

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

ROBERT BOSCH LLC,
Patent Owner.

DECLARATION OF WILFRIED MERKEL

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I, Wilfried Merkel, hereby declare as follows,

1. My name is Wilfried Merkel. I have personal knowledge of the facts and information set forth in this document.

2. I live in Germany. My address is Westring 6C, 77876 Kappelrodeck.

3. I was formerly employed by Robert Bosch GmbH in Germany, and worked for Bosch as an engineer on wiper-blade development projects, among other things. I am named as an inventor on U.S. Patent No. 6,292,974.

4. In 2010 I travelled to Wilmington, Delaware, in the United States, to testify at a patent-infringement trial against a company called Pylon. I testified truthfully at that trial and gave the best answers I then could to the questions I was asked during the trial.

5. I retired years ago. I am no longer employed by Bosch, and no longer have any consulting contract with Bosch. I have, for reasons of cardiac health, been advised that I should not travel and should minimize my activities.

6. Although I do not know any of the details, before signing this document I was advised and recognize that this document may be filed as evidence

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in a contested case before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Because of my health issues, I will not voluntarily give a deposition in this case.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: August 10, 2016



Wilfried Merkel

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