UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

POSCO CO. LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

ARCELORMITTAL,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2025-00371
U.S. Patent No. 11,326,227

DECLARATION OF ALLEN KATHIR IN SUPPORT OF PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF ALLEN KATHIR UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

I, Allen Kathir, being over 18 years of age and competent to testify and make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge, and being duly sworn and upon oath, hereby attest to the following:

1. I am an attorney at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

2. I have been a litigating attorney for nearly 10 years. I have been litigating patent cases during the majority of that time period.

3. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of New York, the State Bar of District of Columbia and the State Bar of Florida.

4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

5. I have never been denied admission to practice before any court or administrative body.

6. No sanctions or contempt citations have ever been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

7. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

8. I understand and agree that I will be subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101, et *seq*. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

9. Within the past 3 years I have not applied or been admitted to practice *pro hac vice* and/or been active in this jurisdiction.

10. I have familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. I began representing and advising the Patent Owner in matters relating to U.S. Patent No. 11,326,227 in April 2024. Since 2024, I have been counsel for ArcelorMittal in *Certain High-Strength Aluminum or Aluminum Alloy-Coated Steel, and Automotive Products and Automobiles Containing Same,* Inv. No. 337-TA-1402, *ArcelorMittal v. VinFast Auto, LLC et al.,* Case No. 2:24-cv-3128, in the United States District Court, Central District of California. Since that time, I have become familiar with the ’227 patent, its prosecution file history, and the prior art and other papers cited in the Petition.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: October 2, 2025

By: */ Allen Kathir/*

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