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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SEMICONDUCTOR DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00024 (Patent 7,791,167 B2)
IPR2024-00356 (Patent 7,603,636 B2)[1]

Before ST. JOHN COURTENAY III, GREGG I. ANDERSON, and NATHAN A. ENGELS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ENGELS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

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[1] This Order addresses issues that are the same in the identified cases. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this filing style in subsequent papers.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner (collectively referred to as "the Parties") filed a Joint Motion to Terminate in each of the above-identified proceedings due to settlement ("Joint Motions"). Paper 15.[2] In support of the Joint Motions, the Parties filed a corresponding Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1029), as well as a corresponding Joint Request to Keep Agreement Business Confidential pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 16 ("Joint Requests")).

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motions, the Parties represent that they have reached an agreement to jointly seek termination of the above-identified *inter partes* review proceedings, and that the filed copy of the Settlement Agreements are a true and correct copy. Joint Motions 4. The Parties further represent that their Settlement Agreement resolves all currently pending Patent Office proceedings between the Parties involving Patent No. 7,791,167 B2 and Patent No. 7,603,636 B2. *Id*. at 2. The Parties further represent that the related District Court proceeding (*Semiconductor Design Techs. LLC v. Cadence Design Sys., Inc.*¸ No. 3:23-cv-01001 (N.D. Cal.)) has been dismissed. *Id*. at 3. Accordingly, the Parties jointly request termination of these proceedings. *Id.* at 2.

The Board generally expects that a case "will terminate after the filing of a settlement agreement, unless the Board has already decided the merits."

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[2] For purposes of expediency, we cite to Papers and Exhibits filed in IPR2024-00024, unless otherwise noted. The Parties filed corresponding items in IPR2024-00356.

Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, 86 (Nov. 2019)[3]; *see* 35 U.S.C. §317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. Here, although the Board instituted *inter partes* review of the challenged patents, but the Board has not decided the merits of these proceedings. Under these circumstances, therefore, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate these proceedings without rendering a final written decision.

After reviewing the Settlement Agreements between the Parties, we find that the Settlement Agreements contain confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement. We determine that good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreements between the Parties 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 Motions to Terminate are *granted*, and the above-identified proceedings are *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Requests to Treat the Settlement Agreements as Business Confidential are *granted*, and the Settlement Agreements shall be kept separate from the files of Patent 7,791,167 B2 and Patent 7,603,636 B2, and 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).

[3] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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