

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS INC.
Petitioner,

v.

602531 BRITISH COLUMBIA LTD.
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-01856
Patent 7,681,124 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, IRVIN E. BRANCH, and
STACEY G. WHITE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BRANCH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Parties' Joint Motion to Terminate Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.72

I. DISCUSSION

On April 23, 2018, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding (Paper 10), a true copy of the parties' settlement agreement (Ex. 1027), and a request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 11).

The trial is still in its preliminary stages. On February 14, 2018, we entered a decision instituting an *inter partes* review of claims 1–21 and 36–41 of U.S. Patent No. 7,681,124 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’024 patent”). Paper 7. Although we have instituted a trial, Patent Owner, 602531 British Columbia Ltd., has not filed a response to the Petition, nor has Petitioner, Unified Patents Inc., filed a reply.

In the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding, the parties indicate that they have settled their dispute regarding the ’024 patent. Paper 10, 1. According to the parties, terminating this proceeding at this early juncture would promote efficiency, preserve Board resources, and minimize unnecessary costs. *Id.* at 2–3. We agree with the parties in this regard. Consequently, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the trial 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) as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding is GRANTED, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

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