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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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VMR PRODUCTS LLC  
Petitioner,

v.

FONTEM HOLDINGS 1 B.V.  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2015-00859  
Patent No. 8,365,742 B2

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**PATENT OWNER'S MANDATORY NOTICES**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8, Patent Owner, Fontem Holdings 1 B.V. submits the following Mandatory Notices in response to the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,365,742 (“the ‘742 patent” or “the involved patent”).

## **1. Real Party-In-Interest**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(1), Patent Owner identifies the real party-in interest as Fontem Holdings 1 B.V.; 12th Floor, Barbara Strozziilaan 101; 1083 HN Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Fontem Holdings 1 B.V. is a Netherlands corporation and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fontem Ventures B.V. also of 12th Floor, Barbara Strozziilaan 101; 1083 HN Amsterdam, The Netherlands, which is in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of Imperial Tobacco Group PLC. Imperial Tobacco Group PLC is an English corporation having a registered office at 121 Winterstoke Road, Bristol, UK BS3 2LL. Fontem Holdings 1 B.V. became the Patent Owner via an assignment executed December 9, 2013.

## **2. Related Matters**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(2), Patent Owner identifies the following related judicial proceedings (involving, among other patents, the ‘742 patent or related U.S. Patent No. 8,156,944).

**a.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. NJOY, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1645 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**b.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. LOEC, Inc. dba blu cigs*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1648 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**c.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. CB Distributors, Inc. and DR Distributors, LLC*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1649 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**d.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. Vapor Corp.*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1650 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**e.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. FIN Branding Group, LLC and Victory Electronic Cigarettes Corporation*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1651 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**f.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. Ballantyne Brands, LLC*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1652 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**g.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. Spark Industries, LLC*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1653 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**h.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. Logic Technology Development LLC*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1654 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**i.** *Fontem Ventures B.V. and Fontem Holdings I B.V. v. VMR Products, LLC, dba V2Cigs*, Civil Action No. 14-CV-1655 GW (MRWx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

**j.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Sottera, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. CV12-5454 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**k.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. LOEC, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. CV12-5455 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**l.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. CB Distributors, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. CV12-5456 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**m.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. The Safe Cig LLC*, Civil Action No. CV12-54562 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**n.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Vapor Corp.*, Civil Action No. CV12-5466 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**o.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Finiti Branding Group LLC*, Civil Action No. CV12-5468 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**p.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Sottera, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. CV12-5454 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**q.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Spark Industries LLC*, Civil Action No. CV12-5472 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California;

**r.** *Ruyan Investment (Holdings) Limited v. Nicotek LLC*, Civil Action No. CV12-5472 GAF (FFMx), U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; and

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