

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SOLVENTUM CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

M.E.A.C. ENGINEERING LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01001
Patent 8,506,554 B2

Before MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, GEORGIANNA W. BRADEN, and
ANDREAS BALTATZIS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FITZPATRICK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

On June 5, 2024, Petitioner, Solventum Corporation, filed a Petition to institute an *inter partes* review of claims 12–17, 26, and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 8,506,554 B2 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 311(a). Paper 1. Patent Owner, M.E.A.C. Engineering Ltd., has not filed a preliminary response.

On October 9, 2024, prior to our determination of whether to grant the Petition, Petitioner filed a Motion to Terminate in view of a settlement it had reached with Patent Owner. Paper 7.¹ Concurrent with the filing of the Motion to Terminate, Petitioner also filed a Motion requesting that the parties' settlement agreement (Ex. 1014) be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the involved patent. Paper 8. Petitioner represents that both Motions are unopposed, and, indeed, Patent Owner has not filed an opposition to either. We grant both Motions.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that IPR2024-01001 is terminated pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74 and no trial is instituted; and
FURTHER ORDERED that the settlement agreement (Ex. 1014) shall be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 8,506,554 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).

¹ Authorization for the Motion to Terminate was granted during a conference call on September 10, 2024. Paper 6.

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