

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ARGENTUM PHARMACEUTICALS LLC,
Petitioner, v.

COSMO TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
Patent Owner.

Inter Partes Review No. IPR2018-00080

U.S. Patent No. 9,320,716

**PETITIONER MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND
SUBSTITUTE NEW COUNSEL**

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), and as authorized by the Board via a conference call on December 4, 2017, (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 42.20(b)), Petitioner, Argentum respectfully requests that Mr. Michael Houston be allowed to withdraw as lead counsel for Petitioner in this *inter partes* review proceeding, and that Mr. Kevin Laurence be designated as new lead counsel. Patent Owner does not oppose this motion.

II. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Due to a conflict that was only discovered after the filing of the petition in this proceeding, Petitioner wishes to allow current lead counsel Mr. Michael Houston and back-up counsel Mr. Joseph Meara to withdraw from this proceeding. Petitioner further wishes to designate Mr. Kevin Laurence (Registration No. 38,219) and Matthew Phillips (Registration No. 43,403) as lead and back-up counsel, respectively, to represent Petitioner going forward in this proceeding. Tyler C. Liu (Registration No. 72,126) will remain as back-up counsel. Petitioner's new counsel meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) as registered practitioners.

No extensions of time are sought with this Motion. It is believed that granting this Motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C § 316(b); *see also* Case IPR2013-00010, Paper 30.

An executed Power of Attorney has already been filed in this proceeding allowing Petitioner's new counsel to represent Petitioner in this proceeding. *See* Paper 10. Upon grant of this Motion, Petitioner will promptly file an Updated Mandatory Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3) designated new lead and back-up counsel as requested herein.

Patent Owner does not object to the withdrawal of current counsel nor to the substitution of new counsel as proposed herein.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND SUBSTITUTE NEW COUNSEL was served on December 6, 2017 via email on counsel for Patent Owner in this proceeding:

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