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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SONOS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BLACK HILLS MEDIA, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00586 (Patent 6,757,517)[1]
Case IPR2015-00587 (Patent 7,236,739)
Case IPR2015-00588 (Patent 7,742,740)
Case IPR2015-00590 (Patent 8,050,652)

Before, BRIAN J. McNAMARA, DAVID C. McKONE,
PETER P. CHEN, FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, and TINA E. HULSE,
Administrative Patent Judges.

McNAMARA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

JUDGMENT
TERMINATION OF THE PROCEEDING
37 C.F.R. § 42.73

[1] This paper addresses issues common to each of the identified proceedings. We, therefore, exercise our discretion and issue a single paper to be entered in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style heading in any subsequent papers.

The parties have requested that this matter be terminated pursuant to a settlement. In our e-mail of April 28, 2015, the Board authorized the parties to file a Joint Motion To Terminate and a Joint Request that the Settlement Agreement Be Treated As Business Confidential Information under 37 C.F.R. 42.74(c). On May 14, 2015, in each of these proceedings the parties filed a Joint Motion Terminate[2] and a joint Request That The Settlement Agreement Be Treated As Business Confidential Information.[3] *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. The parties also filed a copy of a written settlement agreement. Ex. 2001 in each proceeding. The Joint Motion to Terminate states that there are no other written or oral collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this matter.

This matter was in the preliminary stages at the time the parties moved to terminate. A Patent Owner Preliminary Response was not filed and a decision on institution had not yet been entered. The parties have not identified any other related matters. Under these circumstances, the Board determines that it is appropriate to enter judgment[4] and terminate the matter without rendering a final written decision. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

It is, therefore,

[2] IPR2015-00586, -00587, -00588, Paper 6; IPR2015-00590, Paper 8
[3] IPR2015-00586, -00587, -00588, Paper 7; IPR2015-00590, Paper 9
[4] A judgment means a final written decision by the Board, or a termination of a proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.2.

ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate this matter is GRANTED and the proceeding is hereby terminated;

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' joint request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information which shall be kept separate from the file of the involved patents under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), is GRANTED.

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