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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SPEAKWARE, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2019-00495
Patent 6,397,186 B1

Before DEBRA K. STEPHENS, DAVID C. MCKONE, and ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Termination of the Proceeding
*37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72, 42.74*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review. Paper 13 ("Motion" or "Mot."). The parties also filed what they indicate is a true and correct copy of a Confidential Agreement. Paper 15 ("Agreement"). In a Joint Request, the parties identified the Agreement as business confidential information and requested that the Agreement be kept separate from the patent file. Paper 14 ("Joint Request"). For the reasons discussed below, the Motion and Joint Request are *granted*.

## II. ANALYSIS

We have not decided the merits of this proceeding. The parties indicate that they have settled their disputes regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,397,186 B1. Mot. 1. The parties filed the Agreement, and represent that "there are no other collateral agreements or understandings, oral or written, between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the present proceeding." *Id.* Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

## III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is *terminated* as to all parties; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to treat the Confidential Agreement (Paper 15) as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is *granted*.

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