

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STRAUMANN USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART DENTURE CONVERSIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00956
Patent 11,937,992

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

July 10, 2026

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Scheduling Order (Paper 13), Patent Owner Smart Denture Conversions, LLC (“Patent Owner”) respectfully requests oral argument in this proceeding.¹

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Patent Owner proposes that the oral argument cover the following issues from this IPR²:

- Whether the Institution Decision’s implicit claim construction was incorrect, *see* Patent Owner Response (Paper 26) at 23–28;
- Whether the Priority Applications disclosed more than a single embodiment of the claimed invention, *see id.* at 29–45;
- Whether the Priority Applications adequately disclosed the claimed genus of temporary fasteners, *see id.* at 46–48;

¹ The parties intend to request a conference call to obtain authorization to file a motion requesting that oral argument, currently scheduled for August 27, 2026, be consolidated with the oral argument in *Straumann USA, LLC v. Smart Denture Conversions, LLC*, PGR2025-00054 (“Related PGR”), currently scheduled for September 9, 2026, *see* Scheduling Order (Paper 16) at 13, PGR2025-00054.

² Patent Owner identifies these issues without waiving consideration of any issue not identified. Patent Owner’s forthcoming request in the Related PGR will identify the issues from that proceeding that Patent Owner proposes to address.

- Whether combining Petitioner’s prior-art references would meet all the limitations of the claimed invention, *see id.* at 65–69; and
- Any issue identified by Petitioner in its request for oral argument, including issues necessary to address in rebuttal of Petitioner’s arguments.

Patent Owner requests that each party be allotted sixty minutes for argument, with the opportunity to reserve a portion thereof for rebuttal and (for Patent Owner) sur-rebuttal.

Respectfully submitted,

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