

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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MWE INVESTMENTS, LLC,  
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA INC.,  
GENERAC POWER SYSTEMS, INC., and  
Petitioners

v.

CHAMPION POWER EQUIPMENT INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Patent No. 10,221,780

Issued: March 5, 2019

Title: DUAL FUEL LOCKOUT SWITCH FOR GENERATOR ENGINE

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*Inter Partes* Review No. IPR2025-01185

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**JOINT REQUEST THAT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
FILED SEPARATELY AS EXHIBIT 1300 BE TREATED AS  
BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND BE KEPT  
SEPARATE FROM THE FILES**

Petitioner Harbor Freight Tools USA Inc., (“HFT”) and Patent Owner Champion Power Equipment Inc. (“Champion”) (collectively, the “Parties”) hereby request that the Settlement Agreement filed separately as **EX1300** (filed as accessible to Board Only) and referenced in HFT’s concurrently-filed Unopposed Motion to Withdraw, shall be treated as business confidential information, shall be kept separate from the file of the involved patent, and shall be made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §317(b) and 37 C.F.R. §42.74(c).

Champion further requests that the Board notify the Parties if a third party requests access to the Settlement Agreement, and provide the Parties with an opportunity to respond to any access request.

As agreed upon between them, HFT files this joint request on behalf of itself and Champion.

Date: January 12, 2026

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on January 12, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **JOINT REQUEST THAT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FILED SEPARATELY AS EXHIBIT 1300 BE TREATED AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE FILES** was filed through the PTACTS system and served in its entirety on counsel at the email addresses below:

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