

Case IPR2024-00850
U.S. Patent No. 11,472,632

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

EXOTEC PRODUCT FRANCE SAS,
EXOTEC NORTH AMERICA INC., AND
EXOTEC PRODUCT USA INC.,
Petitioner

v.

OPEX CORPORATION
Patent Owner

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**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PATENT OWNER OPEX
CORPORATION.'s UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC*
VICE OF GOUTAM PATNAIK**

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I, Goutam Patnaik, declare as follows:

1. I was admitted to the State Bar of New York in February 1999. My practice has focused primarily on the field of intellectual property, and particularly, patent litigation.

2. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of New York.

3. My New York Bar membership number is 2973899.

4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

5. I have never had a court or administrative body deny my application for admission to practice.

6. I have never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed upon me by any court or administrative body.

7. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. part 42.

8. I agree to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

9. In addition to this matter, I have represented Opex Corporation in *OPEX Corporation v. Invata, LLC d/b/a Invata Intralogistics et al*, 2:22-cv-03601 (EDPA), *Certain Automated Put Walls and Automated Storage and Retrieval*

Systems, Associated Vehicles, Associated Control Software, and Component Parts Thereof (II), 337-TA-1333 (ITC), *Opex Corporation v. Invata, LLC et al*, 2:21-cv-05575 (EDPA), and *Certain Automated Put Walls and Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems, Associated Vehicles, Associated Control Software, and Component Parts Thereof*, 337-TA-1293 (ITC).

10. I have established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. I have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 11,472,632 and its prosecution file history. I have also reviewed the parties' papers and exhibits in this proceeding, as well as the Board's decisions in this proceeding to date.

11. In the past three years, I have not applied for *pro hac vice* admission at the USPTO.

I hereby 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 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

January 8, 2025

Date



Goutam Patnaik