

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

STONE INTERACTIVE VENTURES LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-00529
Patent 7,593,864 B2

Before PATRICK R. SCANLON, JAMES J. MAYBERRY and
BRENT M. DOUGAL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SCANLON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

On June 25, 2020, pursuant to our authorization, Petitioner, Electronic Arts Inc., and Patent Owner, Stone Interactive Ventures LLC, filed a Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding. Paper 8 (“Mot.”). With the Joint Motion, the parties filed a copy of their written settlement agreement memorializing the resolution of their disputes. Ex. 1015 (“Settlement Agreement”). The parties also filed a Joint Request that the Settlement Agreement be treated as confidential business information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Paper 7.

In their Joint Motion, the parties assert that all disputes between Petitioner and Patent Owner involving the patent challenged in this proceeding, U.S. Patent No. 7,593,864 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’846 patent”) been resolved, and they are jointly requesting to terminate this proceeding. Mot. 2. Furthermore, the parties represent that the filed copy of the Settlement Agreement is a true and complete copy and they have no other collateral agreements, oral or written, in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding. *Id.* at 3.

This proceeding is at an early stage, as the Board has not yet made a decision whether to institute an *inter partes* review. Under these circumstances, and in view of the parties’ representations in the Joint Motion, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding.

Additionally, upon review of the Joint Request, we determine that good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement as confidential business information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate is *granted*, and this proceeding is terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Joint Request is *granted*, and the Settlement Agreement (Exhibit 1015) be treated as confidential business information and kept separate from the patent file.

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