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## USA: Home Semiconductor Corp. v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd, United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, No. 2016-2215, 25 July 2017

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The Patent Trial and Appeal Board's construction of a key claim term in a patent directed to a method for fabricating a self-aligned contact hole in a semiconductor circuit was overbroad in light of the actual claim language and specification, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has held. Because a prior art patent did not meet the disputed claim limitation under the proper construction, the Board's conclusion that six challenged claims were unpatentable as anticipated was reversed (*Home Semiconductor Corp. v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.*, July 25 2017, Lourie, A.).

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