

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WIZ, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

ORCA SECURITY LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01191
Patent 11,775,326 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, GARTH D. BAER, and
BRENT M. DOUGAL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DOUGAL, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION

Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial

35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

Dismissing Petitioner's Motion to Exclude

37 C.F.R. § 42.64(c)

Granting Petitioner's and Patent Owner's Motions to Seal

37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14 and 42.54

I. TERMINATION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the above-identified proceeding due to settlement. Paper 86 ("Joint Motion"). In support of the Joint Motion, the parties filed a Confidential Settlement Agreement (Ex. 2429 ("Settlement Agreement")), as well as a Joint Request that the Settlement Agreement be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the involved patent (Paper 87 ("Joint Request")) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74.

In the Joint Motion, the parties represent that they have reached a settlement agreement and jointly request termination of the above-identified *inter partes* review proceeding. Joint Motion, 1. The parties further represent that their Settlement Agreement resolves all the disputes between the parties involving the above-identified patent-at-issue. *Id.*

We have not yet decided the merits of this proceeding, and a final written decision has not been entered. Notwithstanding that this proceeding has moved beyond the preliminary stage, the parties have shown adequately that the termination is appropriate. Under these circumstances, we terminate this proceeding with respect to all parties.

The Joint Request asks for the Settlement Agreement to be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the patent involved in this proceeding. Joint Request, 1. After reviewing the Settlement Agreement, we find that there is confidential business information contained therein regarding the terms of settlement. We determine that the Settlement Agreement shall be treated as business

confidential information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) and on the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. § 317(b).

II. PETITIONER’S MOTION TO EXCLUDE

Petitioner filed a Motion to Exclude Exhibits 2134–2137, 2148, 2400–2422, and 2424–2428 as inadmissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence. Papers 54 (sealed), 77 (redacted). Because we are terminating this proceeding, we *dismiss* Petitioner’s Motion to Exclude as moot.

III. MOTIONS TO SEAL

The parties filed Motions to Seal with the Reply and the Sur-reply seeking to seal portions of those documents (Papers 68, 57), as well as Exhibits 1400–1415, 2195–2197. Papers 43, 58. The parties also filed Motions to Seal with the Motion to Exclude, the Opposition to the Motion to Exclude, and the Reply to the Opposition to the Motion to Exclude seeking to seal portions of those documents (Papers 54, 59, 67). Papers 55, 60, 66. The parties also filed Motions to Seal with their demonstratives seeking to seal portions of those documents (Papers 64, 70, Ex. 1417), as well as Petitioner’s Updated Exhibit List (Paper 63). Papers 62, 65.

After reviewing the Papers and Exhibits, we agree that they contain business confidential information. Accordingly, Papers 54, 57, 59, 63, 64, 67, 68, and 70, and Exhibits 1400–1415, 1417, and 2195–2197 will continue to be maintained under seal, and these documents and exhibits will be governed by the terms of the parties’ Joint Proposed Protective Order entered in this proceeding. *See* Ex. 2161.

IV. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that we *grant* the parties Joint Motion to Terminate, and the proceeding is terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that we *grant* the Joint Request, and the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the files of the patent-at-issue 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); and

FURTHER ORDERED that we *dismiss* Petitioner's Motion to Exclude as moot;

FURTHER ORDERED that we *grant* the parties' Motions to Seal;

FURTHER ORDERED that all the papers and exhibits filed under seal will continue to be maintained under seal;

FURTHER ORDERED that this Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

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