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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CRÜZR SADDLES LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

TETHRD, LLC,

Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2025-01407

Patent No. 11,964,175

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE

The undersigned, on behalf of Petitioner Crüzr Saddles LLC (“Petitioner” or “Crüzr”), hereby submits the following Request for Refund of the Post-Institution Fee in connection with IPR2025-01407.

RQUEST FOR REFUND

On August 11, 2025, in connection with the filing of the *Inter Partes* Review Petition in IPR2025-01407, Crüzr paid a \$23,750 request fee (up to 20 claims) and a \$28,125 post-institution fee (up to 20 claims).

On February 3, 2026, the Director denied institution of the IPR. Paper 25. On February 24, 2026, the Director issued a written opinion with respect to that denial. Paper 26.

In view of the foregoing, Crüzr is entitled to file in P-TACTS a request for a refund of the post-institution fee, and hereby requests a refund of that fee in the amount of \$28,125. Appended hereto is a completed USPTO Form PTO-2326 (Request for Refund).

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Reference # (Patent #, Application #, etc.)		Title of Invention or Mark Information	
IPR2025-01407		CRÜZR SADDLES LLC, Petitioner, v.TETHRD, LLC, Patent Owner	
Attorney Docket # (if applicable)	Payment Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Refund Request Amount	
S-4865	08/11/2025	\$ 28,125.00	
Refund Option (Select an option for your refund, if approved)			
☐ Refund to the credit/debit card, electronic funds transfer (EFT), or deposit account associated with the original payment. If the original payment was a U.S. check from a personal or business checking account, I understand the refund will be issued by EFT to the same checking account. ☒ Refund to deposit account # <u>607334</u>. ☐ There is no deposit account available to issue the refund and the original payment was a foreign check, cashier's check, money order, or wire transfer; or the original payment account is unavailable (e.g., the account is closed). I understand you will contact me with additional instructions using the contact information entered below if the refund is approved.			
Reason for Refund Request <i>Refund requests must generally be filed within 2 years of payment date (37 CFR 1.26 and 2.209)</i>			
☐ Duplicate Payment ☐ No Fee Due ☐ Office Error ☒ Other: IPR Petition Denied			
☐ Small Entity Later Established* *Must be filed within 3 months of payment date (37 CFR 1.28). There is no refund when micro entity is later established.			
Rationale (Supporting documentation may be submitted with this form)			
1. Inter Partes Review petition was filed on August 11, 2025. 2. The Petitioner paid a \$23,750 request fee (up to 20 claims) and a \$28,125 post-institution fee (up to 20 claims). 3. The Petition was denied on February 3, 2026, and the Written Opinion was issued on February 24, 2026. 4. The Petitioner is entitled to file in P-TACTS a request for a refund of any post-institution fee paid.			

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the **PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE** is being served on March 3, 2026, electronically via P-TACTS and via electronic mail to the email addresses below:

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