

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS, S.A.,  
Petitioner,

v.

RAI STRATEGIC HOLDINGS, INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2020-01602  
Patent 9,901,123 B2

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**PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Patent Owner RAI Strategic Holdings, Inc. hereby requests oral argument. The oral argument is presently set for Thursday, January 6, 2022. In view of the year-end holidays, Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board schedule oral argument for January 10, 11, 13, or 14, instead of January 6. Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioner, and Petitioner does not oppose Patent Owner's request that oral argument be scheduled for January 10, 11, 13, or 14.

The issues to be argued include the following:

1. The alleged unpatentability of claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21, and 23-26 as obvious in view of Hon alone or in combination with Whittemore and/or Brooks.
2. The alleged unpatentability of claims 3, 4, 13, 16, and 17 as obvious in view of Hon, Whittemore, Brooks, and Susa.
3. The alleged unpatentability of claim 6 and 19 in view of Hon, Whittemore, Brooks, and Ray.
4. Any additional issues the parties raise or propose to raise at or before the oral argument; and
5. Any additional issues on which the Board seeks information or clarification.

Patent Owner requests 60 minutes of time per side for argument, with the opportunity to reserve some of the allotted amount of its time for a sur-rebuttal, if needed.

Patent Owner further requests the use of audio-visual equipment to assist its arguments, including a computer-connectable projector and a screen.

Patent Owner also requests the services of a court reporter to transcribe the proceeding.

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