UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COMMSCOPE TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

BELDEN INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2023-01061
Patent 6,998,537

Declaration of Peter M. Kohlhepp in Support of Petitioner's Unopposed Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission

I, Peter M. Kohlhepp, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Carlson, Caspers, Vandenburgh & Lindquist P.A. ("Carlson Caspers"). This declaration is submitted on behalf of Petitioner CommScope Technologies LLC in support of its Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Peter M. Kohlhepp. This declaration is made on my own personal knowledge, except as otherwise indicated.

2. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Bar Number 390,454).

3. I have never been suspended or disbarred from any court or administrative body.

4. No application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body that I have filed or that has been filed on by behalf has ever been denied.

5. No sanctions or contempt citations have been imposed on me by any court or administrative body.

6. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

7. I agree to be subject to USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et. seq. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

8. I applied to appear *pro hac vice*, and did so appear, in the following proceedings before the Office in the last four (4) years: Cases IPR2019-00488, IPR2019-00490, IPR2020-00126, IPR2020-00127, IPR2020-00128, IPR2020-00129, IPR2020-00130, IPR2020-00132, IPR2020-00134, IPR2020-00135, IPR2020-00136, IPR2020-00137, IPR2020-00138, IPR2020-01341, IPR2020-01342, IPR2020-01343, and IPR2020-01344.

9. I have been involved in many litigations involving patent infringement in multiple federal District Courts. I have practiced law for more than fourteen years and I have litigated patent cases during that entire time period. I have extensive experience with patent issues related to obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In the course of my experience litigating patents, I have analyzed many pieces of prior art, prepared many prior art statements and responses, worked with validity experts, and drafted and filed briefing related to obviousness arguments.

10. I am familiar with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. My law firm, Carlson Caspers, represents Petitioner in a patent infringement lawsuit that is pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (Civil Action. No. 1:22-cv-00783 (RGA), filed June 13, 2022). This lawsuit involves the same patents at issue in this and related *Inter Partes* Reviews for U.S. Patent Nos. 6,570,095 and 9,991,030, and involves the same parties. I have assisted other attorneys at my firm in representing Petitioner in this case. I have also assisted the registered practitioners from my firm who represent Petitioner in this matter and other IPRs involving similar technology, working at their direction. Through this work, I have gained familiarity with the subjects at issue, which includes the validity of the patents at issue in the District Court case and the related IPR proceedings.

11. I have also reviewed in detail each of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,998,537, 6,570,095, and 9,991,030, the Petitions and corresponding exhibits and expert declarations filed by Petitioner in this and the related proceedings, and Patent Owner's Preliminary Responses. Further, I have reviewed in detail the prior art references cited by Petitioner and relied on in filing this proceeding.

12. My technical background provides me with additional understanding of the subject matter at issue. I completed a Bachelor of Science undergraduate degree in Engineering Mechanics, which included coursework in materials science and mechanical engineering.

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 5, 2024

/Peter M. Kohlhepp/
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