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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NORMAN INTERNATIONAL, INC. Petitioner

v.

HUNTER DOUGLAS, INC., Patent Owner

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DECLARATION OF KRISTOPHER L. REED

September 14, 2015

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1. I am an attorney with the firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

2. I am over 18 years of age.

3. Unless otherwise stated, I make this Declaration upon personal knowledge and experience.

4. If called upon, I can competently testify to the facts stated in the Declaration.

5. On February 24, 2015, Patent Owner served its objections to exhibits filed with the Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1). A true and correct copy of those objections is attached hereto as Appendix A.

The contents of this declaration are true under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States.

Executed September 14, 2015, in Denver, Colorado.

Signature:

s/ Kristopher L. Reed Kristopher L. Reed

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APPENDIX A

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Before LINDA M. GAUDETTE, JAMES P. CALVE, and HYUN J. JUNG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PATENT OWNER'S OBJECTIONS TO PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)

February 24, 2015

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Patent Owner Hunter Douglas, Inc. ("Patent Owner") hereby objects pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.64, to the admissibility of the following exhibits submitted by Petitioner Norman International, Inc. ("Petitioner") for the following reasons.

- Petitioner's Exhibits 1002 ("Tachikawa"), 1004 ("Skidmore"), 1005 ("Schuetz"), 1007 ("Todd"), and 1008 ("Toti") are inadmissible as each is irrelevant. In its Institution of *Inter Partes* Review Decision, the Board determined that trial should not be instituted on the grounds advocated by Petitioner that refer to these exhibits. (Paper 9 at 10-17, 21-23.) These exhibits are accordingly irrelevant and immaterial.
- 2. Petitioner's Exhibit 1009 ("Carlson Declaration") is inadmissible as it fails to show that Lawrence E. Carlson is an expert in the relevant field of art pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 702. Mr. Carlson claims that he is qualified to opine as an expert because of his "40 years educating engineering students on mechanical and component design" and "40 years of experience in mechanical design and research in numerous fields, including rehabilitation engineering, upper-limb prosthetics, consumer products, sculptures, and products to help developing countries." Ex. 1009 at ¶¶ 17-23. Those self-serving conclusions are undermined by a review of Mr. Carlson's curriculum vitae and his own

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