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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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SMAXTEC, INC. and  
SMAXTEC ANIMAL CARE GMBH,  
Petitioners,

v.

ST REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2024-00875  
Patent 9,844,206

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**ST REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC'S UNOPPOSED MOTION  
TO WITHDRAW BACKUP COUNSEL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), Patent Owner, ST Reproductive Technologies, LLC (“Patent Owner”) hereby requests that the Board withdraw the appearance of Jonathan M. Hernandez as back-up counsel for Patent Owner in these proceedings. The Board authorized this motion via e-mail on September 10, 2025. Petitioners, Smaxtec Inc. and Smaxtec Animal Care GMBH (“Petitioners”), do not oppose this motion.

Mr. Hernandez currently is designated as back-up counsel in these proceedings. Patent Owner has good cause and seeks to withdraw Mr. Hernandez as back-up counsel because Mr. Hernandez is no longer with the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (“Akin”), and Patent Owner continues to retain Akin to represent it in these proceedings. Upon the granting of this motion, Patent Owner’s lead and back-up counsel will otherwise remain unchanged, with Daniel L. Moffett remaining as lead counsel and Megan R. Mahoney and Thomas W. Landers remaining as back-up counsel. The withdrawal of Mr. Hernandez will not impact the schedule for these proceedings, and granting this motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

Patent Owner therefore respectfully requests that the Board grant this motion and authorize withdrawal of counsel. Upon the granting of this motion, Patent

Owner will promptly file Amended Mandatory Notices pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8, with lead and back-up counsel designations as follows:

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the ST Reproductive Technologies, LLC's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw Backup Counsel was served on counsel of record on September 10, 2025, by filing this document through the Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) as well as delivering a copy via electronic mail to the counsel of record for the Petitioners at the following addresses:

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