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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
Petitioner

v.

Howmet Aerospace Inc.
Patent Owner

IPR2025-01581
U.S. Patent No. 11,885,358

DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN L. KIERSZ

I, Benjamin L. Kiersz of Falls Church, Virginia, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (“Pillsbury”), and counsel for Petitioner Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
2. Petitioner’s Exhibits 1001, 1003-1008, 1010-1015, and 1019, filed herewith, are true and accurate copies of these documents, which were obtained from the USPTO’s online records.
3. Petitioner’s Exhibit No. 1009 is a true and accurate copy of a document that was retrieved from the European Patent Office’s online records (European Patent Register) for European Patent Application Publication No. EP3921552.
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5. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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