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Re: IPR2020-00545; IPR2020-00547; IPR2020-00549; IPR2020-00551

To the Board:

Patent Owner Cytonome/ST, LLC hereby submits this request for a 30-day extension of the due date to submit its preliminary response in the above-captioned IPR proceedings. Patent Owner makes this request pursuant to guidance received from the PTAB's Administrative Staff in light of the Patent Office's notice of April 28, 2020 ("Notice of Extended Waiver of Patent-Related Timing Deadlines under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and Other Relief Available to Patent Applicants and Patentees"). All attorneys representing Patent Owner in this proceeding are located in San Antonio and Houston and the COVID-19 outbreak has materially interfered with their preparation of the preliminary responses in these proceedings at least because of attorney office closures (and the ensuing disruptions associated with these closures, such as inaccessibility of files), as well as the unavailability of childcare for certain attorneys. Thus, Patent Owner respectfully requests that the current deadline of May 21, 2020 be extended by 30 days to June 20, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,

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