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This is a decision on the renewed petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of two maintenance fees for this patent, received on March 25, 2025.

This renewed petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b) is GRANTED.

The application from which this patent issued matured into U.S. patent number 8,358,103 on January 22, 2013. The grace period for paying the 7½-year maintenance fee provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e) expired at midnight on January 22, 2021 with no payment received. Accordingly, the patent expired on January 22, 2021 at midnight.

More than two year later, an initial petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b) was received on October 22, 2024, which was dismissed via the issuance of a decision on March 18, 2025.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.378(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 1.17(m); and,
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

To date, the 3½-year and 7½-year maintenance fees, two petition fees, a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional, and an explanation that establishes the extended period of delay was unintentional have been received. Petitioner has established Petitioner relied on prior counsel's inaccurate assertion that the patent remained in force. On October 17, 2024, new legal counsel informed Petitioner this patent has expired and the initial petition was filed five days later.

Petitioner has met each of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.378(b).

Accordingly, the maintenance fees in this case are hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.¹ Inquiries pertaining to the submission of maintenance fees should be directed to the Maintenance Fee branch at 571-272-6500.

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¹ All practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 CFR 1.2. No telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.