

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MEISHAN CRRC FASTENING SYSTEM CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

HOWMET AEROSPACE INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00268
Patent 11,885,358 B2

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, *Chief Administrative
Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Granting-in-Part Patent Owner's Motion for Additional Discovery

Howmet Aerospace Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed an authorized Motion for additional discovery. Papers 7 (sealed), 8 (redacted) (“Motion”). The Motion requests Meishan CRRC Fastening System Co., Ltd. (“Petitioner”) and its listed real parties-in-interest (“RPIs”) be ordered to respond to two discovery requests. Motion 6. Petitioner subsequently filed an Opposition to the Motion. Papers 10 (sealed), 11 (redacted).

Having reviewed the Motion and Opposition, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s second discovery request, related to Stanley Black & Decker or any of the entities listed as an RPI for IPR2025-01581, is denied; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner’s first discovery request is granted, as modified below:

Petitioner shall produce documents relating to or sufficient to identify any connection or relationship between Meishan CRRC Fastening System Co., Ltd., CRRC Meishan Co., Ltd., or Nextpower Inc. (formerly Nextracker Inc.) (referred to herein as “Nextracker”) and CRRC Corporation Limited, CRRC Group Co., Ltd., or State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC);

Petitioner shall produce documents relating to or sufficient to show a foreign government has or has had ownership of, control, or the ability to control, Meishan CRRC Fastening System Co., Ltd., CRRC Meishan Co., Ltd., Nextracker, CRRC Corporation Limited, CRRC Group Co., Ltd., or SASAC; and

Petitioner shall produce documents or communications between Petitioner or its RPIs and CRRC Corporation Limited, CRRC Group Co.,

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Ltd., SASAC, or a foreign government regarding the direction, funding, or control of the Petition. *See generally* Opp. 10.

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