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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MERCEDES-BENZ GROUP AG
Petitioner,

v.

THE PHELAN GROUP, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00413
Patent 9,045,101 B2

Before Andrew Kellogg, *Deputy Chief Clerk, Trials*.

NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO BOARD PANEL

Under the March 26, 2025, memorandum entitled “Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management” (“Interim Processes memo”), Patent Owner had the opportunity to file a brief requesting discretionary denial of institution. Interim Processes memo 2.¹ Patent Owner did not file such a brief. Accordingly, this case is referred to a Board panel to consider the

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/InterimProcesses-PTABWorkloadMgmt-20250326.pdf>.

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merits and non-discretionary considerations. *See* FAQs for Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management, FAQ 9.²

² Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/faqs/interim-processes-workload-management>.

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