

EXHIBIT A

Email Correspondence from Patent Trial and Appeal Board dated June 15, 2015 Denying Allergan's Request for Authorization to File a Motion for Sanctions

From: Vignone, Maria [mailto:Maria.Vignone@USPTO.GOV] **On Behalf Of** Trials
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Dorothy Whelan; Trials
Cc: Amir Naini; IPR13351-0032IP1; Jonathan Singer; Michael Kane
Subject: RE: IPR2015-00858

Counsel: The panel declines to have a call or authorize a motion for sanctions as presented in the e-mail below. It is premature for the panel to address whether the petition has no objectively reasonable basis. Patent Owner may present arguments as it wishes in its preliminary response, however, if it is inclined to file one. After the panel has issued a decision on institution, patent owner may renew its request regarding a motion for sanctions, assuming such a request is appropriate at that time.

Thank you,

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From: Dorothy Whelan [mailto:whelan@fr.com]
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Subject: IPR2015-00858

Dear Board:

Patent owner, Allergan, Inc., requests a conference call for the purpose of obtaining authorization to file a motion for sanctions against Petitioner. The basis for the motion is abuse of process. Specifically, there is no objectively reasonable basis for the petition. The only reason for filing it was to extract a settlement from Allergan. With respect to relief, Patent Owner requests that the Board to dismiss the petition and award attorney fees.

Counsel for both parties are available for a call as follows: Monday, 6/15 and Tuesday, 6/16: after 1 PM EDT. Thursday, 6/18: after 12:30 PM EDT.

Thank you for your consideration.

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