

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Mercedes-Benz Group AG,
Petitioner,

v.

Phelan Group LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00986
Patent No. 9,493,149

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

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Petitioner Mercedes-Benz Group AG respectfully requests a refund of *Inter Partes* Review post-institution fees in the amount of \$28,125.

On May 9, 2025, Petitioners filed the above-captioned Petition for *Inter Partes* Review, which was assigned Case No. IPR2025-00986. In accordance with the fee schedule and 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), Petitioners paid \$51,875 in fees at the time of filing, which included \$23,750 in pre-institution (IPR request) fees and \$28,125 in post-institution fees.

The Board issued a Decision terminating the investigation pursuant to settlement, prior to institution, on December 2, 2025 (Paper 11). Thus, Petitioners respectfully request a refund of the post-institution fees in the amount of \$28,125, and request that the refunded amount be credited to Hogan Lovells US, LLP deposit account number 50-1349, referencing Attorney Docket No. 084936-900047.

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