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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

ROBERT BOSCH LLC,
Patent Owner.

CASE NO. IPR2016-00034
U.S. Patent No. 6,973,698

**PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 35
U.S.C. § 313 AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.107**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Patent Owner, Robert Bosch LLC (“Bosch”), submits this preliminary response to the Petition filed by Costco Wholesale Corporation (“Petitioner” or “Costco”) as Paper No. 1 in this proceeding, requesting *inter partes* review of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,973,698 (“Petition”). This response is timely pursuant to the Board’s Notice in Paper No. 3.

The following arguments are not intended to be an exhaustive with respect to the grounds asserted in the Petition. Bosch respectfully submits these streamlined arguments in response to the issue of institution and reserves the right to expand on these arguments with additional evidence, including testimonial evidence, or to provide new arguments, should the Board determine that institution is appropriate.

Bosch submits that Petitioner has not established a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail with respect to at least one of challenged claim. Accordingly, Bosch respectfully requests that the Board decline to institute *inter partes* review for the reasons set forth below.

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