UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

KUBOTA NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00016
U.S. Patent No. 12,098,063

Filed: February 9, 2026

PATENT OWNER'S
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

I. Introduction

Pursuant to the Board's Scheduling Order (Paper 14) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Patent Owner Vermeer Manufacturing Company ("Patent Owner") respectfully requests oral argument for PGR2025-00016.[1]

The Board has scheduled one consolidated hearing (if requested) for March 20, 2026 to address the following proceedings: IPR2025-00381 and PGR2025-00016. *See* Scheduling Order (Paper 14); IPR2025-00381, Scheduling Order (Paper 12). IPR2025-00381 challenges U.S. Patent No. 11,465,891 and PGR2025-00016 challenges U.S. Patent No. 12,098,063.

In addition, there are five related *inter partes* review proceedings scheduled for oral argument (pending an order on the parties' requests) on March 19, 2026: IPR2025-00167, IPR2025-00168, IPR2025-00169, IPR2025-00170, and IPR2025-00171. *See* IPR2025-00167, Scheduling Orders (Papers 18, 21, and 31). IPR2025-00167 through IPR2025-00169 challenge U.S. Patent No. 9,321,386; IPR2025-00170 challenges U.S. Patent No. 9,975,750; and IPR2025-00171 challenges U.S. Patent No. 10,202,266.

[1] Patent Owner's request for oral argument for PGR2025-00016 is conditional upon the Board consolidating the March 19th and 20th hearings, as discussed *infra*.

If convenient for the Board, Patent Owner respectfully proposes consolidating the March 19th and 20th hearings to address all seven proceedings at once. Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioner on this proposed consolidation and Petitioner does not oppose the request.

II. Preferred Location

Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioner and the parties have agreed to an in-person hearing at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, if the Board allows.

III. Preferred Time to Present Arguments

If the March 19th and 20th hearings are consolidated, Patent Owner believes sixty (60) minutes of argument per side would be sufficient due to the overlapping issues between the proceedings. Petitioner has indicated it would request ninety (90) minutes of argument per side for a consolidated hearing.

If the Board decides not to consolidate the hearings, Patent Owner opposes Petitioner's request for a March 20th oral argument to address IPR2025-00381 and PGR2025-00016. Patent Owner does not believe a separate oral hearing is necessary to address two of seven related proceedings. Petitioner proposed thirty (30) minutes of oral argument per side to address IPR2025-00381 and PGR2025-00016.

IV. Issues to Be Argued

Patent Owner specifies the following issues, without intent to waive consideration of any issue not explicitly presented, to be argued:

1. Whether Petitioner has established that claims 4 and 7–12 of U.S. Patent No. 12,098,063 are anticipated or obvious over KR 10-1041996 ("KR996") (EX1005);
2. Whether Petitioner has established that claims 5–6 of U.S. Patent No. 12,098,063 are obvious over KR996 in view of JP 2004-17705 ("JP705") (EX1006);
3. Whether Petitioner has established that claims 13–14 of U.S. Patent No. 12,098,063 are obvious over KR996 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,832,659 ("Bares") (EX1010);
4. Any claim construction issues raised in the parties' papers;
5. Any other issues addressed in the Petition (Paper 2), Institution Decision (Paper 13); Patent Owner Response (Papers 17 and 18), Petitioner Reply (Paper 25), Patent Owner Sur-Reply (Paper 29), or Petitioner Request for Oral Argument (Paper 32);
6. Any issues concerning motions to exclude or motions to strike that may be filed by either party; and
7. Any issues otherwise raised by the Board.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certified that on February 9, 2026, a copy of Patent Owner's Request for Oral Argument was served via electronic mail on the following attorneys of record:

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