

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NEXT STEP GROUP, INC.

Petitioner

v.

DECKERS OUTDOOR CORPORATION

Patent Owner

Design Patent No. D927,161

Issued: August 10, 2021

Title: FOOTWEAR UPPER

Case IPR No. 2024-00525

**PATENT OWNER'S SUBMISSION OF MANDATORY NOTICE INFORMATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a), Deckers Outdoor Corporation (“Deckers” or “Patent Owner”) submits herewith the following required mandatory notice information.

I. MANDATORY NOTICE

A. Real Party-In-Interest

The real party-in-interest for the Patent Owner of U.S. Design Patent No. D927,161 (“the ‘161 Patent”) is Deckers Outdoor Corporation, 250 Coromar Drive, Goleta, California 93117, a Delaware corporation.

B. Pending Administrative or Judicial Related Matters

Other than as noted below, the Patent Owner is not aware of any other judicial or administrative matters that, potentially or actually, would affect, or be affected by, a decision in the proceeding herein.¹

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. Walmart, Inc. and Does 1-10, 2:23-cv-00575 (C.D. CA. January 25, 2023)

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. Next Step Group, Inc. and Does 1-10, 1:23-cv-02545 (S.D. NY. January 25, 2023)

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. Last Brand, Inc. and Does 1-10, 3:23-cv-04850 (N.D. CA. June 12, 2023)

¹ Patent Owner notes that *Deckers Outdoor Corp. v. Primark US Corp*, 1:23-cv-10233 (D. Mass. January 30, 2023) originally involved claims regarding the ‘161 Patent; however, these claims have since been dismissed.

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. The Partnerships And Unincorporated Associations Identified On Schedule "A", 1:23-cv-16072 (E.D. Ill. November 17, 2023)

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. Costco Wholesale Corporation. and Does 1-10, 2:23-cv-09855 (C.D. CA. November 20, 2023)

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. The Partnerships And Unincorporated Associations Identified On Schedule "A", 1:24-cv-00008 (E.D. Ill. January 2, 2024)

Deckers Outdoor Corporation v. The Partnerships And Unincorporated Associations Identified On Schedule "A", 1:24-cv-00372 (E.D. Ill. January 16, 2024)

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E. Service Information Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(4)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of February 2024, the foregoing PATENT OWNER'S SUBMISSION OF MANDATORY NOTICE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a) was served in its entirety on the following counsel of record by electronic service by email at the email addresses consented to for service as provided in the Petition, and as set forth below:

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