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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CANADIAN SOLAR INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MAXEON SOLAR PTE. LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01038 (Patent 11,251,315 B2)
IPR2024-01039 (Patent 8,222,516 B2)
IPR2024-01040 (Patent 8,878,053 B2)
IPR2024-01194 (Patent 11,251,315 B2)[1]

Before JO-ANNE M. KOKOSKI, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and AVELYN ROSS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's
Motions to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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[1] This Order addresses similar motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to cover all proceedings. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

On February 4, 2025, with our prior authorization, Patent Owner filed Unopposed Motions to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel in the above-identified proceedings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10. Paper 18[2] ("Motion"). The Motions request (1) withdrawal of the attorneys with Vinson & Elkins LLP and the substitution of Jacob A. Snodgrass (Reg. No. 66,032) of PV Law LLP as lead counsel for the 01038 and 01194 proceedings and (2) withdrawal of the attorneys with Vinson & Elkins LLP and the substitution of Jeremy D. Peterson (Reg. No. 52,115) of PV Law LLP as lead counsel for the 01039 and 01040 proceedings. Motion 1. Patent Owner indicates that "[a]n updated Power of Attorney and Mandatory Notices . . . will be filed upon the Board's granting of this motion." *Id.* Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. *Id.*

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Attorneys currently designated as counsel for Patent Owner under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3) will remain of record until new counsel are identified by an appropriate power of attorney. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

Under these circumstances, we conditionally grant Patent Owner's Motions. The attorneys with Vinson & Elkins LLP will be withdrawn as

[2] This Order cites to papers filed in IPR2024-01038. Corresponding papers were filed in IPR2024-01039, IPR2024-01040, and IPR2024-01194.

counsel effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney assigning Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Peterson as lead counsel.

It is

ORDERED that the Patent Owner's Motions to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel are *conditionally granted*, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of powers of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new counsel in each proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys with Vinson & Elkins LLP shall be withdrawn, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of powers of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new counsel in each proceeding.

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