

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

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

Petitioner Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. filed a petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 11,885,358. *See* Paper 1. At the time of filing, Petitioner submitted a fee of \$51,875, consisting of a \$23,750 *inter partes* review request fee and a \$28,125 *inter partes* review post-institution fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a). On February 18, 2026, the Director discretionarily denied institution. *See* Paper 13. In view of the Director's decision not to institute, Petitioner respectfully requests a refund of the *inter partes* review post-institution fee of \$28,125 that was submitted with its initial petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.15(b). Petitioner requests that the refund be deposited in Deposit Account No. 033975.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 42.6(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that on April 6, 2026, the attached PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES was served by email on the following counsel for Patent Owner:

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