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The Delaware Court of Chancery dismissed its action on summary judgment.

Counsel for STMicroelectronics retained Mary Woodford, a vice president of Cornerstone Research, to address VLIW’s damages claims. She determined lost license revenues based on Multiflow’s licenses rather than the later license and development agreement. She also rebutted VLIW’s unjust enrichment theory on the basis that Multiflow had previously licensed its compiler to Hewlett-Packard. VLIW did not appeal after the Delaware Court of Chancery dismissed its action on summary judgment.