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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMPRIUS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

CF TRAVERSE LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-01589
Patent 9,979,017 B2

Before CHRISTOPHER L. CRUMBLEY, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and ELIZABETH M. ROESEL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ROESEL, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner (collectively "the Parties") filed a Joint Motion to Dismiss this proceeding due to settlement. Paper 6 ("Joint Motion"). In support of the Joint Motion, the Parties filed a copy of a Non-Exclusive Confidential Patent License and Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1041 ("Settlement Agreement")), as well as a Joint Motion to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 7 ("Joint Request")).

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that they "have reached an agreement regarding all disputes involving the '017 patent." Joint Motion 1. The Parties further represent "that there are no other agreements, oral or written, between the Parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the dismissal of the proceeding." *Id.* at 2.

This proceeding is at an early stage, and we have not yet decided whether to institute a trial in the proceeding. In view of the early stage of the proceeding and the settlement between the Parties, we determine that good cause exists to dismiss the petition and terminate this proceeding with respect to the Parties.

In the Joint Request, the Parties request that the Settlement Agreement be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the patent involved in this proceeding. Joint Request 1. After reviewing the Settlement Agreement between Petitioner and Patent Owner, we find that the Settlement Agreement contains confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement. We determine that good

cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement between Petitioner and Patent Owner as business confidential information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

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

III. ORDER

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Dismiss is *granted*, and the petition in IPR2020-01589 is dismissed and this proceeding is *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request is *granted*, and the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the file of Patent 9,979,017 B2, and be made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

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