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The unopposed request to extend the deadline to seek rehearing and/or Director Review of the August 13, 2026 Notice of Decisions on Institution in IPR2026-00268 is granted. Any request for rehearing and/or Director Review shall be submitted no later than 14 days after issuance of the Director Discretionary Decision.

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Dear Patent Trial and Appeal Board,

I represent Petitioner Meishan CRRC Fastening System Co., Ltd in IPR2026-00268. On August 13, 2026, the Director denied institution on discretionary grounds. Paper 13 states that an opinion is forthcoming, but that opinion has not yet issued.

Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of its deadline to seek rehearing and/or Director Review of the August 13, 2026 decision until 14 days after issuance of the forthcoming opinion identified in Paper 13. Patent Owner does not oppose the requested extension.

This matter is somewhat time sensitive given that the current deadline for seeking Director Review is Monday September 14.

If the Board would find a conference call helpful, the parties are available at the following times:

- Friday (9/11): 11-5 ET
- Monday (9/14): 3-5 ET

Respectfully submitted,
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Cyrus is the modern version of the ancient Persian name “kurus” which means:

“humiliator of the enemy in verbal contest”

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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