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Counsel,

The Board grants Petitioner's request for authorization to file a four-page preliminary reply to address 1) Patent Owner's arguments on discretionary denial, and 2) Patent Owner's proposed construction of the claim term "forming a first trench." The preliminary reply must be filed within five (5) business days of this authorization.

The Board further grants Patent Owner's request to file a four-page sur-reply responsive to the preliminary reply. The sur-reply must be filed within five (5) business days of the filing of the Petitioner's preliminary reply.

Best regards,
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Dear Honorable Board:

Petitioner in the above-referenced IPR respectfully requests authorization to file a four-page preliminary reply to address Patent Owner's arguments on discretionary denial under 35 U.S.C. §§ 314(a) and 325(d), and on Patent Owner's proposed construction of the claim term "forming a first trench."

Patent Owner has advised that it does not oppose, so long as Petitioner does not oppose Patent Owner seeking a sur-reply of equal length. Petitioner does not oppose Patent Owner's request for a sur-reply.

The parties are available at the Board's convenience on Thursday 12/5 or Friday 12/6, if the Board desires a conference call.

Respectfully submitted,
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