

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, LLC and
AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

HYDRAFACIAL LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-01169 (Patent 9,550,052 B2)
IPR2025-01217 (Patent 11,446,477 B2)¹

Before KRISTINA M. KALAN, ERIC C. JESCHKE, and
CYNTHIA M. HARDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

JESCHKE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Extending One-Year Pendency for Good Cause
35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)

¹ The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate that these proceedings have been joined. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

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Petitioner filed petitions requesting *inter partes* review of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,550,052 B2 and U.S. Patent No. 11,446,477 B2. On January 16, 2026, the Director instituted trial in both proceedings. IPR2025-01169, Paper 17 (Patent 9,550,052 B2); IPR2025-01217, Paper 14 (Patent 11,446,477 B2). The one-year period normally available to issue final written decisions expires on January 16, 2027. With institution, the Director stayed the proceedings “until further notice” in view of a pending Director Review of the institution decision in IPR2025-00145 (“the 145 IPR”), a proceeding involving a patent related to those at issue in these proceedings. IPR2025-01169, Paper 17 at 3 & n.2; IPR2025-01217, Paper 14 at 3 & n.3. On February 12, 2026, the Director vacated the Board’s Decision granting institution of the 145 IPR because the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”) already had found that the claims of the same challenged patent were not invalid based on the same prior art asserted in the 145 IPR, and on May 1, 2026, the Director issued an Order Initiating Sua Sponte Director Review of the instant proceedings to consider whether these proceedings also should be de-instituted and terminated in view of the ITC’s findings on closely related claims. IPR2025-01169, Paper 18 at 2; IPR2025-01217, Paper 15 at 2.

On July 23, 2026, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued an Order granting a motion to dismiss the appeals of the ITC’s decision as moot and to vacate the ITC’s Final Determination because the patent challenged in the 145 IPR had expired. *Cartessa Aesthetics, LLC v. Int’l Trade Comm’n*, Nos. 2026-1582, 2026-1881, 2026 WL 2123050, at *1 (Fed. Cir. July 23, 2026). In view of the court’s vacatur of the ITC’s decision, the Director issued an Order on August 25, 2026, concluding

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Director Review, lifting the stay of these proceedings, and returning these proceedings to the Board. IPR2025-01169, Paper 22 at 3; IPR2025-01217, Paper 19 at 3.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11), “the final determination in an inter partes review [shall] be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the Director notices the institution of a review under this chapter, except that the Director may, for good cause shown, extend the 1-year period by not more than 6 months” The Director has delegated the authority to extend the one-year period to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). In particular, 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c) provides:

An inter partes review proceeding shall be administered such that pendency before the Board after institution is normally no more than one year. The time can be extended by up to six months for good cause by the Chief Administrative Patent Judge

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), the Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists to extend the one-year period for issuing a Final Written Decision here. IPR2025-01169, Paper 24; IPR2025-01217, Paper 21; 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceedings is extended by up to six months.

It is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in these proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that these proceedings are extended by up to six months.

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