

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 IPR2025-00091
Patent 11,598,376

**JOINT REQUEST TO TREAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS
BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL AND TO KEEP IT SEPARATE FROM
PATENT FILES**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b), 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), and the Board's authorization on August 20, 2025, Patent Owner Neapco Components, LLC ("Patent Owner") and Petitioner American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. ("Petitioner") (collectively, the "Parties") jointly request that the confidential Settlement Agreement (Ex. 2004) referenced in the concurrently-filed Joint Motion to Terminate the Proceedings be filed as business confidential information. The Parties further jointly request that the confidential Settlement Agreement be kept separate from the files of the patent involved in this *inter partes* review and be made available only on the showing of good cause or to Federal Government agencies on a written request.

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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 Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential and to Keep it Separate from Patent Files 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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