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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As noted by the below string of emails of October 4-5, 2016:

- Ms. Donovan and Mr. Peters submitted a request to postpone the rescheduled October 12, 2016 hearing.
- The Hearing Team asked the Prosecution Team whether they joined in the request for postponement.
- The Prosecution Team advised the Hearing Team that any joinder to the request for postponement would only be contingent upon the parties first reaching a “settlement agreement in principle”. Ms. Donovan and Mr. Peters anticipated making such an offer by close of business on October 5th.

As you know, the parties, at their discretion, may engage in private settlement discussions and may include any other persons in those discussions. Due to the separation of functions between the Hearing Team and the Prosecution Team, **the Hearing Tam cannot participate** in settlement discussions.

The Hearing Officers have taken into consideration the current circumstances related to the submitted request for postponement. The request for postponement is denied and the hearing scheduled to commence on [Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016](#), **will be conducted as scheduled**. However, this denial does not preclude the possibility for approval of a subsequent postponement request jointly proposed by both parties prior to the hearing.

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