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SEQUENOM, INC.
Petitioner

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Case IPR2014-00337 Patent 8,195,415

SEQUENOM REQUEST FOR REHEARING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d)



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I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner Sequenom, Inc. ("Sequenom") requests a rehearing under 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d) regarding the Board's July 16, 2014 Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 11). The Board denied Sequenom's petition "because Lo I [a provisional patent application] is neither a patent nor an application for patent published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)" so the Board concluded that Lo I "does not qualify under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as prior art to the claims of the '415 patent." *Paper 11 at 4*.

The Board abused its discretion by overlooking controlling case law in Ex parte Yamaguchi, 88 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1606 (B.P.A.I. 2008). In that case, the Board held that even though provisional patent applications are not published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b), they become public when corresponding utility applications are published, and thus qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) "like a regular utility application" and "constitute[] prior art for all that [they] teach[]." Yamaguchi, 88 U.S.P.Q. 2d at 1611-12. Other panels of this Board have followed the precedential decision in *Yamaguchi* and found that a provisional application to which an application published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) claims priority qualifies as § 102(e) prior art. Ex Parte Argasinski, Appeal 2008-3200, Decision on Appeal at 3 n.2, 2009 WL 460669, at *4 n.2 (B.P.A.I. Feb. 24, 2009) ("We note that the Ferreira 60/182,282 reference is the provisional application for the Ferreira utility patent application publication, US 2001/0034661 A1. We consider Ferreira's 60/182,282 provisional application available as prior art in accordance with Exparte Yamaguchi[.]"); Ex Parte Green, Appeal 2010-002449, Decision on Appeal



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