UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.;
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

NETWORK-1 TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2026-00116
Patent 11,973,864

DECLARATION OF JOHN NIX IN SUPPORT OF PATENT OWNER'S DISCRETIONARY DENIAL BRIEF

I, John Nix, declare as follows:

1. My name is John Nix. I am over eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and qualified to make the statements set forth in this Declaration.

2. I am the inventor of U.S. Patent Nos. 11,233,780 ("the '780 Patent"); 11,916,893 ("the '893 Patent"); 12,207,094 ("the '094 Patent"); 12,166,869 ("the '869 Patent"); 11,606,204 ("the '204 Patent"); and 11,973,864 ("the '864 Patent"). I am currently a consultant for Network-1 Technologies, Inc.

3. In August 2015, I hired Mr. Andy Bezaitis to assist me in monetizing my patents.

4. In about September 2016, Mr. Bezaitis contacted the leader of Samsung's Networking division, Dr. Kim, to discuss my patents. *See* EX2020 at NWO_SAM_00013288.

5. In about December 2016, my friend and investor, Mr. Chris Wilson, contacted his friend and former Samsung employee, Mr. Kang Lee, to aid in monetizing my patents. Mr. Lee then contacted his former co-worker, the head of IoT at Samsung Korea, and shared a summary of my patent portfolio. *See* EX2021 at NWO_SAM_00013295. The summary specifically identified Network-1's Patent No. 9,276,740 or patent application No. 14/055,606 (parent to the '204 and '864 Patents); Patent No. 9,319,223 or patent application No. 14/084,141 (parent to the '869 Patent); and Patent No. 9,100,175 or patent application No. 14/099,339 (parent to the '780, '094, and '893 Patents). *See* EX2022 at

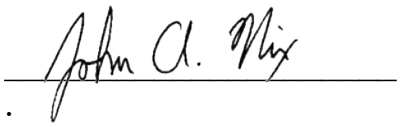
NWO_SAM_00013437. The summary was then passed along to the IP acquisition team at Samsung. *See* EX2021 at NWO_SAM_00013295.

6. By at least January 2017, high-level personnel at Samsung had reviewed my patents and patent summary. However, Samsung decided not to pursue a license or acquisition of the patents at that time. *See* EX2023 at NWO_SAM_00013296.

7. Exhibit 2020 is a true and correct copy of an email dated September 27, 2016, bates numbered NWO_SAM_00013288-13290.

8. Exhibit 2021 is a true and correct copy of an email dated December 21, 2016, bates numbered NWO_SAM_00013295.

9. Exhibit 2022 is a true and correct copy of Patent Portfolio for "Embedded SIMs" and the "Internet of Things" bates numbered NWO_SAM_00013436-013437.

10. Exhibit 2023 is a true and correct copy of an email dated January 3, 2017, bates numbered NWO_SAM_00013296-13297.

Dated: January 20, 2026 Respectfully submitted,