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Paper 90
Date: October 29, 2020

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COOLPAD TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-01319
Patent 8,204,554

Before MELISSA A. HAAPALA, STACY B. MARGOLIES, and SCOTT E. BAIN, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

BAIN, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

TERMINATION
Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

Pursuant to our authorization, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the above-captioned proceeding. Paper 88. Along with the motion, the parties filed a settlement agreement (Exhibit 2063) and a Joint Request to Keep Separate (Paper 89). The parties request the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the involved patent. Paper 89, 1.

The parties state that they have settled their dispute regarding the challenged patent, the settlement agreement has been made in writing, and a true and correct copy of the agreement is filed as Exhibit 2063. Paper 88, 1–2. The parties further state that the district court has dismissed the case relating to the challenged patent. *Id.* at 2. The parties also assert that there are no public interest or other factors that weigh against termination of this proceeding. *Id.* at 1–2.

We instituted trial on January 29, 2020 (Paper 19), but we have not yet decided the merits, nor have we held oral argument. Under the circumstances, we determine it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). We further determine it is appropriate to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information, and, therefore, grant the request. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

It is

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding is GRANTED and the proceeding is hereby terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request that the settlement agreement (Exhibit 2063) be treated as business confidential information pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED.

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