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v.

GOLD STANDARD INSTRUMENTS, LLC, Patent Owner.

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PATENT OWNER'S OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ADD TWO REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST

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I. Introduction and Summary of Argument.

Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board deny Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Add Two Real Parties in Interest (Paper 15) to its Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of Patent 8,727,773, and dismiss its Petition. Petitioner already has had two opportunities to file a complete petition that identifies its sister companies, Edge Endo, LLC and Guidance Endodontics, LLC, as real parties in interest. Petitioner has not shown good cause for its late action.

Dentsply International Inc. and its subsidiary, Tulsa Dental Products LLC (collectively "Dentsply"), have sued to enjoin Petitioner from manufacturing products that Guidance developed and Edge Endo sells to the public. Dr. Charles Goodis owns and controls all three companies. Their interests are unified. Petitioner offers nothing more than attorney argument that its sister companies have no involvement in, or control over, its Petition to justify its position that they do not constitute real parties in interest. Paper 15 at 1, 3. Petitioner's inability to proffer any explanation or evidence to show that its failure to identify Edge Endo and Guidance as real parties in interest was justified shows a lack of good cause for their late identification, and also belies Petitioner's assertion that it is conceding the issue only to save time and expense. Id. at 1, 2. Moreover, that Petitioner continues to maintain that Edge Endo and Guidance do not constitute real parties in interest also shows that these companies would have disputed the application of the

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