

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN PINCAN TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

RIDGE WALLET, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00340
Patent 10,791,808 B2

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, JASON W. MELVIN, and
MATTHEW S. MEYERS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

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TERMINATION

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

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board’s authorization, Shenzhen Pincan Technology Co. Ltd. (“Petitioner”) and Ridge Wallet, LLC (“Patent Owner”) (collectively, “the Parties”) filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the above-captioned *inter partes* review proceeding. Paper 27 (“Joint Motion”). The Parties also filed a joint request that the settlement agreement between the Parties be treated as business confidential information and kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 10,791,808 B2 (“the ’808 patent”). Paper 28 (“Joint Request to Keep Separate” or “Joint Request”). *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (a party to a settlement may request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential and be kept separate from the patent file). Along with the Joint Motion and Joint Request to Keep Separate, the Parties filed a copy of the Confidential Settlement Agreement between the Parties. Ex. 2015 (“Settlement Agreement”).

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding*

Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(a), “[a]n *inter partes* review instituted under this chapter shall be terminated with respect to any petitioner upon the joint request of the petitioner and the patent owner, unless the Office has decided the merits of the proceeding before the request for termination is filed.” 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) also provides that if no petitioner remains in the *inter partes* review, the Office may terminate the review.

The Parties state that they “have entered into a written confidential settlement agreement that fully resolves this matter.” Joint Motion 1. The Parties indicate “that Exhibit 2015 represents a true and accurate copy of the agreement between the parties that resolves the present proceeding” and

“there are no other agreements, oral or written, between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the present proceeding.” *Id.*

A final written decision has not been entered in this proceeding. Under these circumstances and in view of the Parties’ settlement, we determine that good cause exists to terminate the proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a).

B. Joint Request to Keep Separate

In the Joint Request to Keep Separate, the Parties request that the Settlement Agreement be treated as business confidential information, be kept separate from the file of the ’808 patent, and be made available only as permitted pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Joint Request 1.

After reviewing the Settlement Agreement, we determine that good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), and we grant the Parties’ request in that regard.

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate (Paper 27) is granted, and IPR2024-00340 is terminated with respect to the Parties; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Parties’ request to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information (Paper 28) is granted, and the Settlement Agreement (Ex. 2015) shall be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 10,791,808 B2, and made available only to Federal

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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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