UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DK CROWN HOLDINGS INC.,

Petitioner

v.

DIOGENES LIMITED,

Patent Owner

IPR2023-00267

U.S. Patent No. 10,997,822

PATENT OWNER'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND SUBSTITUTE LEAD AND BACKUP COUNSEL

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 and the Board's authorization email dated December 19, 2023, Patent Owner Diogenes Limited respectfully requests that the Board authorize and grant the withdrawal of Gianni Minutoli, as lead counsel, and Robert A. Esposito, as backup counsel, in this *inter partes* review proceeding and substitute new counsel Matthew C. Juren, lead counsel, and Kelly D. Stephens, backup counsel.

II. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

The Patent Owner wishes to withdraw Gianni Minutoli, as lead counsel, and Robert A. Esposito, as backup counsel. Patent Owner has submitted a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices for its new lead and backup counsel in this proceeding, namely, Matthew C. Juren and Kelly D. Stephens, of Stephens Juren, PLLC.

III. THE MOTION IS NOT OPPOSED

Petitioner does not oppose this Motion and no extension of time will be needed upon grant of this Motion.

In addition, it is believed that granting this Motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

IV. CONCLUSION

Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board grant its motion to authorize the above withdrawal and substitution of counsel in this proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6, I hereby certify that on January 2, 2024, the foregoing Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel from Patent Owner were served via email on the following counsel of record for Petitioner.

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