

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

EURAMAX INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

INVISAFLOW, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00423
Patent 8,556,195 B1

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, LYNNE E. PETTIGREW, and
AMANDA F. WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

On March 11, 2016, Patent Owner sent an electronic mail message to the Board, on behalf of Patent Owner and Petitioner, seeking a two-month extension of the filing deadline for Patent Owner's preliminary response, in light of ongoing settlement negotiations. Patent Owner stated that the parties agree to expedite the proceedings if *inter partes* review is instituted.

The parties' request is denied. Based on the facts of this case, the panel is not persuaded that the parties' engagement in settlement negotiations provides good cause to extend by two months the filing deadline established by regulation. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.5(c)(2). The filing of a preliminary response is optional and Patent Owner may waive such a filing, if doing so would facilitate settlement. *See id.* § 42.107.

It is:

ORDERED that the parties' request to extend the deadline for submission of Patent Owner's preliminary response to the Petition is *denied*.

Case IPR2015-01034
Patent 8,863,979 B2

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