

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

RECYCLED PLASTICS INDUSTRIES, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

TANGENT TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00898
Patent 10,981,350 B1

Before GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and
SHELDON M. McGEE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McGEE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION

Due to Settlement Before Institution of Trial

37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Board authorization provided November 14, 2024, Petitioner and Patent Owner (collectively, “the Parties”) filed a Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding. Paper 14 (“Joint Motion”). The Parties also filed a copy of a settlement agreement (Ex. 1048, “Settlement Agreement”) and a Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement Confidential and Separate (Paper 15, “Joint Request”).

II. DISCUSSION

Trial has not yet been instituted. In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that they have reached an agreement that resolves their disputes with respect to the ’350 patent and they jointly seek termination of this proceeding. Paper 14, 1. The Parties also state that the filed copy of the Settlement Agreement is a true and correct copy of that agreement, and that there are no other collateral agreements between the Parties. *Id.* at 1–2. We have reviewed the Joint Motion, the Settlement Agreement, and the Joint Request filed by the Parties and find that they meet the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.74.

In view of the above, we find that good cause exists to terminate this proceeding and to treat the Settlement Agreement between the Parties as business confidential information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74 (c). This Termination Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate IPR2024-00898 is *granted* and the proceeding is *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement Confidential and Separate is *granted*, and the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 10,981,350 B1 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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