

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MNTECH CO. LTD. and ELO TOUCH SOLUTIONS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-00254 (Patent 8,179,381)¹
IPR2019-00256 (Patent 8,274,494)
IPR2019-00261 (Patent 9,832,786)
IPR2019-00278 (Patent 8,704,799)

Before BRYAN F. MOORE, CHRISTA P. ZADO, and SHARON FENICK,
Administrative Patent Judges.

FENICK, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

SETTLEMENT
Before Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

On February 11, 2019, the parties filed Joint Motions to Terminate pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 in each of the above-captioned cases. IPR2019-00254, Paper 7 (“Mot.”)²; IPR2019-00256, Paper 7; IPR2019-00261, Paper

¹ This Order applies to each of the above-listed proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this heading style in any subsequent papers.

² Further citations are to IPR2019-00254 as representative.

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8; IPR2019-00278, Paper 8. In addition, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), Petitioner filed a copy of a Settlement Agreement, and a related agreement, along with Joint Requests That the Parties' Agreements Be Treated As Business Confidential Information, requesting that the agreements be kept separate from the patent file in each of the abovecaptioned cases and be treated as business confidential information. IPR2019-00254, Paper 8; IPR2019-00256, Paper 8; IPR2019-00261, Paper 9; IPR2019-00278, Paper 9.

In each of these cases, the Board has not yet decided on the institution of a review. The parties indicate that terminations of the proceedings are appropriate because a settlement has been reached disposing of related disputes. Mot. 1. The parties represent that all disputes have been settled, agreements have been executed authorizing the requests for termination, and all related settlement agreements have been filed. *Id.* at 2–3.

Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate each case without rendering a final written decision. 37 C.F.R. § 42.74. Therefore, the Joint Motions to Terminate are granted.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the parties' requests that the Settlement Agreement and related agreement be treated as business confidential information, to be kept separate from the patent file, are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motions to Terminate are *granted*; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that the proceedings are *terminated*.

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