

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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GUANGZHO EKO TRADING DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.,  
Petitioner,

v.

NINE STARS GROUP (U.S.A.) INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Patent 10,822,165 B2

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Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, KARA L. SZPONDOWSKI,  
and MARY C. HOFFMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SZPONDOWSKI, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw Prior Counsel and  
Substitute New Lead and Back-up Counsel

*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

On April 7, 2026, with our prior authorization, Patent Owner filed a corrected Motion to Withdraw Prior Counsel and Substitute New Lead and Back-up Counsel pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10. Paper 13 (“Motion”).

The Motion requests to withdraw Aaron Borrowman as lead counsel and Michael A. DiNardo as back-up counsel, and to substitute Raymond Y. Chan as lead counsel and Patricia Ray as back-up counsel. Motion 2. On April 1, 2026, Patent Owner also submitted updated mandatory notices and power of attorney. Patent Owner’s Motion states that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Motion 2.

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e).

Under these circumstances, we grant Patent Owner’s Motion.

It is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion to Withdraw Prior Counsel and Substitute New Lead and Back-up Counsel is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys designated in Patent Owner’s prior mandatory notices (Paper 4), namely, Aaron Borrowman and Michael DiNardo, are hereby withdrawn; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Raymond Y. Chan is designated as lead counsel and Patricia Ray is designated as back-up counsel.

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