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### REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (NRIP) AND THE USPTO

Application No.:		First Named Inventor:	
Filing Date:		Attorney Docket No.:	
Title of the Invention:			

**THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB. INFORMATION REGARDING EFS-WEB IS AVAILABLE AT <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/applying-online/about-efs-web>**

**APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM.**

*For national stage applications under 35 U.S.C. 371 only: This is an express request to begin national stage processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f). Note: National stage processing will not commence prior to 30 months from the priority date absent an express request to begin national stage processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) and fulfillment of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (2), and (4) for payment of the basic national fee, copy of the International Application and English translation thereof (if required), and the oath or declaration of the inventor(s).*

The above-identified application and the corresponding NI application(s) have the same priority/filing date. If NRIP is not the office of first filing (OFF), identify the OFF and the OFF application no.

The NI application number(s) is/are: \_\_\_\_\_

The filing date of the NI application(s) is/are: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. List of Required Documents:**

a. **A copy of the latest NI office action prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" in the above-identified NI application(s) along with an English translation (if the office action is not in the English language)**

- is attached.
- is not attached because applicant hereby requests the USPTO to obtain the required office action and any required translation thereof via the Dossier Access System.
- is not attached because the NI application was allowed in a first office action.

**Notes:**

It is not necessary to submit a copy of the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and an English translation thereof.  
The English translation of the office action may be a machine translation.  
An accuracy statement for the English language translation of the office action is not required.

b. **(1) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the NI office action**

- is attached.
- has already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**(2) Copies of all documents (except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications)**

- are attached.
- have already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on \_\_\_\_\_.



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