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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
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META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MULLEN INDUSTRIES LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00741
Patent 11,376,493

Before ERICA SWIFT, *Chief Clerk*.

NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO BOARD PANEL

Under the March 26, 2025, memorandum entitled "Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management" ("Interim Processes memo"), Patent Owner had the opportunity to file a brief requesting discretionary denial of institution. Interim Processes memo 2.[1] Patent Owner did not file such a brief. Accordingly, this case is referred to a Board panel to consider the

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[1] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/InterimProcesses-PTABWorkloadMgmt-20250326.pdf.

merits and non-discretionary considerations. *See* FAQs for Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management, FAQ 9.[2]

[2] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/faqs/interim-processes-workload-management.

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