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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.
Petitioner,

v.

STRATUS MEDICAL, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01209 (Patent 10,966,782)
IPR2024-01210 (Patent 10,736,688)
IPR2024-01211 (Patent 10,736,688)
IPR2024-01212 (Patent 10,925,664)[1]

Before SUSAN L.C. MITCHELL, MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, and ARTHUR M. PESLAK *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PESLAK *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)

[1]This Order is being entered in each of the four proceedings identified. The proceedings have not been consolidated. The parties may not file papers captioned for multiple proceedings unless authorized to do so.

In each referenced proceeding, Petitioner filed a Petition requesting *inter partes* review of the patent challenged in the proceeding. On February 6, 2025, the Board instituted trial in each proceeding. Paper 8.[2] The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision expires on February 6, 2026 in each proceeding.

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 a Final Written Decision here. Paper 61; 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceeding is extended. Paper 61, 2.

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[2] We refer to the papers filed in IPR2024-01212 for ease of reference. Corresponding papers were filed in each referenced proceeding.

It is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the one-year period for issuing the final written decision in these proceedings is extended until March 13, 2026.

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