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The Hon. Joseph C. Spero
 United States District Court for the Northern District of California
 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Courtroom G, 15th Floor
 San Francisco, CA 9410

May 6, 2014

Re: Discovery Meet and Confer Requested by Plaintiff's Counsel
 3:03-cv-1335 EMC (JCS)

Dear Judge Spero,

On March 17, 2014, counsel for Defendant Xycarb Ceramics, Inc. ("Xycarb"), Lisbeth Merrill sent a letter to the above counsel for Plaintiff Lam Research Corporation ("Lam") complaining of Lam's deficiencies in discovery responses. On April 2, 2014, Lam responded to the letter in an extremely high level, non-substantive manner. On April 15, 2014, Mrs. Merrill raised Xycarb's issues with Lam's discovery and a potential motion to compel to Judge Chen at the status conference, and Judge Chen informed the parties that the matter was referred to your Honor for discovery disputes. On April 16, 2014, Xycarb's counsel sent an additional letter addressing again Lam's discovery deficiencies and requesting an in person meet and confer with Stuart Clark for April 28, 2014, at or about the time both parties and their counsel would be in San Jose for the Court ordered mediation. On April 30, 2014, the parties' above counsel met and conferred in person in Northern California where Mr. Clark works and resides. During that meet and confer, the parties discussed amending existing responses to comply with Your Honor's standing order regarding discovery responses. Further, although Lam seemed to substantively disagree with most of Xycarb's points, Lam's counsel wanted time to review the responses and send a follow-up response.

This week, Lam's counsel requested an extension of 30 days for the meet and confer process deadlines. Xycarb's counsel stated that it could grant until May 16, 2014 for Lam to supplement its responses to comply with Your Honor's standing order and to indicate substantively what responses Lam is willing to supplement.

As a result, Xycarb respectfully requests an extension until May 16, 2014 to provide its letters to the Court pursuant to the standing order in hopes that some of the issues can be resolved without Court intervention. If appropriate, based upon Lam's response, Xycarb may request of the Court additional time pursuant to Lam's request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 5/8/14

