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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MEDELA LLC and MEDELA AG,
Petitioner,

v.

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

IPR2024-01076
Patent 8,858,534 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 21, 2024, Medela LLC and Medela AG ("Petitioner") filed a Petition to institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1–22 of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,534 B2 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 311(a). Paper 1.

On September 23, 2024, prior to our determination of whether to grant the Petition, Petitioner and Patent Owner, M.E.A.C. Engineering Ltd., filed a Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding In View of Settlement. Paper 6 ("Joint Motion").[1] The Joint Motion also requests that the parties' Settlement Agreement, which they have filed under seal as Exhibit 1033, be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the involved patent. Joint Motion 4. The Joint Motion is granted.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that IPR2024-01076 is terminated pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74 and no trial is instituted; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1033) shall be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 8,858,534 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 Joint Motion was granted during a conference call on September 10, 2024.

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