

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HANGSEN INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

ZANOPRIMA LIFESCIENCES, LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00503
Patent 10,913,962 B2

Before JEFFREY N. FREDMAN, ZHENYU YANG, and
CYNTHIA M. HARDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HARDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

By email dated June 16, 2023, Petitioner requested leave to file a reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response, for the purpose of addressing Patent Owner's discretionary denial arguments. *See* Ex. 3001. By email dated June 20, 2023, the Board authorized (1) Petitioner to file a reply to Patent's Owner's Preliminary Response; and (2) Patent Owner to file a sur-reply to Petitioner's reply. *See id.*

The Board's authorization expressly stated that "[n]either party is authorized to file any additional evidence with its brief." *Id.* Despite this clear guidance, on June 27 2023, Petitioner filed three exhibits (Exhibits 1024–1026) with its reply brief. Because the Board did not authorize the filing of evidence with the brief, we *sua sponte* expunge Exhibits 1024–1026 from the record. We maintain Petitioner's Reply Brief (Paper 7) on the record, but deem citations to the expunged exhibits within that brief stricken.

ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Exhibits 1024–1026 are expunged from the record.

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