UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CIRRUS LOGIC, INC. and
OMNIVISION TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED, and
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED,
Petitioners,
v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00017[1]
U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195

PATENT OWNER'S MOTION TO SEAL
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14 & 42.54

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[1] Texas Instruments Incorporated, which filed a petition in IPR2024-00771, has been joined as a party to this proceeding.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14 and 42.54, Patent Owner, Greenthread, LLC ("Patent Owner") respectfully submits this Motion to Seal. Patent Owner moves to seal Patent Owner's Sur-reply (filed concurrently with the present Motion) in its entirety. Patent Owner conferred with Petitioners, and Petitioner Cirrus Logic, Inc., stated "Petitioners are unable to take a position on this issue."

I. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS

The Office Trial Practice Guide (TPG) states that "a document or thing will be made publicly available, unless a party files a motion to seal that is then granted by the Board." Office Trial Practice Guide (Nov. 2019) at 19; *see also* 35 U.S.C. §316(a)(7). "The document or thing will be protected on receipt of the motion and remain so, pending the outcome of the decision on motion." *Id.* The TPG states that "protective orders may be issued for good cause by the Board to protect a party from disclosing confidential information." *Id.* at 20 (citing C.F.R. § 42.54). Here, there is good cause for sealing Patent Owner's Sur-reply because Patent Owner is under confidentiality obligations regarding licensing information referenced therein. Patent Owner itself does not desire to maintain the confidentiality of the information, and believes that some of it may be public. Nevertheless, Patent Owner requests to seal the information to avoid potential disputes with the party to whom Greenthread owes confidentiality obligations, who has specifically requested that Greenthread maintain the confidentiality.

II. PROTECTIVE ORDER

Patent Owner previously requested entry of a modified protective order. Upon entry of that modified protective order, Patent Owner designates Patent Owner's Sur-reply in its entirety as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL."

Patent Owner intends to file a redacted copy of Patent Owner's Sur-reply within one week of filing.

III. CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Patent Owner requests that the Board seal Patent Owner's Sur-reply in their entirety. As noted above, Patent Owner also intends to file a redacted copy of the Patent Owner's Sur-reply within one week of filing.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

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