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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

GE HEALTHCARE LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00059
Patent 12,115,233

Before ERICA SWIFT, *Chief Clerk*.

NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO BOARD PANEL

Under the March 26, 2025, memorandum entitled "Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management" ("Interim Processes memo"), Patent Owner had the opportunity to file a brief requesting discretionary denial of institution. Interim Processes memo 2.[1] Patent Owner did not file such a brief. Accordingly, this case is referred to a Board panel to consider the

[1] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/InterimProcesses-PTABWorkloadMgmt-20250326.pdf.

merits and non-discretionary considerations. *See* Interim Director Discretionary Processes.[2]

[2] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/interim-director-discretionary-process

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