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Re: USPTO Satellite Offices

Dear Mr. Khan:

Freescale Semiconductor (NYSE:FSL) applauds the USPTO's plan to open regional satellite offices in diverse regions of the U.S. and believes such satellite offices will be a significant resource to the U.S. technology community. Freescale, which is based in Austin, Texas, strongly urges you to consider and select Austin for a satellite office site.

Freescale is a global leader in embedded processing solutions, providing industry leading products that are advancing the automotive, consumer, industrial and networking markets. Freescale is one of the world's largest semiconductor companies with 2011 sales of \$4.57 billion (USD). From microprocessors and microcontrollers to sensors, analog ICs and connectivity – our technologies are the foundation for the innovations that make our world greener, safer, healthier and more connected. While Freescale has design, research and development, manufacturing and sales operations in over 20 countries, our headquarters and home is Austin., which is also our largest employee base.. We employ over 5,500 engineers and invest more than \$700M annually in R&D.



Freescale's in-house legal department includes 10 patent attorneys who are registered to practice before the USPTO. Freescale has over 6100 patent families and files hundreds of US patent applications each year, a majority of which are generated in Austin. We prepare and prosecute about half of our US patent applications through in-house patent attorneys, with the remainder being handled by a number of patent firms.

We believe that Austin would be an ideal location for a satellite USPTO office. Austin is a hotbed of innovation and a well established high tech center. Austin's vibrant culture, low cost of living and high quality of life would be very attractive to the professional staff that the USPTO seeks to employ. Further, Austin features an existing talent pool of engineering, scientific, and legal talent. Austin is a very inventive community hosting operations of many major technology companies as well as the University of Texas, a national leader among research Universities and patent activity. Patents issued to Austin area inventors increased by nearly 700% from 1990-2010, with Austin innovators generally receiving over 3,000 patents per year. Locating a satellite office in Austin would help our region's innovation community to continue to be a leading source of our country's valuable patentable technology while capitalizing on a workforce that is highly skilled and eager to help the USPTO address the patent backlog and achieve operational efficiencies.

We encourage you to choose Austin to establish a satellite office to help the USPTO achieve its mandates. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can help in any way.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer B. Wuamett".

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