UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DECENT ESPRESSO INTERNATIONAL LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

DUVALL ESPRESSO IP ENFORCEMENT, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2024-01483

U.S. Patent No. 11,576,524

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

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On September 25, 2024, Decent Espresso International Ltd. ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for Inter Partes Review (IPR 2024-01483) seeking review of claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,576,524. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.15(a)(2), Petitioner paid fees totaling $41,500 which included a $22,500 payment for the post-institution fee.

On April 25, 2025, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("the Board") denied institution of the Petition. (Paper 18).

Therefore, because the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review was filed after March 19, 2013, and the proceeding was not instituted, Petitioner is entitled to request a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid. See, e.g., 78 Fed. Reg. 4212, 4233 (Jan. 18, 2013), available at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-18/pdf/2013-00819.pdf ("The entire post-institution fee would be returned to the petitioner if the Office does not institute a review.").

Upon review and approval of the request, Petitioner respectfully asks the Board to credit $22,500 to Petitioners by depositing such amount into PTO Deposit Account No. 606662 for Johnson & Martin, P.A.

Dated: July 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 30, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing materials:

- Petitioner's Request for Refund of Post-Institution Fees

to be served via electronic mail on the following attorneys of record for Patent Owner:

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