

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

WSOU INVESTMENTS, LLC, D/B/A BRAZOS
LICENSING AND DEVELOPMENT,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00241
Patent 8,441,721 B2

Before BENJAMIN D. M. WOOD, ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, and
JOHN A. HUDALLA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WOOD, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner (collectively, "the Parties") filed a Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,441,721 B2 ("the '721 patent"). Paper 6 ("Joint Motion"); Ex. 3001. In support of the Joint Motion, the Parties filed a Joint Agreement to Terminate IPR. Ex. 1016 ("Agreement").

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that they have resolved their dispute regarding the '721 patent. Joint Motion 1. The Parties further represent that the Agreement "represents the sole and entire agreement between [Petitioner] and [Patent Owner] made in connection with, or in contemplation of, terminating this proceeding"; that "there are no other collateral agreements or understandings, oral or written, between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the present proceeding"; and that Exhibit 1016 "represents a true and accurate copy of the agreement between the parties that resolves the present proceeding." *Id.*

This proceeding is at an early stage, and we have not yet decided whether to institute a trial. Under these circumstances, and in light of the settlement between the Parties, we determine that good cause exists to dismiss the petition and terminate the proceeding without rendering a decision on institution.

This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the petition in IPR2025-00241 is *dismissed*, and the proceeding is *terminated*.

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