

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

IRONWORKS PATENTS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-01378 (Patent 6,850,150 B1)
Case IPR2018-01417 (Patent 8,847,734 B2)¹

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, WILLIAM V. SAINDON, and
NATHAN A. ENGELS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ENGELS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Termination of the Proceeding Upon Settlement Prior to Institution
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.71(a), 42.74

¹ Because this Decision addresses issues common to both proceedings, we issue one Decision to be entered in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this style of caption.

I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed, with our prior authorization, a Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding in each of the above-captioned cases. IPR2018-01378, Paper 7 (“Mot.”); IPR2018-01417, Paper 7.² The parties also filed what they indicate is a true copy of a Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1017) (“Agreement”) and a Joint Request to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 8) (“Joint Request”).

II. ANALYSIS

The parties indicate that they have settled their dispute and that “[t]he agreement ends all disputes between the parties, including their dispute relating to the patent at issue in this proceeding.” Mot. 4. Each of these proceedings is in the preliminary stage, and a decision whether to institute an *inter partes* review has not been made .

Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate these proceedings. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.71(a), 42.74(a). We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent files. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that each of the above-captioned proceedings is terminated; and

² Subsequent citations to exhibits and papers are to those in IPR2018-01378.

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FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Requests to treat the Agreement (Ex. 1017) as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent files are *granted*.

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