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In re Patent No.:9,173,100 :  
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Application No.:13/828,960 : ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed on March 7, 2023, to reinstate the above-cited patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b)<sup>1</sup>.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued on October 27, 2015. Therefore, the grace period in 35 U.S.C. § 41(b) for paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee expired at midnight on October 27, 2019.

The subject renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.1378(b) was filed on March 7, 2023, and includes a statement which provides additional information showing the entire period of delay was unintentional. Patentee is required to immediately inform the Office if, upon further investigation, patentee discovers that the entire delay in paying the maintenance fee was not unintentional.

The 3.5-year maintenance fee of 1,000.00, and petition fee of \$1,050.00, were received on August 3, 2022. The above-identified patent is reinstated, accordingly.

Petitioner is reminded that the one-year window in which to pay the 7.5-year maintenance fee opened on October 27, 2022, and will close at midnight on October 27, 2023. The 7.5-year maintenance fee (along with any necessary surcharge) must be timely paid to avoid expiration of the subject patent for failure to pay the 7.5-year maintenance fee.

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<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.378(b) provides:

- (b) Any petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must include:
- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
  - (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and
  - (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

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Questions regarding the maintenance fee due dates and payments must be directed to the Maintenance Fee Office at (571) 272-6500. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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