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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.; INSTAGRAM, INC.; WHATSAPP LLC; META PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC; AND GIPHY, INC.

Petitioners

v.

VL COLLECTIVE IP LLC

Patent Owner

U.S. Patent No. 7,436,980

Case IPR2023-00924

JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING PREFERENCE FOR ORAL ARGUMENT HEARING LOCATION

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 42.70 and the Board's Scheduling Order dated December 6, 2023 (Paper 12), Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram, Inc., WhatsApp LLC, Meta Platforms Technologies, LLC, and GIPHY, Inc. ("Petitioners") and VL Collective IP LLC ("Patent Owner") (together, the "Parties") jointly submit this Statement regarding their preference for the location of the Oral Argument hearing, if requested.

The Parties state that their preference is for an in-person Oral Argument hearing at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

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