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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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

v.

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

IPR2025-01191
Patent 10,822,165

Before ERICA SWIFT, *Chief Clerk*.

NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO BOARD PANEL

Under the March 26, 2025, memorandum entitled “Interim Processes for PTAB Workload Management” (“Interim Processes memo”), Patent Owner had the opportunity to file a brief requesting discretionary denial of institution. Interim Processes memo 2.¹ Patent Owner did not file such a brief. Accordingly, this case is referred to a Board panel to consider the

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/InterimProcesses-PTABWorkloadMgmt-20250326.pdf>.

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merits and non-discretionary considerations. *See* Interim Director Discretionary Processes.²

² Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/interim-director-discretionary-process>

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