

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AKER BIOMARINE AS and
ENZYMOTEC LTD. and ENZYMOTEC USA, INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES AND BIORESSOURCES INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-00003¹
Patent 8,278,351 B2

Before LORA M. GREEN, JACQUELINE WRIGHT BONILLA, and
SHERIDAN K. SNEDDEN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

GREEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Motion to Withdraw
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

On July 3, 2014, Patent Owner filed an Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel, requesting withdrawal of its current lead counsel, Stephen L. Altieri, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Paper 70. Petitioner filed contemporaneously a new power of attorney (Paper 71), designating J. Dean Farmer (Reg. No. 57,917) as new lead counsel, and

¹ Case IPR2013-00556 has been joined with this proceeding.

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Jonathan G. Graves as new backup counsel, and revoking its appointment of Stephen L. Alteiri as counsel of record in this proceeding.

Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding with authorization from the Board. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Counsel for Petitioner obtained permission to file the motion to withdraw in a phone call held on July 1, 2014. As the motion designates new lead counsel, who is a registered practitioner, and does not seek any time extensions, we grant Patent Owner's motion.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen Alteiri is permitted to withdraw as counsel in this proceeding, and is no longer counsel of record in the proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that J. Dean Farmer is recognized as Patent Owner's lead counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Jonathan G. Graves is recognized as Patent Owner's backup counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall update the Board's electronic filing system to reflect the change in lead and back-up counsel.

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