

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

R.J. REYNOLDS VAPOR COMPANY,

PETITIONER

v.

FONTEM HOLDINGS 1 B.V.,

PATENT OWNER

Case IPR2016-01268

Patent 8,365,742

**PETITIONER R.J. REYNOLDS VAPOR COMPANY'S NOTICE OF
APPEAL**

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 90.2(a), that Petitioner R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company (“Reynolds”) hereby appeals under 35 U.S.C. §§ 141 and 142 to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from the Final Written Decision entered on December 19, 2017 (Paper No. 63) (the “Final Written Decision”), and all underlying orders, decisions, rulings, and opinions. A copy of the Final Written Decision is attached.

For the limited purpose of providing the Director with the information requested in 37 C.F.R. § 90.2(a)(3)(ii), Petitioner anticipates that the issues on appeal may include the following as well as any underlying findings, determinations, rulings, decisions, opinions, or other related issues:

- Whether the Board erred in finding that Reynolds failed to show by a preponderance of the evidence that claims 2-3 of U.S. Patent 8,365,742 (“742 patent”) are unpatentable as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and any findings or determinations supporting or related to that issue, as well as all other issues decided adversely to Reynolds in any orders, decisions, rulings, and opinions;

- Whether the Board erred in finding that a person having ordinary skill in the art (“POSA”) would not have combined the teachings of the prior art to the ’742 patent, and any findings or determinations supporting or related to that issue; and
- Whether the Board erred in making findings about whether the subject matter of claims 2-3 of the ’742 patent was obvious to a POSA without making findings about level of skill in the art.

Copies of this Notice of Appeal are being filed simultaneously with the Director, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, along with the filing fee to the Federal Circuit.

Dated: February 19, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing “Petitioner R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company’s Notice Of Appeal,” was filed electronically through the Patent Trial and Appeal Board’s E2E on this 19th day of February, 2018.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing “Petitioner R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company’s Notice Of Appeal,” along with the required \$500 filing fee, was filed electronically by CM/ECF on this 19th day of February, 2018, with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I certify that I caused to be served on the counsel for Patent Owner a true and correct copy of the foregoing “Petitioner R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company’s Notice Of Appeal,” by electronic means on February 19, 2018 at the following addresses of record:

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