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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SUZHOU MOJAWA INTELLIGENT ELECTRONIC CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

SHENZHEN SHOKZ CO., LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00842 (Patent 11,197,084 B2)
IPR2025-00843 (Patent 11,310,582 B2)[1]

Before GEORGIANNA W. BRADEN, STEVEN M. AMUNDSON, and STEPHEN E. BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Petitioner's Motion to
Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] This Order addresses issues that are identical in these two proceedings. The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate joinder of cases. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission from the Board.

On April 21, 2026, after receiving Board authorization by email (*see* Ex. 3001), Suzhou Mojawa Intelligent Electronic Co., Ltd. ("Petitioner") filed an "Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Petitioner's Counsel." Paper 23 ("Motion").[2]

In the Motion, Petitioner requests to withdraw its current lead counsel James M. Heintz, and backup counsel Matthew Satchwell, Michael L. Burns, Shaobin Zhu, and Benjamin S. Mueller, and substitute Wesley O. Mueller (Reg. No. 33,976) as new lead counsel and substitute Paul J. Filbin (Reg. No. 51,677), Christopher J. Gass (Reg. No. 69,265), and Michael J. Schubert (Reg. No. 72,107) as backup counsel. Motion 2. Petitioner represents that it has conferred with Patent Owner and that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* at 3.

Petitioner has not yet filed an updated Power of Attorney or updated Mandatory Notices reflecting the proposed change. Petitioner states that "[u]pon grant of this motion, Petitioner will file a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney." *Id.*

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one backup counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. *Id.* § 42.10(e). Notwithstanding Petitioner's representations that it will file a power of attorney for substitute counsel, no power of attorney for substitute counsel has been filed. James M. Heintz, Matthew Satchwell, Michael L. Burns, Shaobin Zhu, and Benjamin S. Mueller, and any other attorneys currently designated as counsel for

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[2] For purposes of expediency, we cite to the Motion filed in IPR2025-00842. Similar papers were filed in IPR2025-00843.

Petitioner under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), will remain of record until new lead counsel is identified by an appropriate power of attorney. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

Under these circumstances, we conditionally grant Petitioner's Motion, effective upon filing of the aforementioned Power of Attorney identifying Wesley O. Mueller, Paul J. Filbin, Christopher J. Gass, and Michael J. Schubert. Petitioner's current counsel will be authorized to withdraw as counsel effective upon Petitioner's filing of a power of attorney identifying new lead and backup counsel.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion is *conditionally granted* effective upon Petitioner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead and backup counsel in each of the above-captioned proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that James M. Heintz shall be withdrawn from each of the above-captioned proceedings, effective upon Petitioner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead counsel in each proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Matthew Satchwell, Michael L. Burns, Shaobin Zhu, and Benjamin S. Mueller shall be withdrawn from each of the above-captioned proceedings, effective upon Petitioner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new backup counsel in each proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Wesley O. Mueller shall represent Petitioner as lead counsel in each of the above-captioned proceedings upon

the filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Mueller as lead counsel; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Paul J. Filbin, Christopher J. Gass, and Michael J. Schubert shall represent Petitioner as backup counsel in each of the above-captioned proceedings upon the filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Filbin, Mr. Gass, and Mr. Schubert as backup counsel.

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