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v.

TRUE RETURN SYSTEMS, LLC

Patent Owner

Case IPR2023-01388

U.S. Patent No. 10,025,797

PATENT OWNER'S MANDATORY NOTICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.8

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8 and the Board’s April 12, 2024 Order (Paper No. 15), Patent Owner submits this Mandatory Notice to provide an update on the real party-in-interest.

As reported to the Board on March 13, 2024 (Paper No. 14), Jack Fonss, the sole member of Patent Owner True Return Systems, LLC (“TRS”) died on March 12, 2024. No temporary administrator has yet been appointed to manage TRS, though counsel has been informed that an executor of Mr. Fonss’s estate will soon be appointed and also take over the role of LLC administrator.

Per the Board’s Order, Patent Owner will provide a further status update within five (5) business days of a determination of ownership or executorship, or thirty (30) calendar days of the Order, whichever occurs first.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing PATENT OWNER'S MANDATORY NOTICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.8 was served on April 15, 2024 by filing documents through the Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) and courtesy copies were also served via electronic mail on the following:

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