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The exhibit has been expunged.

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Dear Director Squires,

Petitioner seeks to expunge a confidential exhibit (EX1032) it filed as part of the discretionary-denial briefing. Petitioner filed this confidential exhibit with its surreply. Because there was no protective order in place, Petitioner sent a draft of a proposed protective order to Patent Owner's counsel in conjunction with the filing of the exhibit, and the parties did not agree on a suitable protective order before the case was discretionarily denied on May 6. The confidential exhibit has nothing to do with patentability, and therefore, Petitioner would like to have it expunged. Petitioner is unsure of the correct procedure for accomplishing this and seeks guidance. If Petitioner needs to file a formal motion, then please consider this email as a request for authorization to file such a motion. However, if expungement can be handled informally through an email request, then please consider this email such a request.

Petitioner sought Patent Owner's position on whether it would oppose this request shortly before 11 am Eastern on June 4th, and have not heard back. Therefore, Petitioner cannot make any representation as to Patent Owner's position.

Respectfully submitted,

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