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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY;
DILLARDS, INC.; DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION;
FAMILY DOLLAR STORES, INC.; HALLMARK.COM, LLC;
DOLLAR THRIFTY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.,
DOLLAR RENT A CAR, INC., and THRIFTY, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

EMG TECHNOLOGY, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case CBM2016-00001 (Patent 7,194,698)
Case CBM2016-00002 (Patent 7,194,698)
Case CBM2016-00004 (Patent 6,600,497)[1]

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, GLENN J. PERRY, and
TREVOR M. JEFFERSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

JEFFERSON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Termination of the Proceeding
35 U.S.C. § 327(a) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74

[1] This Order addresses termination requests that are identical in the listed cases. We exercise our discretion to issue a single paper to be filed in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

I. DISCUSSION

On March 22, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate these proceedings (Paper 11 (CBM2016-0001), Paper 13 (CBM2016-00002), Paper 12 (CBM2016-00004)) a true copy of the parties' settlement agreement (Ex. 1027 (CBM2016-00001 and CBM2016-00004), Ex. 1021 (CBM2016-00002)), and a Joint Motion To File Settlement Agreement As Business Confidential Information (Paper 12 (CBM2016-0001), Paper 14 (CBM2016-00002), Paper 13 (CBM2016-00004)) request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

These proceedings are still in the preliminary stages. In response to the Petition (Paper 7 (CBM2016-0001), Paper 8 (CBM2016-00002), Paper 7 (CBM2016-00004)), Patent Owner, EMG Technology, LLC, filed a Preliminary Response (Paper 10 (CBM2016-0001), Paper 12 (CBM2016-00002), Paper 11 (CBM2016-00004)). However, we have not considered the merits of the Petitions nor entered a decision whether or not to institute a covered business method review.

In the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding, the parties represent that they have settled their disputes regarding U.S. Patent No. 7,194,698 (Paper 11, 1 (CBM2016-00001), Paper 13, 1 (CBM2016-00002)) and U.S. Patent No. 6,600,497 (Paper 12, 1 (CBM2016-00004)). Paper 9, 2. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate these proceedings without rendering any further decisions. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties' request to treat the settlement agreement Ex. 1027 (CBM2016-00001 and CBM2016-00004), Ex. 1021 (CBM2016-00002)as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate the proceedings in CBM2016-00001, CBM2016-00002, and CBM2016-00004 is GRANTED, and these proceedings are hereby terminated.

CBM2016-00001 Patent 7,194,698
CBM2016-00002 Patent 7,194,698
CBM2016-00004 Patent 6,600,497

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