

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AJINOMOTO CO., INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

ABTIS CO., LTD.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2025-00283
U.S. Patent No. 11,896,675

**PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

I. STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 and the Board’s authorization email dated May 13, 2025, Patent Owner AbTis Co., Ltd. (“Patent Owner” or “AbTis”) respectfully requests that the Board authorize withdrawal of Douglas A. Robinson and Kisuk Lee of the firm Harness, Dickey & Pierce P.L.C. as counsel in this matter.

II. STATEMENT OF GOOD CAUSE FOR WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

On January 14, 2025, Patent Owner submitted a Mandatory Notice designating Douglas A. Robinson and Kisuk Lee of the firm Harness, Dickey & Pierce P.L.C. as lead and back-up counsel in the above-captioned proceeding (Paper 3). For good cause, Patent Owner requests that the current designated counsel be deemed withdrawn from the present proceeding, and the following substitute counsel of the firm K&L Gates LLP be designated to represent Patent Owner: Jason A. Engel (Reg. No. 51,654) as lead counsel, Anna Rebekah Hill as back-up counsel (Reg. No. 81,745), and Devon C. Beane as additional back-up counsel.

Patent Owner believes that granting this motion will not adversely affect the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

III. PETITIONER DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE SUBSTITUTION

Petitioner has indicated it does not oppose the requested withdrawal and substitution of counsel for Patent Owner.

IV. CONCLUSION

Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board grant this motion to authorize the withdrawal of counsel from Harness, Dickey & Pierce P.L.C., and permit substitution of counsel from K&L Gates LLP. Proposed substitute counsel for Patent Owner is concurrently filing an updated Mandatory Notice with this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 14, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served on the following counsel of record for Petitioner by electronic mail to the following address:

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