

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PATENT QUALITY ASSURANCE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

VLSI TECHNOLOGY LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2022-00480
Patent 7,725,759 B2

Before THOMAS L. GIANNETTI, BRIAN J. MCNAMARA, and
JASON W. MELVIN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MELVIN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board’s authorization, Petitioner filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition and Terminate the above-identified proceeding. Paper 13 (“Motion”). Petitioner also requests that its Motion for Joinder (Paper 3) be considered moot. Motion 1.

II. DISCUSSION

In the Motion, Petitioner indicates that “[t]he parties met and conferred on July 15, 2022 via email, without agreement.” Motion 2. In an email to the Board, counsel for Patent Owner provisionally opposed the Motion, citing “concerns about coordination between the parties in the joinder and target proceedings.” Motion 2. Patent Owner did not file an opposition to the Motion.

This proceeding is at an early stage, and we have not yet decided whether to institute a trial or grant Petitioner’s joinder request. In view of the early stage of the proceeding, we determine that good cause exists to dismiss the petition and terminate the proceeding with respect to the Parties.

We also determine that Petitioner’s pending Motion for Joinder (Paper 3) is moot, as is Patent Owner’s pending Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of Nathan Lowenstein (Paper 12).

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

III. ORDER

For the reasons discussed above, it is:

ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is *granted*, and the petition in IPR2022-00480 is dismissed and the proceeding is *terminated*; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Joinder is *dismissed* as moot.

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