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Greetings,

Patent Owner's request that Bernard P. Tomsa be permitted to participate in the oral hearing as a LEAP practitioner is granted. Patent Owner is granted an additional fifteen minutes of argument time during the oral hearing, and reminded that the LEAP practitioner is required to have a meaningful and substantive opportunity to argue. For guidance regarding LEAP, please visit the USPTO website: www.uspto.gov/leap.

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Your Honors,

Please find attached LEAP Request for Oral Hearing Participation and Practitioner Verification Form for Bernard Tomsa as a LEAP practitioner in the upcoming April 16, 2024 oral argument for IPR2023-00197, and -01231; IPR2023-00328, and -01320; and -00335, and 01321.

Bernard Tomsa (60,121) qualifies under the LEAP eligibility requirements and Patent Owner intends to have Mr. Tomsa argue a portion of the hearing.

Patent Owner also requests an additional 15 minutes of time to accommodate these arguments.

Should any additional information be required, please let us know.

Best,

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**LEAP PRACTITIONER VERIFICATION FORM AND REQUEST FOR ORAL
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On behalf of Patent Owner

Yechezkal Evan Spero

Bernard P. Tomsa

requests to participate in the oral hearing in

IPR2023-00197, 2023-00328, 2023-00335

on its scheduled date, as noted below.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Bernard P. Tomsa, certify that I am eligible to participate in the Legal Experience and Advancement Program (LEAP) program. I have three or fewer substantive oral hearing arguments before federal tribunals, including PTAB.

I certify/verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Hearing Information

Requesting Party: Yechezkal Evan Spero

Appeal/Case/Control Number: IPR2023-00197, 2023-00328, 2023-00335

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