

## U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 9, 2019

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 20543

Re

Mario Villena, et al. v. Andrei Iancu, Director,

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, S.Ct No. 18-1223

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 28, 2019, and placed on the docket on March 20, 2019. The government's response is due on April 19, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including May 20, 2019, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

cc: See Attached Service List

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