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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

GEOSCOPE TECHNOLOGIES PTE. LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00031 (Patent 8,400,358 B2)
IPR2024-00032 (Patent 8,786,494 B2)
IPR2024-00255 (Patent 7,561,104 B2)
IPR2024-00259 (Patent 8,406,753 B2)[1]

Before PATRICK R. SCANLON, SHEILA F. MCSHANE, and BRIAN D. RANGE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice Admission* of Saunak K. Desai Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)
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. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

On February 12, 2024, Geoscope Technologies Pte. Ltd. ("Patent Owner") filed Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Saunak K. Desai Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 11 ("Motion" or "Mot.").[2] Patent Owner also filed a Declaration of Saunak K. Desai in support of the Motion. Ex. 2001 ("Declaration"). Patent Owner represents that the Motion is unopposed. Mot. 1.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission").

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Desai has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, that Mr. Desai has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and that Mr. Desai meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 2001. Accordingly,

[2] All citations are to IPR2024-00031. Corresponding items were filed in IPR2024-00032, IPR2024-00255, and IPR2024-00259.

Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Desai.

Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Desai. Paper 9. Patent Owner filed mandatory notices identifying Mr. Desai as back-up attorney. Paper 10.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Saunak K. Desai Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) in each of the above-captioned proceedings (IPR2024-00031, Paper 11; IPR2024-00032, Paper 10; IPR2024-00255, Paper 9; and IPR2024-00259, Paper 8) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the above-captioned proceedings, but that Mr. Desai is authorized to act as back-up counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Desai comply with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[3] (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)) and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Desai is subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq*.

[3] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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