

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VERANCE CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

MZ AUDIO SCIENCES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2022-01544
Patent No. 7,289,961

**PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW CERTAIN
COUNSEL**

I. STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e) and the Board's July 3, 2023 email authorizing this motion, Petitioner Verance Corporation respectfully requests that the Board authorize the withdrawal of Lead and Backup Counsel Richard F. Giunta, Thomas A. Franklin, and Michael N. Rader for Sony Petitioners in this proceeding.

II. REASONS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

On June 26, 2023, the Board entered an Order Terminating Sony Group Corporation (Japan), Sony Corporation of America, Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC, Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., and Sony Electronics Inc. (collectively "Sony Petitioners") from the instant *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 17). As previously noted in Petitioner's Power of Attorney submitted in this proceeding, Attorneys Giunta, Franklin, and Rader represented only the Sony Petitioners, and do not have an attorney-client relationship with Verance Corporation. Paper 6 at 1 n.1. Given that the Sony Petitioners have been terminated from this proceeding, and Verance Corporation is now the sole Petitioner in this trial, it is appropriate to allow counsel for the Sony Petitioners to withdraw. Good cause therefore exists for the Board to authorize Attorneys Giunta, Franklin and Rader withdrawal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e).

Patent Owner has been consulted and does not object to withdrawal of Attorneys Giunta, Franklin and Rader. Further, Counsel for Sony Petitioners have

been consulted and do not object to this motion. No changes to the schedule would be required based on this change in counsel. Petitioner will continue to be represented by a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). Updated Mandatory Notices and an Updated Power of Attorney are being submitted herewith for remaining Petitioner Verance Corporation.

Based on the above, 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).

III. CONCLUSION

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board authorize the withdrawal of Richard F. Giunta, Thomas A. Franklin, and Michael N. Rader from this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
Verance Corporation

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies service on the Patent Owner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), by electronic (e-mail) delivery of a true copy of the foregoing PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW CERTAIN COUNSEL to lead and backup counsel of record for Patent Owner as follows:

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