UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc.
Petitioner,

v.

Neapco Components, LLC
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2025-00090
Patent 11,434,958

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE *INTER PARTES* REVIEW

Patent Owner Neapco Components, LLC ("Patent Owner") and Petitioner American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. ("Petitioner") (collectively, the "Parties") have reached an agreement that resolves all disputes between them regarding U.S. Patent No. 11,434,958 ("Patent-in-Suit"), including those relating to this proceeding, IPR2025-00090, and the related district court action *Neapco Components, LLC v. American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc.*, No. 2:23-cv-12470-LVP-EAS (E.D. Mich.). Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74, the Parties jointly request termination of IPR2025-00090. The Parties were authorized to file this Joint Motion by the Board (via email) on August 20, 2025.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72, "[t]he Board may terminate a trial without rendering a final written decision, where appropriate, including . . . pursuant to a joint request under 35 U.S.C. §§ 317(a) or 327(a)." "There are strong public policy reasons to favor settlement between the parties to a proceeding. . . . The Board expects that a proceeding will terminate after the filing of a settlement agreement, unless the Board has already decided the merits of the proceeding." PTAB Consolidated Trial Practice Guide ("CTPG") at 86 (Nov. 2019) (citing 35 U.S.C. §§ 317(a), 327).

The Board has not yet "decided the merits of the proceeding" (see 35 U.S.C. § 317(a)), as Patent Owner has not yet filed its response to the petition. Accordingly, the proceeding should be terminated. CTPG at 86.

A true copy of the confidential written agreement resolving the disputes between the Parties, which includes all agreements between the Parties related to this proceeding, is additionally being filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit 2004. The Parties certify that there are no other collateral agreements or understandings, oral or written, between the Parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding.

Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request that the Board grant the Parties' Joint Motion to Terminate.

Dated: August 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.6(e), I hereby certify that on the 20th day of August, 2025, I caused a complete copy of the Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review to be served on Petitioner by filing this document through the P-TACTS platform as well as by email to the Petitioner's attorneys of record as follows:

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