

PaUNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

US CONEC LTD.,
Petitioner

v.

SENKO ADVANCED COMPONENTS, INC.,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2024-00119
Patent No. 11,415,760

DECLARATION OF YOKO TANAKA

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I, Yoko Tanaka, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am currently a Patent and Trademark Administrator for Senko Advanced Components, Inc. (“Senko”). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to do so, could and would testify competently thereto.

2. Jeffery Gniadek is a former employee of Senko. According to Senko’s human resource records, Jeffery Gniadek worked for Senko full-time from March 2008 until August 2017 and worked for Senko part-time from December 2017 until September 2021.

3. As a contractual condition of employment, Mr. Gniadek had an obligation to assign intellectual work product, including inventions during his employment related to fiber optic communications, to Senko.

4. Exhibit 2009 is a true and accurate copy of a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement that Mr. Gniadek signed in April 2013 as maintained by Senko as part of their human resources records.

5. I understand that a patent assignment that was executed in December 2022 has been submitted as Exhibit 1030 in this proceeding.

6. I understand that Mr. Gnaidek has consistently cooperated in Senko's prosecution of patent rights with respect to his inventions, including following the conclusion of his employment.

7. I understand that Mr. Gniadek has and continues to experience significant health concerns.

8. In case he was to become incapacitated or otherwise unavailable, Mr. Gniadek executed an assignment—the assignment that I understand was submitted as Exhibit 1030—which was intended to cover any patent application for which he was named as an inventor in 2022 as a contingency in the event that any assignments had been inadvertently missed or might be found defective for some unforeseen reason.

9. I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 or Title 18 of the United States Code.

Executed this 16th day of May, 2024.



Yoko Tanaka