UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MERCEDES-BENZ GROUP, AG,
Petitioner,

v.

THE PHELAN GROUP, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00990
Patent No. 10,259,470

JOINT REQUEST TO TREAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 317(b)

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), and the Board's authorization on November 25, 2025, Petitioner Mercedes-Benz Group, AG and Patent Owner The Phelan Group jointly request that the Settlement Agreement (EX1020), filed today with the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding, be filed as business confidential information. The parties further jointly request that EX1020 be kept separate from the file of this proceeding and the involved patent. Good cause exists to treat the document as business confidential, because the document contains confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement.

As such, the parties request that the Settlement Agreement not be made available to any third-party, except as provided for in 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The parties also respectfully request that the Board inform the parties if anyone seeks production of the agreement and afford the parties an opportunity to address whether such request is supported by good cause.

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