UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA, INC.
Petitioner,

v.

GERM DOME INDUSTRIES LLC
Patent Owner.

PGR2026-00030
U.S. Patent No. 12,296,061

DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER KAO IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF CHRISTOPHER KAO

I, Christopher Kao, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing with the Bars of the State of California and State of New York as well as the following Federal Courts: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; First Circuit Court of Appeals; Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California; U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; U.S. District Court, Colorado, and the United States Supreme Court.

2. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

3. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.

4. I have had no sanctions or contempt citations imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

6. I agree to be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq. and to disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

7. I am familiar with the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 12,296,061 ("the '061 patent") at issue in this proceeding, including its prosecution history and the scientific field to which the '061 patent relates. I have worked on preparing and reviewing material submitted in this proceeding, through which I have developed a thorough understanding of the '061 patent, the relevant art, and the scientific field.

8. I am an experienced patent litigator with over 26 years in private practice. During this time, I have gained experience representing clients in patent infringement matters at trial, in summary judgment proceedings, and in *Markman* hearings. I have been counsel in dozens of patent infringement cases, and I have represented clients in multiple United States District Courts. Additionally, I have experience advising clients on the validity and infringement of patents, working with experts, and developing strategies related to the enforcement of patents.

9. I have applied for *pro hac vice* status in the following cases over the last four years (my application had been granted in each proceeding):

> *LinkedIn Corporation v. eBuddy Technologies B.V.*
> Case IPR2022-00164, Paper 8 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated March 11, 2022)

LinkedIn Corporation v. eBuddy Technologies B.V.
Case IPR2022-00165, Paper 8 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated March 11, 2022)

LinkedIn Corporation v. eBuddy Technologies B.V.
Case IPR2022-00176, Paper 9 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated March 14, 2022)

LinkedIn Corporation v. eBuddy Technologies B.V.
Case IPR2022-00177, Paper 9 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated March 14, 2022)

Lite-On Technology Corporation v. Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc.
Case No. IPR2022-00780, Paper 16 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated November 29, 2022)

Lite-On Technology Corporation v. Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc.
Case No. IPR2022-00781, Paper 16 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated November 29, 2022)

Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc. v. Lite-On Technology Corporation and Genesis Photonics, Inc.
Case No. IPR2022-00395, Paper 21 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated December 1, 2022)

Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc. v. Lite-On Technology Corporation and Genesis Photonics, Inc.
Case No. IPR2022-00406, Paper 21 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated December 1, 2022)

Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc. v. Lite-On Technology Corporation and Genesis Photonics, Inc.
Case No. IPR2022-00419, Paper 21 (Order granting *pro hac* status, dated December 1, 2022)

Motorola Mobility LLC v. Largan Precision Co., Ltd.
Case No. IPR2022-01156, Paper 11 (Order conditionally granting *pro hac* status dated November 29, 2022)

Thermaltake Technology Co., Ltd. and Thermaltake Inc. v. Lian Li Industrial Co., Ltd. and Chen, Chien-Hao; Case No. IPR2024-01230, Paper 11 ((Order conditionally granting *pro hac* status dated January 13, 2025)

10. I hereby 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 all statements herein are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: March 13, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

By: */Christopher Kao/*

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