

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WILLOWOOD USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

BASF SE,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-01096
Patent 7,816,392 B2

Before CHRISTOPHER L. CRUMBLEY, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and
ROBERT A. POLLOCK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ABRAHAM, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

On August 20, 2018, the parties filed¹ a Joint Motion to Extend the Due Date for Patent Owner's Preliminary Response. Paper 6. Currently, Patent Owner's Preliminary Response is due on August 23, 2018. In the

¹ Due to a temporary issue affecting the Office's computer systems, the Board authorized the parties to file the Motion via electronic mail.

Motion, the parties indicate that they are currently engaged in settlement discussions, which involve many complex issues, and need more time to determine whether settlement can be reached. *Id.* at 1. The parties thus, request that the Board extend the deadline for Patent Owner's Preliminary Response by two weeks. *Id.*

Based on the parties' joint statement, we find it appropriate to allow Patent Owner an additional two weeks to file its Preliminary Response. Accordingly, Patent Owner's Preliminary Response is due September 6, 2018.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Extend the Due Date for Patent Owner's Preliminary Response is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for Patent Owner's Preliminary Response is extended to September 6, 2018; and

FURTHER ORDERED that no additional extensions of time for the filing of Patent Owner's Preliminary Response will be granted.

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