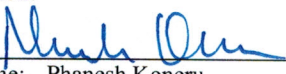


### Declaration

Read the following statements before signing. Acknowledge the statements by signing below.

- The signatory believes that the applicant is the owner of the mark sought to be registered.  
**For a trademark or service mark application**, the mark is in use in commerce on or in connection with all the goods/services in the application or notice of allowance, or as subsequently modified.  
**For a collective trademark, collective service mark, collective membership mark application**, the applicant is exercising legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by members on or in connection with all the goods/services/collective membership organization in the application or notice of allowance, or as subsequently modified.  
**For a certification mark application**, the applicant is exercising legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by authorized users on or in connection with the all goods/services in the application or notice of allowance, or as subsequently modified, and the applicant is not engaged in the production or marketing of the goods/services to which the mark is applied, except to advertise or promote recognition of the certification program or of the goods/services that meet the certification standards of the applicant.
- The specimen(s) shows the mark as used on or in connection with the goods/services/collective membership organization in commerce.
- To the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief, no other persons, except, if applicable, authorized users, members, and/or concurrent users, have the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form or in such near resemblance as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services/collective membership organization of such other persons, to cause confusion or mistake, or to deceive.
- To the best of the signatory's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the allegations and other factual contentions made above have evidentiary support.
- The signatory being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or submission or any registration resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

**Signature Section:**

Signature:   
 Signatory's Name: Phanesh Koneru  
 Signatory's Position: President & CEO

Date Signed: September 4, 2019  
 Signatory's Phone: (828) 758-5474 x108

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