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Inter Partes Reexamination Filing Data – March 31, 2010

1.	Total requests filed since start of <i>inter partes</i> reexam on 11/29/99.....	860 ¹	
2.	Number of filings by discipline		
	a. Chemical Operation	167	20%
	b. Electrical Operation	416	48%
	c. Mechanical Operation	265	31%
	d. Design Patents	12	1%
3.	Annual Reexam Filings		
	<u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Fiscal Yr.</u> <u>No.</u>		
	2000 0 2003 21 2006 70 2009 258		
	2001 1 2004 27 2007 126 2010YTD 126		
	2002 4 2005 59 2008 168		
4.	Number known to be in litigation.....	600.....	70%
5.	Decisions on requests		763
	a. No. granted	731.....	96%
	(1) By examiner	730	
	(2) By Director (on petition)	1	
	b. No. not granted	32.....	4%
	(1) By examiner	28	
	(2) Reexam vacated	4	
6.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)		
	a. Average pendency		36.5 (mos.)
	b. Median pendency		32.0 (mos.)
7.	Total <i>inter partes</i> reexamination certificates issued (1999 - present)		152
	a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	12	8%
	b. Certificates with all claims canceled (or disclaimed)	76	50%
	c. Certificates with claims changes	64	42%

¹Of the requests received in FY 2010, 7 requests have not yet been accorded a filing date, and 10 requests have had preprocessing terminated, for failure to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.915. See Clarification of Filing Date Requirements for *Ex Parte* and *Inter Partes* Reexamination Proceedings, Final Rule, 71 Fed. Reg. 44219 (August 4, 2006).