

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC, SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD., and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MULTIMODAL MEDIA LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00056 (Patent 7,929,949 B2)
IPR2024-00063 (Patent 9,185,227 B2)
IPR2024-00064 (Patent 10,552,030 B2)¹

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, NEIL T. POWELL, ARTHUR M.
PESLAK, and SCOTT RAEVSKY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.²

RAEVSKY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION

Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
Granting Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as
Business Confidential Information
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

¹ The Board exercises its discretion to file a single consolidated order in each of these cases. The parties are not authorized to use this caption format.

² This is not an expanded panel but rather a listing of all judges from the separate three-judge panels participating in these cases.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With authorization of the Board, Petitioner Google LLC, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. and Patent Owner Multimodal Media LLC, (collectively “the Parties”) filed Joint Motions to Terminate the *inter partes* reviews in these proceedings pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74. IPR2024-00056, Paper 14; IPR2024-00063, Paper 12; IPR2024-00064, Paper 13 (collectively, “Joint Motion”). The Parties also filed a copy of a Settlement Agreement governing their settlement. IPR2024-00056, Ex. 1048; IPR2024-00063, Ex. 1056; IPR2024-00064, Ex. 1083. The Parties also filed a Joint Request to Keep the Settlement Agreement as Confidential. IPR2024-00056, Paper 15; IPR2024-00063, Paper 13; IPR2024-00064, Paper 14 (collectively, “Joint Request”).

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that they have reached an agreement to jointly seek termination of each of the above-identified *inter partes* review proceedings, and that the filed copy of the Settlement Agreement represents a “true and correct copy” of the agreement. Joint Motion 2–3.³ The Parties further represent that their Settlement Agreement resolves all disputes between the Parties concerning the above-identified patents. *Id.* at 2.

We instituted a trial on the above-identified proceedings. IPR2024-00056, Paper 9; IPR2024-00063, Paper 10; IPR2024-00064, Paper 10.

³ For convenience, we cite to the papers in IPR2024-00056, as the papers in the other cases are substantively identical.

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These proceedings, however, have not yet advanced to the stage where an oral hearing has been held nor has the Board decided the merits of these proceedings. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate these proceedings. We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file and the files of these proceedings and therefore grant the Joint Request to keep the Settlement Agreement separate from the file of the subject patents. *See* 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, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to terminate IPR2024-00056, IPR2024-00063, and IPR2024-00064 is *granted*, and these proceedings are *terminated*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to Keep the Settlement Agreement as Confidential is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the file of the subject patents 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).

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