But is the rejection real—or part of a strategy to get a higher offer?



SanDisk CEO, says the \$5.6 billion all-cash bid is " opportunistically timed at the trough of an industry-wide downturn" and fails to recognize the value of SanDisk patents.

In a letter Eli Harari sent to Samsung's Yoon-Woo Lee, Harari says SanDisk remains " open-minded about a transaction that appropriately addresses the issues of value, deal certainty and process".

SanDisk claims the offer could be a ploy to gain leverage in licensing negotiations. SanDisk received \$114m from Samsung in Q2 (14% of total revenue) in a deal that expires next August.

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