NOV 18 2008 N 1 NIALL E. LYNCH (State Bar No. 157959) MICHAEL L. SCOTT (State Bar No. 165452) HEATHER S. TEWKSBURY (State Bar No. 222202) 2 ALEXANDRA J. SHEPARD (State Bar No. 205143) 3 DAVID J. WARD (State Bar No. 239504) **Antitrust Division** U.S. Department of Justice 4 450 Golden Gate Avenue 5 Box 36046, Room 10-0101 San Francisco, CA 94102 6 Telephone: (415) 436-6660 E-Filing 7 Attorneys for the United States 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT VRW. 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SAN FRANCISCO **0803** 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 12 **INFORMATION** 13 v. VIOLATION: Title 15, United States Code, 14 Section 1 (Price Fixing) 15 LG DISPLAY CO., LTD. and LG DISPLAY AMÉRICA, INC., San Francisco Venue 16 Defendants. 17 18 19 The United States of America, acting through its attorneys, charges: 20 I. 21 **DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENSE** 22 LG DISPLAY CO., LTD. and LG DISPLAY AMERICA, INC. are made 1. 23 defendants on the charge stated below. 24 From on or about September 21, 2001 to on or about June 1, 2006, the defendants 2. and their coconspirators entered into and engaged in a combination and conspiracy in the United 25 States and elsewhere to suppress and eliminate competition by fixing the prices of thin-film 26 transistor liquid crystal display panels ("TFT-LCD"). The combination and conspiracy engaged 27 in by the defendants and their coconspirators was in unreasonable restraint of interstate and 28 INFORMATION - LG DISPLAY CO., ET AL - PAGE 1

foreign trade and commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

- 3. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among the defendants and their coconspirators, the substantial terms of which were to agree to fix the prices of TFT-LCD.
- 4. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged combination and conspiracy, the defendants and their coconspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, among other things:
  - (a) participating in meetings, conversations, and communications in Taiwan,

    Korea, and the United States to discuss the prices of TFT-LCD;
  - (b) agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and communications, to charge prices of TFT-LCD at certain predetermined levels;
  - (c) issuing price quotations in accordance with the agreements reached; and
  - (d) exchanging information on sales of TFT-LCD, for the purpose of monitoring and enforcing adherence to the agreed-upon prices.

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## **DEFENDANTS AND COCONSPIRATORS**

- 5. LG DISPLAY CO., LTD. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of Korea ("Korea"). During the period covered by this Information, LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., a joint venture between LG Electronics and Philips Electronics, and a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Korea, engaged in the business of producing and selling TFT-LCD to customers in the United States and elsewhere. Effective March 4, 2008, LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd. changed its name to LG DISPLAY CO., LTD.
- 6. LG DISPLAY AMERICA, INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. During the period covered by this Information, LG.Philips LCD America, Inc. engaged in the business of selling TFT-LCD to customers in the United States. Effective March 6, 2008, LG.Philips LCD America, Inc. changed its name to LG DISPLAY AMERICA, INC. LG DISPLAY AMERICA, INC. is a wholly owned subsidiary of LG DISPLAY CO., LTD.

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- 7. Various corporations and individuals, not made defendants in this Information, participated as coconspirators in the offense charged in this Information and performed acts and made statements in furtherance of it.
- 8. Whenever in this Information 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.

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## TRADE AND COMMERCE

- 9. TFT-LCD are glass panels composed of an array of tiny pixels that are electronically manipulated in order to display images. TFT-LCD are manufactured in a broad range of sizes and specifications for use in televisions, notebook computers, desktop monitors, mobile devices, and other applications.
- 10. During the period covered by this Information, the defendants and their coconspirators sold and distributed TFT-LCD 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 the defendants and their coconspirators produced TFT-LCD.
- 11. The business activities of the defendants and their coconspirators that are the subject of this Information were within the flow of, and substantially affected, interstate and foreign trade and commerce.

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

12. The combination and conspiracy charged in this Information was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California, within the five years preceding the filing of this Information.

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