

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FREIGHTCAR AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

NATIONAL STEEL CAR LIMITED,

Patent Owner

Case IPR2025-01046

Patent No. 8,166,892

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

On behalf of National Steel Car Limited

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Board's Scheduling Order (Paper 28), dated December 16, 2025, Patent Owner National Steel Car Limited respectfully requests oral argument on the issues raised in this proceeding. The Board currently scheduled oral argument for September 16, 2026. (Paper 28). Patent Owner specifies at least the following issues to be addressed at the oral hearing, without waiving consideration of any issue not listed below:

- The proper construction of the challenged claims;
- The patentability of the challenged claims of the '892 Patent over the instituted grounds;
- Any other issues in papers yet to be filed;
- Any rebuttal to Petitioner's presentation on any issue; and
- Any other issues the Board deems necessary for issuing a final written decision.

Patent Owner respectfully requests an in-person hearing to be conducted at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Patent Owner estimates that 30 minutes of argument time per side will be sufficient to address the issues. Patent Owner anticipates up to five individuals will attend the oral argument on its behalf. Patent Owner further requests permission to use standard audio-visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits, which will be served and filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(b).

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