UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Kubota North America Corporation
Petitioner

v.

Vermeer Manufacturing Company,
Patent Owner

IPR2025-00169
U.S. Patent No. 9,321,386

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Petitioner hereby requests an oral argument in the present *inter partes* review. Per the Board's Order Revising Hearing Date (Paper 21), the oral argument is currently scheduled for March 19, 2026. Order Revising Hearing Date, Paper 21, p. 2. *See also*, Revised Scheduling Order, Paper 31, p. 4.

Petitioner and Patent Owner have met and conferred regarding this request for oral hearing. The parties agreed to an in-person hearing to be held in a Patent Trial and Appeal Board hearing room located at the United States Patent and Trademark Office headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Petitioner proposed and Patent Owner agreed to sixty (60) minutes of oral argument per side, which is to cover IPR2025-00167, IPR2025-00168, IPR2025-00169, IPR2025-00170 and IPR2025-00171 proceedings.[1] Petitioner requests equipment be available to present demonstratives during the hearing. Petitioner also requests one of the larger hearing rooms, as three or four additional people may seek to attend (but not participate in) the hearing.

Should the Patent Owner request for consolidation of this hearing with that of IPR2025-00381 and PGR2025-00016, now scheduled for March 20, 2026, Petitioner does not oppose this request. If consolidated, Petitioner proposes an

[1] Petitioner is concurrently filing a Request for Oral Argument for IPR2025-00167 through IPR2025-00171.

additional thirty (30) minutes of oral argument for a total of ninety (90) minutes of oral argument per side for a consolidated seven IPR/PGR proceeding (IPR2025-00167 to IPR2025-00171, IPR2025-00381 and PGR2025-00016).

Petitioner respectfully requests oral argument on the following issues relative to IPR2025-00169 and the opportunity to address all issues raised in the papers, including:

- Claims 50-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over KR996 and JP705;
- Claims 55-63, 68-69 and 80-85 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over KR996, JP705, Bares, and Beltrami;
- any other issues raised in any paper filed by the parties; and
- any responses to issues raised by the Board or Patent Owner at the oral argument.

To be clear, the issues identified above are for IPR2025-00169, one of the five IPRs that have been consolidated for the presently scheduled oral hearing. Additional papers are also being filed for the other IPRs identifying their respective issues.

If the Board has any questions or comments, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies, under 37 C.F.R. § 42.6, that service was made on the Patent Owner as detailed below.

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