3 BY MR. STONE:
- 4 O. Do you recall receiving this email from Mr.
- 5 McGhee in February of 2000 about a letter Micron had
- 6 sent with respect to a patent application and whether
- 7 they -- their disclosure of that patent application
- 8 went beyond the patent policy of JEDEC?
- 9 A. I just don't -- I don't remember this, because
- it really doesn't say anything about what the patent
- 11 was about. It's just a letter from Ken McGhee saying
- 12 he received a letter from Micron.
- 0. At any meeting after February of 2000, after
- 14 the date of this email, do you remember anyone in a
- 15 meeting saying, I think Mr. McGhee's description about
- 16 the disclosure of patent applications and how that
- 17 related to the JEDEC policy was wrong, incorrect,
- 18 misunderstood or anything like that?
- 19 A. Ah, I just don't know. I mean --
- 20 O. Okay.
- 21 A. -- he's -- a lot of complaining all the time.
- 22 Q. But do you recall any complaining about this
- 23 issue?
- A. No, it's not -- it's not jumping out at my
- 25 mind.

1 MR. STONE: Okay, Your Honor, maybe now would

- 2 be convenient. We could then reconvene in camera just
- 3 briefly.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, very good. Let's
- 5 take a ten-minute break. This hearing is in recess.
- Again, let me just say to the audience, when we
- 7 come back, you will be -- the public will not be
- 8 allowed in for this portion of the proceeding.
- 9 (A brief recess was taken.)
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Okay, this hearing is now in
- 11 order and in in camera session.
- 12 (The in camera testimony continued in Volume
- 25, Part 2, Pages 4783 through 4788, then resumed as
- 14 follows.)
- MR STONE: No further questions, Your Honor.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, thank you.
- 17 Mr. Davis, redirect?
- MR. DAVIS: No questions, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: I'm sorry?
- MR. DAVIS: No questions.
- 21 JUDGE McGUIRE: Oh, okay, sir, you're excused
- 22 from this proceeding. Thank you very much for your
- 23 testimony here today.
- 24 THE WITNESS: No problem.
- 25 MR. STONE: Can I just move in a couple of

- 1 exhibits, Your Honor? They would be CX-137.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Mr. Davis, any objection?
- 3 MR. DAVIS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 5 (CX Exhibit Number 137 was admitted into
- 6 evidence.)
- 7 MR. STONE: CX-400.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 9 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 10 (CX Exhibit Number 400 was admitted into
- 11 evidence.)
- 12 MR. STONE: CX-2769.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 14 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 15 (CX Exhibit Number 2769 was admitted into
- 16 evidence.)
- 17 MR. STONE: CX-168.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 20 (CX Exhibit Number 168 was admitted into
- 21 evidence.)
- MR. STONE: And CX-174.
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: Entered.
- 25 (CX Exhibit Number 174 was admitted into

- 1 evidence.)
- 2 MR. DAVIS: We would also like to move in
- $3 \quad CX-137.$
- 4 MR. STONE: Oh, I just moved it in.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: Oh, did you?
- 6 MR. STONE: Yeah.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: That was the first one you moved
- 8 in?
- 9 MR. STONE: Yes.
- 10 JUDGE McGUIRE: Once is enough.
- 11 Does that take care of our afternoon session
- 12 from complaint counsel's side.
- 13 MR. OLIVER: Yes, Your Honor. We could
- 14 continue with the deposition of Mr. Karp if you wish,
- 15 but --
- JUDGE McGUIRE: I would rather wait on that,
- 17 so -- yes, I would rather wait.
- 18 MR. OLIVER: Okay.
- 19 JUDGE McGUIRE: All right, it's 4:00 right now.
- 20 I understand the courtroom is going to be dark both
- 21 Tuesday and Wednesday, correct, and we will be back in
- 22 early Thursday morning, at 9:30?
- MR. STONE: Yes.
- MR. OLIVER: That's right, Your Honor.
- 25 MR. STONE: And I want to thank the Court and

1 complaint counsel again for accommodating me on the two

- 2 days and allowing me to go back for graduation. Thank
- 3 you.
- JUDGE McGUIRE: You're quite welcome.
- 5 All right, this hearing is adjourned until
- 6 Thursday morning. Thank you.
- 7 (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the hearing was
- 8 adjourned.)

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