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Subject: Comments regarding proposed change to missing parts practice

Eugenia Jones,

I support the current proposal to change the missing parts practice to provide applicants with an extended time period up to twelve months to reply to a missing parts notice requiring fees in a non-provisional application.

Additionally, it would be useful to the subsequent determination to pay the missing parts and/or focusing the claims to the proper scope if the PTO would provide a published search to the applicant within 6 months of the initiation of the 12 month extendable time period. The published search would also help third parties to determine the likely scope of the claimed invention.

I propose consideration be given to allowing an extended time period that corresponds with the deadline associated with national/regional phase filings that are based on a PCT international application that claims priority to the provisional application. Under such circumstances, an applicant could focus their resources on commercialization of the invention initially and delay the decision regarding substantive examination in all geographies until the same time.

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