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In Re: Patent Term

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Mr. Jorge Garza:

Our office made a cursory review of the documents you provided. In your email, you make an inquiry into the expiration of a patent, specifically patent number US7895956.

According to Patent US7895956, an application to patent was filed on 02/27/2008 and the patent was issued on 03/01/2011. A notice on Patent US7895956 read, "Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 425 days.

Under Title 35 of the United States Code, section 154(a)(2), Patents "shall be for a term beginning on the date on which the patent issues and ending 20 years from the date on which the application for the patent was filed in the United States[.]" Title 35 of the United States Code, section 154(b) further allows for the adjustment of patent terms; provided particular delays occur, e.g., delayed due to the failure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue a patent within 3 years after the actual filing date of the application in the United States, or for delays due to interferences, secrecy orders, and appeals.

Here, the term for Patent US7895956 began on the date on which it was issued, i.e., 03/01/2011. February 27, 2028, marks twenty (20) years from the date the application for Patent US7895956 was filed, i.e., 02/27/2008. The patent term for US7895956 is 03/01/2011 to 02/27/2028. However, an adjustment was made which extended the term by 425 days. Therefore, the adjusted patent term for US7895956 is 03/01/2011 to 04/27/2029.

Please advise if there are any other questions or concerns for our office to consider. Also, should you have any questions or concerns regarding this email, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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