

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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

SEARCH DISCLOSURE DECLARATION OF
KOFI A. SCHULTERBRANDT

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Pursuant to Director John A. Squires' November 17, 2025

Memorandum regarding "Voluntary Search Disclosure Declarations as a Favorable Factor in Institution Decisions," I, Kofi A. Schulerbrandt, declare as follows:

1. I am a Senior IP Counsel for Petitioner Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
 2. The primary reference in Invalidity Grounds A and B in the above-captioned IPR is U.S.P.A.P. 2018/0111184 A1 (Ex. 1003) ("Corbett"). *See* Petition (Paper 1), p. 15.
 3. Corbett was not cited during prosecution of the challenged patent (U.S. Patent No. 11,885,358) (Ex. 1001) ("the '358 Patent"). *See* Ex. 1001, cover sheet.
 4. Corbett and the '358 Patent were commonly owned by Patent Owner Howmet Aerospace Inc. during prosecution of the '358 Patent. *See* USPTO Assignment Records For Corbett, Reel/frame Nos. 044081/0498 & 053086/0762; USPTO Assignment Records for the '358 Patent, Reel/frame Nos. 056911/0859 & 056912/0146. [REDACTED]
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5. Although Corbett was not cited during prosecution of the '358 Patent, two different examiners found and cited the Corbett patent during prosecution of a continuation (Serial No. 18/404,525) ("the '525 Application") of the '358 Patent. *See* '525 Application Prosecution History, 10/8/24 Notice Of References Cited By Examiner Delisle, U.S. Patent Document Reference J ("US-10710146-B2 ... Corbett: Robert J."); '525 Application Prosecution History, 4/2/25 Notice Of References Cited By Examiner Saether, U.S. Patent Document Reference A ("US10710146-B2 ... Corbett; Robert J.").

6. 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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