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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PAICE LLC & THE ABELL FOUNDATION, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2017-00226, and -00227 (Patent 7,104,347 B2)
IPR2017-00228, -00229, -00230, -00231, -00232,
-00233, -00234, and -00235 (Patent 7,237,634 B2)
IPR2017-00236, and -00237 (Patent 8,214,097 B2) [1]

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, and
CARL M. DEFRANCO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MEDLEY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

JUDGMENT
Termination of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.73

[1] This Order applies to each of the above-listed cases. Although we issue one order to be docketed in each case, the parties are not authorized to use this caption for any subsequent papers.

On December 19, 2016, the parties informed the Board that the parties had settled the above-identified proceedings and that the parties sought authorization to file a joint motion to terminate each proceeding. On February 2, 2017, and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate each of the above-identified proceedings. Paper 7.[2] The parties also filed, in each proceeding, a joint request to have their settlement agreement treated as confidential business information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Paper 8. In each joint motion, the parties represent that the settlement agreement filed is a true copy and resolves their dispute.

Each of these proceedings is in an early stage and no decision whether to institute *inter partes* reviews has been made. Based on the facts of these cases, we determine it is appropriate to terminate the proceedings. Therefore, the joint motions to terminate the proceedings are *granted*.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the joint motions to terminate the proceedings are *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' joint requests that the settlement agreements be treated as business confidential information, to be kept separate from the patent file are *granted*.

[2] Citations are to IPR2017-00228.

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