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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SMAXTEC INC. and
SMAXTEC ANIMAL CARE GMBH,
Petitioner,

v.

ST REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00875 (Patent 9,844,206 B2)
IPR2024-00885 (Patent 8,823,515 B2)
IPR2024-01067 (Patent 10,231,644 B2)[1]

Before SHARON FENICK, JAMIE T. WISZ, and
ANDREAS BALTATZIS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BALTATZIS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] The parties are not authorized to use this style caption.

smaXtec Inc. and smaXtec Animal Care GmbH (collectively, "Petitioner") filed a Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel, pursuant to Board authorization. Paper 29 ("Motion").[2] The Motion requests withdrawing lead counsel Jeffrey B. Plies and backup counsel Blaine Hackman in the above-identified proceedings. *Id.* at 1. Petitioner seeks to substitute Brian M. Buroker, previously of record, as lead counsel. *Id.* Petitioner requests that Benjamin Hershkowitz and Nathan Curtis, previously of record, remain as backup counsel. Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* at 2.

Petitioner previously filed a Power of Attorney appointing Mr. Buroker, Mr. Hershkowitz and Mr. Curtis. Paper 26. Petitioner indicates that they will file Updated Mandatory Notices and Powers of Attorney reflecting the representation following this Order.

The Motion is *granted*.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Withdraw Jeffrey B. Plies and Blaine Hackman as counsel in this proceeding is *granted;*

FURTHER ORDERED that Brian M. Buroker is recognized as lead counsel for Petitioner, effective as of the date of this Order.

[2] This Decision cites to papers filed in IPR2024-00875. Petitioner filed corresponding papers in the other proceedings listed above.

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