IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Zhougui Hong,)
	Plaintiff,)) 1:23-cv-16216
v. The Individuals, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Associations Identified on Schedule A,)) Dist. Judge Sara L. Ellis)) Mag. Judge Sheila M. Finnegan)
	Defendants)

Declaration of Service

I, Adam E. Urbanczyk, of the City of Sarasota, in the state of Florida, hereby declare as follows:

- I am an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of Illinois and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I am an attorney for Plaintiff Zhougui Hong. Except as otherwise expressly stated to the contrary, I have personal knowledge of the following facts and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the following:
- 2. I hereby certify that the Defaulting Defendants (as defined in the accompanying motion) have failed to answer or otherwise plead in this action within the allotted time after receiving service of process [*See* Dkt. 18] in violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(1)(A).
- **3.** My office investigated the infringing activities of the Defaulting Defendants, including attempting to identify the registrant of each associated online marketplace account and its contact information. Our investigation confirmed that the Defaulting Defendants are primarily domiciled in China and Hong Kong, with the vast majority of sales of Infringing Products being made by several Chinese defendants. As such, I am informed and believe that the Defaulting Defendants are not active-duty members of the U.S. armed forces.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing

is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this day February 1, 2024, at Sarasota, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

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