

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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SMAXTEC INC. and  
SMAXTEC ANIMAL CARE GMBH,  
Petitioner

v.

ST REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2024-00885  
Patent No. 8,823,515

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**PETITIONERS POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
DESIGNATION OF LEAD AND BACKUP COUNSEL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b), Petitioners smaXtec Inc. and smaXtec Animal Care GmbH hereby appoints the practitioners associated with Dechert LLP, Customer Number 37509, including the following lead and back-up counsel, as its attorneys to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office associated with the above-captioned inter partes review of U.S. Patent No. 8,823,515:

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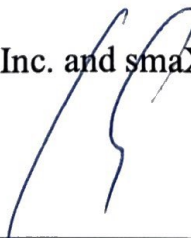
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*smaXtec Inc. and smaXtec Animal Care GMBH v. ST Reproductive Technologies, LLC*, IPR2024-00885 (U.S. Patent 8,823,515)

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