

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN RONGLIDA TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

PATHWAY IP LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-01231
Patent 7,841,729 B2

Before BART A. GERSTENBLITH, KEVIN W. CHERRY, and
MARY C. HOFFMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HOFFMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

This Order serves to memorialize and clarify the Board’s conference call with the parties on May 21, 2026. A transcript of this call was filed on May 28, 2026. Ex. 1023.

During the call, Patent Owner requested authorization to file a motion for additional discovery on the real parties in interest issue first raised in Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response (Paper 7, 7). Patent Owner argued that Petitioner, Shenzhen Ronglida Technology Co. Ltd., identified only itself (d/b/a ShutterLight) as a real party in interest in the Petition, but was deregistered on December 11, 2026, and therefore no longer exists (as a real party in interest or otherwise). Ex. 1023, 8. Patent Owner further alleged that the individual named as the subsequent real party in interest (i.e., Qingqing Duan) is the “financial manager of Shenzhen Neewer” and “designated contact person for Shenzhen Xing Ying Da Industry Company Limited,” which Patent Owner contends are unnamed real parties in interest. *Id.* at 11; Paper 7, 7.

Petitioner confirmed that Shenzhen Ronglida Technology Co. Ltd. no longer exists and that Qingqing Duan, an individual and a former shareholder/director of Shenzhen Ronglida Technology Co. Ltd., is the current and sole real party in interest. Ex. 1023, 19; Paper 21.

We authorized Patent Owner to file a motion for additional discovery, limited to ten (10) pages, and Petitioner to file an opposition to Patent Owner’s motion for additional discovery, limited to ten (10) pages. Ex. 1023, 30–31. We instructed Patent Owner to file its motion on or before May 28, 2026. *Id.* at 30. We instructed Petitioner to file its opposition to the motion on or before June 4, 2026. *Id.* Patent Owner filed its motion several days late, on June 1, due to “confusion as to the deadline during the call.”

Paper 23, 1 (citing Ex. 1023, 31). We recognize that there was some confusion during the conference call, and we accept Patent Owner's June 1 filing and hereby update the due date for said brief in our ruling below. Due to the extended time Patent Owner took to file its motion, and to allow Petitioner sufficient time to respond, we authorize Petitioner to file its opposition to Patent Owner's motion for additional discovery on or before June 12, 2026.

We also instructed Petitioner to file a motion to substitute a party (i.e., substituting Shenzhen Ronglida Technology Co. Ltd. with Qingqing Duan), limited to five (5) pages, on or before May 28, 2026,¹ and Patent Owner to file its opposition, limited to five (5) pages, on or before June 4, 2026. Ex. 1023, 30–31.

Patent Owner raised several other requests during the call, which are outlined in the Appendix of its motion for additional discovery. Paper 23. These requests are being held in abeyance. Patent Owner may revisit these requests after the Board rules on Patent Owner's motion for additional discovery and Petitioner's motion to substitute a party.

No other supplemental briefing is authorized at this time.

¹ Petitioner timely filed its motion to substitute a party on May 28, 2026. Paper 22. Nothing in this Order is intended to change the deadline of June 4, 2026, for Patent Owner's opposition.

ORDER

It is

ORDERED that Patent Owner may file a motion for additional discovery on the real parties in interest issue, limited to ten (10) pages, on or before June 1, 2026;

Petitioner may file an opposition to Patent Owner's motion for additional discovery, limited to ten (10) pages, on or before June 12, 2026;

Petitioner shall file a motion to substitute a party, substituting Shenzhen Ronglida Technology Co. Ltd. with Qingqing Duan, limited to five (5) pages, on or before May 28, 2026; and

Patent Owner may file an opposition to Petitioner's motion to substitute a party, limited to five (5) pages, on or before June 4, 2026.

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