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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLUME DISTRIBUTORS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SIMPLEHUMAN LLC,
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2024-00050
U.S. Patent 10,683,165 B2

**JOINT REQUEST TO FILE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS
BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND TO KEEP SEPARATE
FROM THE PATENT FILES PURSUANT TO
35 U.S.C. § 317 AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.74**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b), 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), and the Board's authorization on August 5, 2024, Petitioner Volume Distributors, Inc. and Patent Owner simplehuman LLC jointly request that the confidential settlement agreement (Exhibit 2001) referenced in the concurrently-filed Joint Motion to Terminate be filed as business confidential information. The parties further jointly request that the confidential settlement agreement be kept separate from the file of the patent involved in this inter partes review and be made available only on the showing of good cause or to Federal Government agencies on a written request, as reflected in 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The settlement agreement includes business confidential information that should not be made public including but not limited to: settlement amounts negotiated based on confidential information, private bank information, and private legal obligations between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of **JOINT REQUEST TO FILE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND TO KEEP SEPARATE FROM THE PATENT FILES PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 317 AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.74 and Exhibit 2001** are being served on August 6, 2024, via electronic mail pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e) and with the agreement of counsel for Patent Owner as address below:

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