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Via U.S. Mail and the Supreme Court's electronic filing system

Scott Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Jagdish C. Laul v. Los Alamos National Laboratories*, No. 17-1197

Respondent Los Alamos National Security, LLC ("LANS"), respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file its response to the petition for writ of certiorari filed by Petitioner and received by undersigned counsel on February 26, 2018. The current due date for LANS' response to the petition is March 28, 2018. A 30 day extension would create a new due date of April 27, 2018. As demonstrated below, this request is not made for the purpose of delay, but is necessary so that LANS counsel may review the petition and provide a thorough response.

LANS has been represented by Hinkle Shanor LLP throughout this litigation. The Hinkle Shanor attorneys responsible for the summary judgment and Tenth Circuit appellate briefing in this matter are unavailable until late March. Lead counsel, Ellen Casey, is currently on leave due to a serious eye condition and is scheduled for eye surgery on March 5, 2018. Post-surgery she will be unable to return to work for at least three weeks and will be unable to read for, at least, one month. Hinkle Shanor attorney Jamie Kennedy, who also worked extensively on the Laul briefing, was blessed with her second child on February 21, 2018, and is out on maternity leave until the end of March. The presence and input of these two attorneys is critical for LANS' ability to fully respond to the Petition received on February 26, 2018.

Counsel for Petitioner Jagdish Laul has been contacted and does not oppose the requested extension.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellen S. Casey
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