

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

YANGTZE MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES COMPANY, LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00034
Patent 10,879,254 B2

Before JO-ANNE M. KOKOSKI, KIMBERLY McGRAW, and
MICHAEL T. CYGAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

CYGAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Expunging Sealed Information after Termination of Proceedings
37 C.F.R. § 42.56

On October 7, 2025, Petitioner and Patent Owner filed a Joint Motion to Expunge Confidential Information From the Record. Paper 40 (“Mot.”). In this Motion, Petitioner and Patent Owner seek to expunge Exhibit 1029, filed under seal as containing confidential information. Mot. 1–2. Petitioner and Patent Owner assert that the proceeding was terminated on August 28, 2025, with the entry of an Order Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review. *Id.* at 1. Petitioner and Patent Owner assert that Exhibit 1029 contains highly detailed, sensitive, confidential, and non-public information concerning the design, development, functionality, and operation of Micron’s Accused Products. *Id.* Petitioner and Patent Owner further assert that information is the confidential and proprietary business information of a third party, TechInsights, Inc. *Id.* Petitioner and Patent Owner further assert that none of the information in Exhibit 1029 has been relied upon by the Board in this proceeding. *Id.* at 3. For these reasons, Petitioner and Patent Owner assert that good cause exists to expunge Exhibit 1029. *Id.*

The record of a proceeding, including documents therein, shall be made available to the public, except as otherwise ordered. 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. The rules aim to strike a balance between the public’s interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history and the parties’ interest in protecting truly sensitive information. Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide 19 (November 2019) (“CTPG”), *available at* <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/tpgnov.pdf?MURL=>. Accordingly, a document will be made publicly available, unless a party files a motion to seal that is then granted by the Board. *Id.* “Confidential information that is subject to a protective order ordinarily would become public after 45 days” following a final decision in

a proceeding. CTPG 21–22. A party seeking to maintain the confidentiality of information, however, may file a motion to expunge the information from the record prior to the information becoming public. 37 C.F.R. § 42.56.

We determine that the Motion is timely filed within the 45-day period that starts from the Decision Denying Institution. Further, Exhibit 1029 is clearly marked as confidential material. Ex. 1029. Having considered Petitioner’s contentions in view of the factual record, we determine that expungement of the indicated documents would best protect Petitioner’s confidential information while providing to the public a clear and understandable file record.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Motion to Expunge Exhibit 1029 is *granted*.

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