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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SMAXTEC, INC. and
SMAXTEC ANIMAL CARE GMBH,
Petitioners

v.

ST REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2024-00885
Patent No. 8,823,515

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