

# **EXHIBIT 7**



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1.	Total requests filed since start of <i>inter partes</i> reexam on 11/29/99.....	1115 <sup>1</sup>	
2.	Number of filings by discipline		
	a. Chemical Operation	202	18%
	b. Electrical Operation	576	52%
	c. Mechanical Operation	325	29%
	d. Design Patents	12	1%
3.	Annual Reexam Filings		
	<u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u>		
	2000        0                2003        21                2006        70                2009        258		
	2001        1                2004        27                2007        126                2010        281		
	2002        4                2005        59                2008        168                2011YTD    100		
4.	Number known to be in litigation.....	787.....	70%
5.	Decisions on requests .....		972
	a. No. granted .....	932.....	96%
	(1) By examiner	930	
	(2) By Director (on petition)	2	
	b. No. not granted .....	40.....	4%
	(1) By examiner	36	
	(2) Reexam vacated	4	
6.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)		
	a. Average pendency		36.3 (mos.)
	b. Median pendency		31.7 (mos.)
7.	Total <i>inter partes</i> reexamination certificates issued (1999 - present) .....		221
	a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	22	10%
	b. Certificates with all claims canceled (or disclaimed)	103	47%
	c. Certificates with claims changes	96	43%

<sup>1</sup>Of the requests received in FY 2011, 4 requests have not yet been accorded a filing date, and 1 request has had preprocessing terminated, for failure to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.915. See Clarification of Filing Date Requirements for *Ex Parte* and *Inter Partes* Reexamination Proceedings, Final Rule, 71 Fed. Reg. 44219 (August 4, 2006).