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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

THE HILLMAN GROUP, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

HY-KO PRODUCTS COMPANY LLC,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2023-00075
Patent No. 9,514,385

**REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES
FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW OF
U.S. PATENT NO. 9,514,385**

On October 27, 2022, The Hillman Group, Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a petition for *inter partes* review of claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-18, and 20-26 of U.S. Patent No. 9,514,385 (Paper No. 1). On January 11, 2023, the Parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate (Paper No. 6) and on January 18, 2023, the Board issued an order terminating prior to institution of trial in this proceeding (Paper No. 9). In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.15(a)(2) and 42.15(a)(4), the post-institution fees paid at the time of filing should be returned. Petitioner hereby requests a refund of \$24,750.00 for the post-institution fees (\$22,500) and post-institution excess claims fees (\$2,250) previously paid in this case.

The payment was provided via deposit account and processed in E2E on October 27, 2022. Upon review and approval of this request, we respectfully request the Board credit the requested amount to Petitioner. The amount may be deposited into PTO Account No. 06-0916. If more information is necessary to refund payment, please contact Joshua L. Goldberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 31, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **REQUEST
FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES FOR *INTER PARTES*
REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,514,385** was served on January 31, 2023 via
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