

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

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.,

Petitioner

v.

VOITH PATENT GMBH,

Patent Owner.

U.S. PATENT NO. 11,261,566

Case No. IPR2025-01116

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Board's January 6, 2026 Order (Paper 13), Patent Owner Voith Patent GmbH ("Patent Owner" or "Voith") respectfully requests Oral Argument for the trial currently scheduled on September 16, 2026. Paper 13 at 12. Voith respectfully requests that the parties be allotted 60 minutes per side.

Voith specifies the following issues to be argued:

- Issues related to the Board's Decision Granting Institution of Inter Partes Review (Paper 12);
- Whether claims 1-15 are unpatentable as obvious over the Sudre-Adanur grounds (Sudre and Adanur, alone or further in view of Shipley, Straub, Lidar, or Yook);
- Whether claims 1-15 are unpatentable as obvious over the Sudre-Lee-Penven grounds (Sudre, Lee, and Penven, alone or further in view of Shipley, Straub, Lidar, or Yook);
- Whether claims 1-4, 7-9, and 12-15 are unpatentable as obvious over the Sudre-Rydin grounds (Sudre and Rydin, alone or further in view of Shipley, Straub, Lidar, or Yook);
- Whether Petitioner has established that Adanur and Rydin each qualifies as a prior-art printed publication, and whether Petitioner's reliance on photographic evidence in Adanur and Rydin is proper;

- Whether Petitioner has shown that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have had reason to combine the asserted references with a reasonable expectation of success, including as to the claimed LD/MDYD ratio of between 2.7 and 3.6 and the functional relationship between loop density and the LD/MDYD ratio;
- Patent Owner's pending Motion to Strike new evidence and arguments raised in Petitioner's Reply;
- Reply to any arguments raised in Petition and Petitioner's Reply;
- Response to any issues specified by Petitioner in its request for oral argument;
- Any issues raised in the briefing pursuant to the schedule; and
- Any other outstanding motions and pleadings, and other issues that the Board deems necessary for issuing a Final Written Decision

Additionally, Voith reserves the right to address any arguments presented by Petitioner and any other issues about which the Board wishes to hear arguments during the oral hearing.

Voith also respectfully requests the ability to use audio-visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits, including use of a computer, a projector, a digital projector/document camera ("Elmo"), and a screen.

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