UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

C.R. Bard, Inc.,
Petitioner,

v.

Medline Industries, LP,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00402
Patent 11,661,220

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE
***INTER PARTES* REVIEW**

Patent Owner Medline Industries, LP and Petitioner C.R. Bard, Inc. (collectively, the "Parties") have reached a settlement. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74, the Parties jointly request termination of this *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 11,661,220 ("Patent-in-Suit"). The Parties were authorized to file this Joint Motion by the Board via email on March 26, 2025.

As required under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b), a true copy of the confidential settlement agreement (Ex. 1030) that resolves the disputes in this *inter partes* review relating to the Patent-in-Suit is filed herewith as a confidential exhibit. There are no other collateral agreements, whether written or oral, between the Parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination sought. Exhibit 1030 forms the complete agreement resolving the disputes in the *inter partes* review between the Parties. The Parties have conferred on this matter, and the Parties are in agreement with this procedure.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), the Parties are concurrently filing a Joint Request to Keep Separate, which asks the Board to treat the agreement as business confidential information, and to keep it separate from the files of this proceeding and the files of the Patent-in-Suit.

I. Statement Of Precise Relief Requested

The Parties jointly request that the Board terminate this *inter partes* review in its entirety.

II. Reasons That Termination Is Appropriate

"An *inter partes* review shall be terminated with respect to any petitioner upon the joint request of the petitioner and the patent owner, unless the Office has decided the merits of the proceedings before the request for termination is filed." 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). The Parties have reached an agreement resolving the underlying dispute in this *inter partes* review proceeding. Ex. 1030. The Office has not decided the merits of the proceeding, as Patent Owner has not filed any substantive brief and the Board has not determined whether to institute. Accordingly, termination of this *inter partes* review proceeding is appropriate because all disputes between the Parties regarding the Patent-in-Suit have been resolved and "[t]here are strong public policy reasons to favor settlement between the parties to a proceeding" (Consolidated Trial Practice Guide at 86 (November 2019)).

III. Conclusion

The Parties have settled all disputes relating to the Patent-in-Suit, and the Board has not issued any decision on the merits in this proceeding. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request the Board to terminate this proceeding in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I certify that on this 26th day of March, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review** was served by electronic mail on Patent Owner's lead and backup counsel at the following email addresses:

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