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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
19 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

20 HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA,
21 INC.,

22 Plaintiff,

23 vs.

24 CHAMPION POWER EQUIPMENT,
25 INC.,

26 Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-08722-SVW-AS

**PLAINTIFF HARBOR FREIGHT
TOOLS USA, INC.’S
STIPULATION REGARDING
INVALIDITY GROUNDS FOR THE
‘780, ‘120, AND ‘985 PATENTS**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Hon. Stephen V. Wilson

Hon. Alka Sagar

1 WHEREAS, Defendant Champion Power Equipment, Inc. (“Champion”) has
2 asserted U.S. Patent Nos. 10,221,780 (“the ’780 patent”), 11,143,120 (“the ’120
3 patent”), and 11,492,985 (“the ’896 patent”) against Harbor Freight (Dkt. 47);

4 WHEREAS, Plaintiff Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. (“Harbor Freight”) has
5 alleged that the asserted claims of the ’780 patent, the ’120 patent, and the ’985 patent
6 are invalid based on prior art (Dkt. 55);

7 WHEREAS, Harbor Freight has submitted petitions for *inter partes* review
8 (“IPR”) challenging certain claims (including all asserted claims here) of the ’780
9 patent, the ’120 patent, and the ’985 patent in IPR Nos. IPR2025-01185, IPR2025-
10 01121, and IPR2025-01272, respectively (“Subject Petitions”).

11 Harbor Freight hereby stipulates, broader than the stipulation made by the
12 Petitioner in *Sotera* that, if the PTAB institutes an IPR (and does not subsequently
13 vacate institution) in response to a Subject Petition, Harbor Freight will not pursue in
14 this litigation invalidity of the challenged claims for the specific patent in the
15 instituted IPR for said Subject Petition based on: (i) the specific grounds raised in
16 said petition, (ii) any other grounds that could have reasonably been raised before the
17 PTAB in that instituted proceeding (*i.e.*, any ground that could have reasonably been
18 raised under §§ 102 or 103 on the basis of prior art patents or printed publications),
19 or (iii) any ground based on system prior art (either alone or in combination with other
20 references) that directly corresponds to a printed publication reference asserted as part
21 of a ground raised in said instituted (and not vacated) petition.

22 To be clear, this stipulation does not cover other system prior art. For example,
23 because a manual for the DuroMax XP4400EH generator is relied upon as part of a
24 ground in IPR2025-01185, the XP4400EH generator is covered by this
25 stipulation. However, other systems/engines are not covered, even if similar to the
26 XP4400EH generator.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Eric Huang, hereby certify that on this August 7, 2025, a copy of the foregoing **PLAINTIFF HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC.’S STIPULATION REGARDING INVALIDITY GROUNDS FOR THE ‘780, ‘120, AND ‘985 PATENTS** was served via email on all attorneys of record.

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