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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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

v.

CERENCE OPERATING COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00978 (Patent 7,395,078 B2)
IPR2024-00979 (Patent 8,081,993 B2)[1]

Before BART A. GERSTENBLITH, BRIAN P. MURPHY, and LISA A. MURRAY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

GERSTENBLITH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

[1] This Order addresses identical issues in both cases. The parties are not authorized to use this heading in any subsequent papers.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner (Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; Samsung Electronics, America, Inc.; and Google LLC) and Patent Owner (Cerence Operating Company) filed a Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding in each of the above-captioned proceedings. IPR2024-00978, Paper 28 ("Motion"); IPR2024-00979, Paper 27. The parties also filed a Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Confidential in each proceeding (IPR2024-00978, Paper 29; IPR2024-0979, Paper 28) as well as copies of the Settlement Agreements (Exs. 2007, 2008).[2]

II. DISCUSSION

Pursuant to 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 patent owner, unless the Office has decided the merits of the proceeding before the request for termination is filed." Section 317(a) also provides that if no petitioner remains in the *inter partes* review, the Office may terminate the review.

For each of the above-captioned proceedings, the parties represent that they have reached an agreement to jointly seek termination of the *inter partes* review proceedings, and that the filed copies of the settlement agreements are true and correct. Motion 1–2.

[2] The exhibit numbers for the settlement agreements are the same in each proceeding. Additionally, the papers and exhibits filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings are substantively identical. Therefore, citations hereafter are to IPR2024-00978, unless otherwise indicated.

The parties have shown adequately that the termination of the proceedings is appropriate. Under these circumstances, we determine that good cause exists to terminate the proceedings.

After reviewing the settlement agreements between the parties, we find that they contain confidential business information regarding the terms of the settlement. We determine that good cause exists to treat the settlement agreements as business confidential information pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) and to keep the settlement agreements separate from the files of the patents at issue.

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 Proceeding (IPR2024-00978, Paper 28; IPR2024-00979, Paper 27) is *granted* in each of the above-captioned proceedings, and IPR2024-00978 and IPR2024-00979 are *terminated* pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.72; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Confidential (IPR2024-00978, Paper 29; IPR2024-0979, Paper 28) is *granted* in each of the above-captioned proceedings, and the settlement agreements ((IPR2024-00978, Exs. 2007, 2008; IPR2024-0979, Exs. 2007, 2008) shall be kept separate from the files of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,395,078 B2 and 8,081,993 B2 and made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

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