

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,

Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00468

U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195

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

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 Motion for Additional Discovery Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.51(B)(2)(I) and Exhibits 2011 and 2012 (filed concurrently with the present Motion) in their entirety. Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioner, and Petitioner indicated it does not oppose.

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 Motion for Additional Discovery Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.51(B)(2)(I) and Exhibits 2011 and 2012 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 Motion for Additional Discovery Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.51(B)(2)(I) as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL." Patent Owner designates Exhibits 2011 and 2012 as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL/ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Exhibits 2011 and 2012 for which Patent Owner seeks to restrict access under an "Attorneys' Eyes Only" designation are documents that contains highly competitively sensitive information related to licensing, including precise license terms and rates that should only be accessible to persons that qualify under Paragraph 4 of the amended Protective Order.

III. CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Patent Owner requests that the Board seal Patent Owner's Motion for Additional Discovery Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.51(B)(2)(I) and Exhibits 2011 and 2012 in their entirety.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this **PATENT OWNER'S MOTION TO SEAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14 & 42.54** has been served on Petitioner via email on the following counsel of record for petitioner:

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