

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HOPEWELL PHARMA VENTURES, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

MERCK SERONO SA,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2023-00481
U.S. Patent No. 8,377,903

**NOTICE OF JOINT STIPULATION TO
MODIFY THE SCHEDULING ORDER**

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On September 22, 2023, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) issued a Scheduling Order for this *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 8,377,903 (Paper 11), setting forth due dates for the parties. On November 6, 2023, the parties jointly stipulated to adjust DUE DATES 1, 2, and 3. Paper 14. On March 19, 2024, the parties jointly stipulated to further adjust DUE DATES 2 and 3. Paper 39.

The Scheduling Order provides that the “parties may stipulate different dates for DUE DATES 1, 5, and 6, as well as the portion of DUE DATE 2 related to Petitioner’s reply (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 3 for Patent Owner’s sur-reply) and the portion of DUE DATE 3 related to Patent Owner’s sur-reply (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 7).” Paper 11 at 8.

The Parties hereby stipulate to further modify DUE DATE 3 as follows:

	Filing	Adjusted Due Date	Further Modified Date Pursuant to Stipulation
Due Date 3	Patent Owner’s Sur-Reply	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

Patent Owner did not file a motion to amend the claims, so the deadlines pertaining to a motion to amend are not applicable.

All other due dates remain unchanged. For the Board's convenience, below is a table identifying the original dates set forth in the Scheduling Order (Paper 11) for DUE DATES 4-8:

	Original Due Date	Modified Date Pursuant to Stipulation
Due Date 4	May 10, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 5	May 31, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 6	June 7, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 7	June 14, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 8	June 25, 2024	Unchanged

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e))

I certify that the above-captioned **NOTICE OF JOINT STIPULATION TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULING ORDER** was served in its entirety on April 15, 2024, upon the following parties via electronic mail:

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