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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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META PLATFORMS, INC.; INSTAGRAM, INC.; WHATSAPP LLC; META  
PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC; AND GIPHY, INC.

Petitioners

v.

VL COLLECTIVE IP LLC

Patent Owner

**U.S. Patent No. 7,266,682**

Case IPR2023-00923

**JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING PREFERENCE FOR  
ORAL ARGUMENT HEARING LOCATION**

## Joint Statement Re Preference for Oral Argument Location

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 42.70 and the Board's Scheduling Order dated December 6, 2023 (Paper 17), Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram, Inc., WhatsApp LLC, Meta Platforms Technologies, LLC, and GIPHY, Inc. ("Petitioners") and VL Collective IP LLC ("Patent Owner") (together, the "Parties") jointly submit this Statement regarding their preference for the location of the Oral Argument hearing, if requested.

The Parties state that their preference is for an in-person Oral Argument hearing at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

Joint Statement Re Preference for Oral Argument Location

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