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Re: IPR2018-01279

Your Honors,

Due to a family emergency, Petitioner's expert is unavailable and Petitioner respectfully requests a call with the Board to discuss postponing the oral hearing for the above-referenced proceeding, which is currently scheduled for October 30. The parties are generally available for a call with the Board next Monday (9/30), Tuesday (10/1), or Wednesday (10/2).

To provide the Board with more details regarding the emergency, last week the wife of Petitioner's expert, Dr. Narayan Mandayam, was involved in a serious car accident (described in [this article](#)). She sustained severe injuries in the accident necessitating multiple surgeries. Dr. Mandayam indicates that his wife is slowly recovering, but that he will be required to focus all of his time and energy over the next several weeks caring for her. Thus, he is unavailable, until at least the last week of October.

As a result of this unavailability, Patent Owner was unable to depose Dr. Mandayam on 9/25 as scheduled. Patent Owner's Surreply and Reply in Support of the Motion to Amend are currently due on 10/2, but obviously Patent Owner cannot prepare these filings without deposing Petitioner's expert on his supplemental declaration filed in support of Petitioner's Reply and Opposition to the Motion to Amend.

Petitioner thus requests a call with the Board to discuss postponing the October 30 oral hearing either to compensate for Dr. Mandayam's unforeseen period of unavailability, or, alternatively, to allow Petitioner to engage a new expert to step in for Dr. Mandayam and adopt his supplemental declaration.

The parties have conferred, and Patent Owner does not oppose postponing the oral hearing.

Respectfully,

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