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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FLUIDMASTER, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

DANCO, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00633 (Patent 9,139,993 B1)
IPR2024-00634 (Patent 9,103,105 B1)
IPR2024-00635 (Patent 10,934,698 B1)

Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, JAMES A. TARTAL, and ROBERT J. SILVERMAN *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PETRAVICK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Extending One-Year Pendency for Good Cause
35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)

Petitioner filed Petitions requesting *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 9,139,993 B1 in IPR2024-00633 and U.S. Patent No. 9,103,105 B1 in IPR2024-00634. On September 9, 2024, the Board instituted trial in those proceedings. IPR2024-00633, Paper 19; IPR2024-00634, Paper 21. In those proceedings, the one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision expires on September 9, 2025.

Petitioner also filed a Petition requesting *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 10,934,693 B1 in IPR2024-00635. On September 12, 12024, the Board instituted trial in that proceeding. IPR2024-00635, Paper 20. In that proceeding, the one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision expires on September 12, 2025.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11), "the final determination in an inter partes review [shall] be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the Director notices the institution of a review under this chapter, except that the Director may, for good cause shown, extend the 1-year period by not more than 6 months . . . ." The Director has delegated the authority to extend the one-year period to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). In particular, 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c) provides:

> An *inter partes* review proceeding shall be administered such that pendency before the Board after institution is normally no more than one year. The time can be extended by up to six months for good cause by the Chief Administrative Patent Judge . . . .

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), the Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists to extend the one-year period for issuing the Final Written Decisions here. IPR2024-

00633, Paper 42; IPR2024-00634, Paper 44; IPR2024-00635, Paper 42; 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceedings is extended by up to six months.

It is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in these proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that these proceedings are extended by up to six months.

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