UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SANDISK TECHNOLOGIES INC. and
WESTERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Petitioners

v.

POLARIS POWERLED TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00517
U.S. Patent No. 8,554,968 B2

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

Petitioners SANDISK TECHNOLOGIES INC. and WESTERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ("Petitioners") hereby file their request for a refund of post-institution fees in the amount of $28,125.00 which was previously paid.

On January 24, 2025, Petitioners filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,554,968 and as required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), paid the USPTO a total of $51,875.00, which included a $23,750.00 payment for the *inter partes* review request fee, and a $28,125.00 payment for the post-institution fee for up to twenty (20) claims.

On July 16, 2025, the Board issued a Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review. Paper 15. Accordingly, the *inter partes* review was never instituted.

Therefore, because the petition to institute *inter partes* review was filed after March 19, 2013, and the proceeding did not institute, Petitioners are entitled to request a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid. *See, e.g.*, 78 FR 4233 (Jan. 18, 2013) ("The entire post-institution fee would be returned to the petitioner if the Office does not institute a review.").

Petitioners hereby request a refund of the $28,125.00 post-institution fee previously paid by Petitioners. The refund may be deposited in Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP under attorney reference number 52414.18R968.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the Patent Owner as detailed below:

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