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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WEST-WARD PHARMACEUTICALS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
Petitioner

v.

NOVARTIS AG,
Patent Owner

Inter Partes Review No. 2017-01078

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WAIVER OF PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.107(b), Patent Owner Novartis AG hereby elects to waive its preliminary response in this *Inter Partes* Review No. 2017-01078. As indicated in the Trial Practice Guide, no adverse inference should be taken by this election. *See* Office Trial Practice Guide, Fed. Reg. Vol. 77, No. 157 (2012) at Section II.C. This election shall not constitute a waiver or admission by Patent Owner with respect to any material set forth in the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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