

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SYNOPSISYS, INC.
Petitioner

v.

Patent of MENTOR GRAPHICS CORPORATION
Patent Owner

Case IPR2012-00042
Patent 6,240,376

Mailed: September 28, 2012

Before Maria Vignone, *Supervisory Trial Clerk*.

NOTICE OF FILING DATE ACCORDED TO PETITION and
NOTICE FOR SETTING THE TIME PERIOD FOR FILING
PATENT OWNER PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

The petition for inter partes review in the above proceeding has been
accorded the filing date of September 26, 2012.

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Administrative Patent Judge Sally C. Medley has been designated to manage the proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.5.

The Board noted an incorrect service address on the Certificate of Service for the Patent Owner. It was confirmed by Anita Chou, of Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, LLP, the messenger was able to deliver to the correct service address and a signature was obtained.

Patent Owner may file a preliminary response to the petition no later than three months from the date of this notice. The preliminary response is limited to setting forth the reasons why the requested review should not be instituted. Patent Owner may also file an election to waive the preliminary response to expedite the proceeding. For more information, please consult the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48756 (Aug. 14, 2012), which is available on the Board Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/PTAB>.

Patent Owner is advised of the requirement to submit mandatory notice information under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(2) within 21 days of service of the petition.

The parties are reminded that unless otherwise permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(b)(2), all filings in this proceeding must be made electronically in the Patent Review Processing System (PRPS), accessible from the Board Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/PTAB>. To file documents, users must first obtain a user ID and password by registering with PRPS. Information regarding how to register with and use PRPS is available at the Board Web site.

If there are any questions pertaining to this notice, please contact Maria Vignone at 571-272-4645 or the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at 571-272-7822.

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