

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00553
U.S. Patent No. 11,316,014

**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 Preliminary Response (filed concurrently with the present Motion) in its entirety. Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioner, and Petitioner indicated it did 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 Preliminary Response 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 Preliminary Response in its entirety as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL." Patent Owner seeks to restrict access as containing sensitive information related to licensing, including precise license terms 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 Preliminary Response in its 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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