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Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1.c.1 and Patent Local Rule 1.4, Plaintiffs Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA, Inc., Medtronic Puerto Rico Operations Co., and Osteotech, Inc. hereby request a case management conference to assist in the expeditious handling of the above-captioned matter.

On August 17, 2012, Plaintiffs filed this case in the Northern District of Indiana against Defendant, NuVasive, Inc., alleging patent infringement by NuVasive's manufacture and sale of certain medical devices and procedures used in spinal surgery. (Dkts. 1 & 17.) On September 5, 2012, NuVasive filed a motion to transfer to the Southern District of California and a motion for an extension of time to file a responsive pleading. (Dkts. 21–23.) The Northern District of Indiana granted NuVasive's motion for extension of time and set NuVasive's deadline to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint ("FAC") at 21 days after a ruling on NuVasive's motion to transfer. (Dkt. 26.) On November 8, 2012, the Northern District of Indiana granted the transfer motion and transferred this case to the Southern District of California. (Dkt. 32.) Accordingly, NuVasive's response to the FAC was due on November 29, 2012, but NuVasive has filed no answer or other response to the FAC.

On September 14, 2012, NuVasive filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office ("USPTO") a request for *inter partes* reexamination of the claims of United States Patent No. 8,021,430, one of the three patents-in-suit. On November 29, 2012, the USPTO granted NuVasive's request and issued a non-final office action rejecting the claims. (*See* Application Control No. 95/002,380.)

Accordingly, Plaintiffs request that a case management conference be set for this case as soon as the Court's docket permits. At the requested case management conference, the parties and the Court could address, *inter alia*, the schedule of this case going forward, the setting of discovery and pretrial deadlines, and coordination with other patent infringement litigation currently proceeding between the parties in this Court. Plaintiffs believe that such a case management conference would assist with the reduction of expense and delay associated with litigation of the patents-in-suit and in the efficient resolution of this matter.



Respectfully submitted, DATED: November 30, 2012 /s/ Nimalka R. Wickramasekera Nimalka R. Wickramasekera KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP Attorneys for Plaintiffs WARSAW ORTHOPEDIC, INC.; MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK USA, INC.; MEDTRONIC PUERTO RICO OPERATIONS CO.; AND OSTEOTECH, INC.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles; I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action; my business address is 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90071.

On November 30, 2012, true and correct copies of the foregoing document were served to all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service via the Court's CM/ECF system per Civil Local Rule 5.4. Any other counsel of record will be served by electronic mail, facsimile, U.S. Mail and/or overnight delivery.

FEDERAL: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 30, 2012, in Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Nimalka R. Wickramasekera Nimalka R. Wickramasekera

