

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ELASCO PRODUCTS, LLC
Petitioner,

v.

CHECKERS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PRODUCTS LLC
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01620
U.S. Patent 7,943,851 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, MATTHEW R. CLEMENTS, and
KEVIN C. TROCK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TROCK, *Administrative Patent Judge*

DECISION
Termination of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

Petitioner filed a petition requesting an *inter partes* review in this case on August 15, 2016 (Paper 2). This proceeding is still in its preliminary proceeding stage and no trial has yet been instituted. On January 17, 2017, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate this proceeding (Paper 17), accompanied by a true copy of a settlement agreement (Exhibit 1015) and a joint request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information (Paper 16) to be kept separate from the patent file, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

Under these circumstances, we determine it is appropriate to terminate the proceeding without rendering any further decisions. Therefore, the joint motion to terminate the proceeding is GRANTED.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the joint motion to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is GRANTED;

FURTHER ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate the proceeding is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is TERMINATED.

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