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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

YEALINK (USA) NETWORK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., and
YEALINK NETWORK TECHNOOGY CO., LTD,
Petitioner,

v.

BARCO N.V.
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01436 (Patent 10,762,002 B2)
IPR2024-01437 (Patent 11,403,237 B2)
IPR2024-01438 (Patent 11,258,676 B2)
IPR2024-01439 (Patent 11,422,951 B2)[1]

Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, DAVID C. McKONE and FREDERICK C. LANEY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PETRAVICK*, Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motions to Seal
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54

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[1] We issue one Order to be entered in each proceeding. The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate a joined case or an expanded panel.

Petitioner filed Motions to Seal in the above-listed proceedings. Paper 31.[2] The Motions to Seal seek sealing of portions of Petitioner's Reply and Exhibits 1078, 1090, and 1091 in each proceeding. Patent Owner has filed public redacted versions of the Petitioner's Reply and the Exhibits. We have previously entered a protective order in these proceedings. Paper 28; Ex. 2032.

Petitioner does not oppose Petitioner's Motions to Seal. Ex. 3004.

A party may move to seal confidential information including, *inter alia*, sensitive commercial information. 37 C.F.R. § 42.54. It is the movant's burden to show good cause for sealing such information, and we balance the party's asserted need for confidentiality with the strong public interest in open proceedings. *Argentum Pharms. LLC v. Alcon Research, Ltd.*, IPR2017-01053, Paper 27 at 4 (PTAB Jan. 19, 2018) (informative).

We grant Petitioner's Motions to Seal. Petitioner provides a sufficient explanation for sealing the Exhibits and the relevant portions of Petitioner's Reply in each of the above-listed proceedings. Paper 31, 2–7. The Exhibits contain confidential business information, and the portions of Petitioner's Reply in each of the above-listed proceedings cite to and quote from the Exhibits and, thus, similarly contain confidential business information. The

[2] Patent Owner filed substantially the same Motions to Seal in each proceeding. For efficiency we refer to the paper numbers in IPR2024-01436 unless otherwise indicated.

information is related to Patent Owner's financial information, such as pricing, costs, profits, and licensing terms. *Id.* at 4.

After reviewing the record, we are persuaded that good cause exists for sealing the Exhibits and portions of Petitioner's Reply in each of the above-listed proceedings. Our review of the sealed version of Petitioner's Reply and Exhibits in each of the above-listed proceedings persuades us that Petitioner appropriately has limited the redactions in the public version to portions that reflect the asserted confidential information. We grant Patent Owner's Motions to Seal.

We remind the parties that confidential information that is subject to a protective order ordinarily becomes public forty-five (45) days after final judgment in a trial. *See* the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[3] (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), 21–22. There is an expectation that information will be made public when the existence of the information is identified in a final written decision following a trial. *Id.* After final judgment in a trial, a party may file a motion to expunge confidential information from the record prior to the information becoming public in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.56.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions to Seal (IPR2024-01436, Paper 31; IPR2024-01437, Paper 25; IPR2024-01438, Paper 25; IPR2024-01439, Paper 30) are *granted*;

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[3] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

FURTHER ORDERED that the confidential versions of Exhibits 1078, 1090, and 1091 and the Petitioner's Reply shall remain sealed and designated as "Board and Parties Only" until further notice.

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