

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MOTOROLA MOBILITY LLC and GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

MULTIFOLD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED PTE. LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00039
Patent 9,146,589 B2

Before KRISTEN L. DROESCH, ARTHUR M. PESLAK, and
BRIAN P. MURPHY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DROESCH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION
Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. DISCUSSION

On October 7, 2025, with our authorization via an e-mail dated September 29, 2025, Petitioner, Motorola Mobility LLC and Google LLC, and Patent Owner, Multifold International Incorporated Pte. Ltd. jointly filed the following: (1) a “Joint Motion to Terminate Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74” (Paper 14, “Joint Motion to Terminate” or “Mot.”); (2) true copies of the parties’ settlement agreements (Exs. 2001, 2002); and (3) a “Joint Request to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information and to Maintain Said Agreement Separate From the Public File Pursuant . . . 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c)” (Paper 15, “Joint Request”). For the following reasons, we *grant* the parties’ Joint Motion to Terminate this *inter partes* review proceeding, as well as the parties’ Joint Request to file their settlement agreements as business confidential information and keep separate from the file of the involved patent.

On May 21, 2025, we entered a decision granting institution *inter partes* review of claims 1–6 and 11–14 of U.S. Patent No. 9,146,589 B2 (“’589 patent”). Paper 7. The trial, however, is still in an early stage because the parties have not completed substantive briefing and we have not yet decided the merits.

In the Joint Motion to terminate, the parties state “Petitioners and Patent Owner have resolved their dispute regarding the ’589 patent, including both this proceeding and Patent Owner’s assertion of the ’589 patent in the related district court litigations,” and “[t]he parties do not anticipate further litigation between them concerning the ’589 patent.” Mot. 1. The parties further state “Exhibits 2001 and 2002 contain a true copy of any and all agreements made in connection with or in contemplation of the requested termination, including collateral agreements. There are no other collateral agreements in connection with the settlement.” *Id.* at 2.

Under these particular circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the trial without rendering a final written decision. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also have reviewed the true copies of the parties' settlement agreements (Exs. 2001, 2002), and determine that good cause exists to treat this settlement agreement as business confidential information and keep it separate from the file of the '589 patent. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). This does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties' Joint Request to file their settlement agreement as business confidential information and keep it separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 9,146,589 B2 (Paper 15) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Exhibits 2001 and 2002 shall remain business confidential information, and shall be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 9,146,589 B2; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding (Paper 14) is *granted*.

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