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MEMORANDUM FOR: Kathi Vidal
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

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FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of USPTO's Management of Trademark Pendency
(#2024-474)

We are initiating an audit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) management of trademark pendency. Our objective is to determine whether USPTO exercised effective oversight and management of trademark pendency.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 793-2938 or Amni Samson, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (202) 793-3324.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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