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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DK CROWN HOLDINGS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

DIOGENES LIMITED,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00262 (Patent 9,117,341 B2)
IPR2023-00266 (Patent 10,970,969 B2)
IPR2023-00267 (Patent 10,997,822 B2)[1]

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, HYUN J. JUNG, ROBERT L. KINDER, and SEAN P. O'HANLON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motions to
Withdraw Counsel and Substitute Lead and Backup Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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[1] We issue one Order to be entered in each proceeding. The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate a joined case or an expanded panel.

With authorization from the Board provided in an email dated December 19, 2023, Patent Owner Diogenes Limited filed Motions to Withdraw Counsel and Substitute Lead and Backup Counsel requesting authorization to withdraw lead counsel Gianni Minutoli in in the above-listed proceedings, back-up counsel Robert A. Esposito in IPR2023-00262 and IPR2023-00267, and back-up counsel Steven Kellner and Matthew Middleton in IPR2023-00266. IPR2023-00262, Paper 22; IPR2023-00266, Paper 19; IPR2023-00267, Paper 20. Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. IPR2023-00262, Paper 22, 2; IPR2023-00266, Paper 19, 2; IPR2023-00267, Paper 20, 2.

Patent Owner filed Powers of Attorney and updated Mandatory Notices listing Matthew C. Juren (Reg. No. 68,233) as lead counsel and Kelly D. Stephens (Reg. No. 49,017) as back-up counsel in each case. IPR2023-00262, Papers 20, 21; IPR2023-00266, Papers 17, 18; IPR2023-00267, Papers 18, 19; *see* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a) ("If a party is represented by counsel, the party must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel").

The Motions are *granted*.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions to withdraw Gianni Minutoli as lead counsel in the above-listed proceedings, back-up counsel Robert A. Esposito in IPR2023-00262 and IPR2023-00267, and back-up counsel Steven Kellner and Matthew Middleton in IPR2023-00266 are granted; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Matthew C. Juren is substituted as lead counsel and Kelly D. Stephens is substituted as back-up counsel in the above-listed proceedings.

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