

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

CARRUM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-00056 (Patent 7,512,475 B2)
IPR2020-00057 (Patent 7,925,416 B2)¹

Before LYNNE H. BROWNE, PATRICK R. SCANLON, and
JON B. TORNQUIST, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TORNQUIST, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Dismissal Prior to Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 314

¹ This order addresses Petitioner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw its Petition filed in each of the referenced cases. We exercise our discretion to issue a single order to be entered in each case.

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With prior Board authorization, Petitioner filed an Unopposed Motion to Withdraw its Petition in IPR2020-00056 and IPR2020-00057. IPR2020-00056, Paper 6; IPR2020-00057, Paper 6. Petitioner represents that Patent Owner does not oppose the motions. *Id.*

Petitioner contends the Petition filed in IPR2020-00056 is “substantively identical” to BWM of North America, LLC’s (“BMW”) Petition in IPR2019-00927 and the Petition filed in IPR2020-00057 is “substantively identical” to BMW’s Petition filed in IPR2019-000928. IPR2020-00056, Paper 6, 1; IPR2020-00057, Paper 6, 1. In view of the Board’s denial of BMW’s Petitions, Petitioner contends its own Petitions are “now moot” and that dismissing the Petitions “will save the parties and the Board unnecessary effort and expense on already decided issues.” IPR2020-00056, Paper 6, 1; IPR2020-00057, Paper 6, 1.

The Board has discretion to “take up petitions or motions for decisions in any order” and to “grant, deny, or dismiss any petition or motion” or enter any appropriate order. 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a) (2018). Dismissal of the Petitions at this early stage, before any decision on the merits of the Petitions, will preserve the Board’s and the parties’ resources and promote the objective of a “just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b) (2018).

Based on the facts of these cases and in view of the unopposed nature of Petitioner’s motions, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the Petitions filed in IPR2020-00056 and IPR2020-00057. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a) (2018). Accordingly, Petitioner’s Unopposed Motion to Withdraw its Petition is *granted* in each of the above-identified proceedings.

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This paper does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Petitioner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw its Petition in IPR2020-00056 is *granted* and the proceeding is terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw its Petition in IPR2020-00057 is *granted* and the proceeding is terminated.

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