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CALIFORNIA 1 LIDIA MAHER (CSBN 222253) MAY LEE HEYE (CSBN 209366) 2 TAI S. MILDER (CSBN 267070) **Antitrust Division** 3 U.S. Department of Justice 450 Golden Gate Avenue 4 Box 36046, Room 10-0101 San Francisco, CA 94102 5 Telephone: (415) 436-6660 6 Attorneys for the United States 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA san francisc Roivisjon 9 0817 10 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA No. 12 INDICTMENT 13 SEUNG-KYU LEE, a.k.a. SIMON LEE: VIOLATION: YEONG-UG YANG, a.k.a. Title 15, United States Code, 14 YEONG-WOOK YANG, a.k.a. Section 1 (Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade) YONG-SHU YANG, a.k.a. YONG-SHU 15 LIANG, a.k.a., YOUNG-UK YANG, a.k.a. San Francisco Venue YEONG-EUG YANG, a.k.a. ALBERT YANG; and JAE-SIK KIM, 16 17 Defendants. 18 19 The Grand Jury charges that: 20 I. 21 **DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENSE** 22 1. The following individuals are hereby indicted and made defendants on the charge 23 stated below: SEUNG-KYU LEE, a.k.a. SIMON LEE; YEONG-UG YANG, a.k.a. YEONG-24 WOOK YANG, a.k.a. YONG-SHU YANG, a.k.a. YONG-SHU LIANG, a.k.a. YOUNG-UK YANG, 25 a.k.a. YEONG-EUG YANG, a.k.a. ALBERT YANG; and JAE-SIK KIM. 26 2. Beginning at least as early as January 1997, until at least as late as March 2006, 27 the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, coconspirators of the defendants joined, entered into, and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition 28 INDICTMENT - PAGE 1

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**INDICTMENT – PAGE 2** 

by fixing prices, reducing output, and allocating market shares of color display tubes ("CDTs") to be sold in the United States and elsewhere. The combination and conspiracy engaged in by the defendants and coconspirators was in unreasonable restraint of interstate and foreign trade and commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

- 3. Defendant SEUNG-KYU LEE joined and participated in the conspiracy from at least as early as January 2000 and continuing until at least December 2005.
- 4. Defendant YEONG-UG YANG joined and participated in the conspiracy from at least as early as June 2003 and continuing until at least March 2006.
- 5. Defendant JAE-SIK KIM joined and participated in the conspiracy from at least as early as June 2003 and continuing until at least March 2006.
- 6. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among the defendants and coconspirators, the substantial terms of which were to agree to fix prices, reduce output, and allocate market shares of CDTs to be sold in the United States and elsewhere for use in computer monitors and other products with similar technological requirements.

II.

## MEANS AND METHODS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 7. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged combination and conspiracy, the defendants and coconspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, among other things:
  - (a) attending meetings and engaging in conversations and communications in Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, China, and elsewhere to discuss the prices, output, and market shares of CDTs;
  - (b) agreeing during those meetings, conversations, and communications to charge prices of CDTs at certain target levels or ranges;
  - (c) agreeing during those meetings, conversations, and communications to reduce output of CDTs by shutting down CDT production lines for certain periods of time;

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- (d) agreeing during those meetings, conversations, and communications to allocate target market shares for the CDT market overall and for certain CDT customers;
- (e) exchanging CDT sales, production, market share, and pricing information for the purpose of implementing, monitoring, and enforcing adherence to the agreed-upon prices, output reduction, and market share allocation;
- (f) implementing an auditing system that permitted coconspirators to visit each other's production facilities to verify that CDT production lines had been shut down as agreed;
- authorizing and approving the participation of subordinate employees in the conspiracy;
- (h) issuing price quotations and reducing output in accordance with the agreements reached; and
- taking steps to conceal the conspiracy and conspiratorial contacts through various means.

III.

## **DEFENDANTS AND COCONSPIRATORS**

- 8. Defendant SEUNG-KYU LEE is or was a resident of Korea. From at least as early as January 2000 and continuing until at least December 2005, SEUNG-KYU LEE was employed by Company A and later by Company B. Company B was a joint venture formed in approximately 2001 between Company A and Company C. Beginning around 2004, SEUNG-KYU LEE was responsible for CDT sales for Company B. During the period covered by this Indictment, Company A was a Korean company, and Company B was a company incorporated in the Netherlands, headquartered in Hong Kong, and engaged in the business of producing and selling, among other things, CDTs to customers in the United States and elsewhere.
- Defendant YEONG-UG YANG is or was a resident of Korea. From at least as early as June 2003 and continuing until at least March 2006, YEONG-UG YANG was employed INDICTMENT – PAGE 3

by Company B and, beginning around 2004, was responsible for CRT sales for Company B.

During the period covered by this Indictment, Company B was a company incorporated in the Netherlands, headquartered in Hong Kong, and engaged in the business of producing and selling, among other things, CDTs to customers in the United States and elsewhere.

- 10. Defendant JAE-SIK KIM is or was a resident of Korea. From at least as early as June 2003 and continuing until at least March 2006, JAE-SIK KIM was employed by Company D and, beginning around 2002, was CRT Sales Division Head for Company D. During the period covered by this Indictment, Company D was a Korean company engaged in the business of producing and selling, among other things, CDTs to customers in the United States and elsewhere.
- 11. Various corporations and individuals not made defendants in this Indictment participated as coconspirators in the offense charged in this Indictment and performed acts and made statements in furtherance of it.
- 12. Whenever in this Indictment reference is made to any act, deed, or transaction of any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed, or transaction by or through its officers, directors, employees, agents, or other representatives while they were actively engaged in the management, direction, control, or transaction of its business or affairs.

IV.

## TRADE AND COMMERCE

- 13. CDTs are a type of cathode ray tube. Cathode ray tubes consist of evacuated glass envelopes that contain an electron gun and a phosphorescent screen. When electrons strike the screen, light is emitted, creating an image on the screen. CDTs are the specialized cathode ray tubes manufactured for use in computer monitors and other products with similar technological requirements.
- 14. During the period covered by this Indictment, Company B, Company D, and coconspirators sold and distributed substantial quantities of CDTs in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and foreign trade and commerce to customers located in states or countries other than the states or countries in which Company B, Company D, and coconspirators produced CDTs. In addition, payments for CDTs traveled in interstate and foreign trade and

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