

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.,  
Petitioner

v.

MARLIN SEMICONDUCTOR LIMITED,  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2025-01527  
U.S. Patent No. 9,117,909

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**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND  
OF THE POST-INSTITUTION FEE**

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Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4,211, 4,233-34 (Jan. 18, 2013), Petitioner Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. ("Petitioner") requests a refund in the amount of \$28,125.00 to be paid to deposit account number 19-0036.

On September 9, 2025, Petitioner filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review seeking review of claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 9,117,909 (assigned case number IPR2025-01527 (Paper 2)). On January 9, 2026, the Board issued a Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 12).

The Rules provide for a refund of the institution fee if the Board does not institute trial. Payment of the \$28,125.00 post-institution fee under 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a)(2) in this proceeding was processed through P-TACTS on September 9, 2025.

Relief requested:

Accordingly, Petitioner requests a refund in the amount of \$28,125.00 for the post-institution fee that it has paid to the USPTO in connection with this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I certify that the above-captioned **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF THE POST-INSTITUTION FEE** was served in its entirety on April 13, 2026 upon the following parties via electronic mail:

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