

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

INARI AGRICULTURE, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Patent Owner.

Case No. PGR2024-00023
Patent No. 11,696,545

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND

Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4211, 4233-34 (Jan. 18, 2013), Petitioner hereby requests a refund of the Post-Grant Review Post Institution Fee in the amount of \$27,500.00 to be paid to Petitioner's Deposit Account.

On April 11, 2024, Petitioner filed a Petition for Post-Grant Review of claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 11,696,545 with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board that was assigned case number PGR2024-00023. In accordance with the fee schedule specified in 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(b), Petitioner submitted payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 with the Board at the time of filing of its Petition to cover fees associated with Petitioner's Post-Grant Review request, and a further \$27,500.00 in Post-Institution fees.

On October 15, 2024, the Board entered a Decision Denying Institution (Paper 15). Petitioner timely filed a Request for Director Review of the Decision Denying Institution (Paper 16) on November 13, 2024. On January 10, 2025, the Board entered a Decision Denying Petitioner's Request for Director Review of Institution Decision (Paper 17). Accordingly, Petitioner requests a refund of \$27,500.00 for the post-institution fees paid to the USPTO in connection with the instant proceeding. See 78 Fed. Reg. 4211, 4233-34 ("The Office also chooses to return fees for post institution services should a review not be instituted The

entire post-institution fee would be returned to the petitioner if the Office does not institute a review.”).

Respectfully submitted,
Inari Agriculture, Inc.

Date: December 8, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.6 (E)(4)

I certify that on December 8, 2025, a copy of the foregoing document, including any exhibits filed therewith, is being served via electronic mail, as previously consented to by Patent Owner, upon the following:

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