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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DAIHEN CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

RENO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2019-00248
Patent 9,496,122

**PATENT OWNER PRELIMINARY RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C.
§ 316 AND C.F.R. 37 § 42.107 TO PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES*
REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,496,122**

LIST OF PATENT-OWNER EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
2001	Mark Andrews, <i>Reno Sub-Systems Sets Pace in Plasma Process Control</i> , Silicon Semiconductor (Vol. 39 Issue 4 2017) (“Silicon Semiconductor”).
2002	Dylan McGrath, <i>Samsung, Intel Back Process Control Vendor</i> , EE Times (Sep. 28, 2017), https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1332371 (“EE Times”).
2003	U.S. Patent No. 5,654,679 (“Mavretic”).
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2005	U.S. Patent No. 7,030,717 (“Chung”) .
2006	Paramount Series (Data Sheet), Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. (2016), https://www.advancedenergy.com/globalassets/resources-root/data-sheets/paramount-series-data-sheet.pdf , (“AE Generator Data Sheet”).
2007	GHW12Z (Specification), MKS Instruments, Inc., https://www.johnmorrisgroup.com/Content/Attachments/124386/GHW12Z-specifications.pdf (“MKS Generator Specification”).
2008	GHW50A RF Generator (Specification), ENI (Division of Astec America, Inc.), https://www.johnmorrisgroup.com/Content/Attachments/124386/GHW50A-specifications.pdf (“ENI Generator Specification”).

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